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CSEAS Seminar On Indonesia

Presentation:

Development of Regional Autonomy in Indonesia in the Reformation Era

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Abstract:

This presentation discusses Indonesia's unitary state and the principle of decentralization, which involves the transfer of power from the central government to local governments. The principle of decentralization in Indonesia includes recognizing that local governments are part of the Indonesian government, with their power coming from the central government. The government also regulates local regulations and prohibits them from conflicting with higher-level regulations established by the central government. However, despite promoting decentralization and regional autonomy for over two decades, Indonesia has struggled with the task, as local governments face various challenges, including limited capacity in managing autonomy and governance, high election costs, and poor voting behaviour, leading to the emergence of dynastic politics. The central government's control over the regional governments also contributes to the problem, as well as the weak control over local governments, resulting in issues such as the dominance of political interests over technical governance, conflicts over power, corruption cases involving local officials and so forth.