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RESEARCH PROFILE

Researcher specialising in comparative politics, climate governance, environmental politics, disaster risk reduction governance, and political ecology. I completed my PhD in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (CADS) at Leiden University in 2025. My work examines how political economy of natural resources and business–state relations shape environmental crises, patterns of conflict, resilience, and everyday political dynamics.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics; Conflict; Climate and Disaster Governance; Political Ecology; Environmental Governance; Indonesia and Southeast Asia.

EDUCATION

PhD, Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (CADS)

Leiden University, 2020–2025

Dissertation: The Politics of Dry Feet: Political Economy of Flood Risk Management in Indonesia

Supervisors: Prof. Diana Suhardiman, Prof. Ward Berenschot, Dr. David Kloos

MA (Honours), Asia and Pacific Studies

The Australian National University (ANU), 2014–2015

Thesis: fear, electoral politics, and state–society relations in Indonesia outer island.

Supervisor: Prof. Robert Cribb

BA, Politics and Government

Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, 2004–2009

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Researcher, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), 2010–2020
- PhD Researcher, KITLV / Leiden University, 2020–2025
- Researcher, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), 2021–present

CURRENT BOOK PROJECT

Flooded by Politics: The Political Economy of Flood Risk Management in Indonesia

Book manuscript under contract with Palgrave Macmillan

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Permana, Y. S. et.al. (forthcoming). Fragmented Resistance and the Politics of Geothermal Extraction in Dieng, Indonesia. *Energy Research and Social Sciences*.
- Permana, Y. S. et.al. (2026). Beyond formal spaces: women’s participation in tuberculosis control in rural Indonesia. *Development in Practice*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2025). The Collusion Trap: Business–Political Collusion and Flood Risk Management in Indonesia. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.
- Permana, Y. S., et al. (2025). Social and Political Roots of Loss and Damage: A Study of Vulnerable Coastal Communities in Greater Jakarta. *Journal of Disaster Research*.
- Pamungkas, C., & Permana, Y. S. (2024). The Role of Fear and Memory in West Papua’s Ethnonationalist Conflict. *Pacific Affairs*.

- Permana, Y. S. (2021). Subnational Sectarianisation: Clientelism, Religious Authority and Intra-religious Rivalry in Aceh. *Journal of Religion, State and Society*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2019). Politicizing the Fear of Crime in Decentralized Indonesia. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2017). The Limit of Politicising Soccer Fans in Direct Local Elections. *Contemporary Southeast Asia*.

Book Chapters and Forthcoming Chapters

- Permana, Y. S. (forthcoming). Reinterpreting Disaster Risk Reduction: Nickel Mining, Environmental Degradation and Socio-Economic Precarity in Indonesia's Resource Frontiers. ISEAS-Singapore.
- Permana, Y. S. (forthcoming). From Green Transition to Green Grabbing: The Impact of Democratic Regression at Indonesia's Geothermal Frontier. In *EU Green Deal in Southeast Asia*. Routledge. In *Precarity and Sustainability: Society and Ecology in Indonesia*. ISEAS-Singapore.
- Permana, Y. S. (2024). Drainage Politics: Political Economy of Flood Management in Indonesian Cities. In *Governing Urban Indonesia*. ISEAS-Singapore.
- Permana, Y. S. (2023). Post-Politicizing the Environment: Local Government Performance Assessments in Indonesia. In *Environmental Governance in Indonesia*. Springer.

PUBLIC-FACING WRITING AND POLICY OUTPUTS

- Permana, Y. S. (2026). The Political Roots of Indonesia's Chronic Flood Problem: Why Accountability Matters More Than Infrastructure. New Mandala – The Australian National University.
- Permana, Y. S. (2023). Politics Drain into Indonesia's Flood Management. *East Asia Forum*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2023). Drainage Politics: Flood Management in Surabaya, Indonesia. Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy.
- Permana, Y. S. (2022). Taming the Dual Hazards: The 2020 Indonesia Direct Local Elections. International IDEA.
- Permana, Y. S. (2022). Utopia Beyond the Abyss. *Inside Indonesia*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2021). Why Politics Matters: An Insight from Indonesia's Flood Management. New Mandala.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECT LEADERSHIP

- Individual Researcher, Ocean Literacy for Journalists in Southeast Asia. (UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Western Pacific, 2026).
- Principal Investigator, Exploring the Materiality of Resistance: Geothermal Governance in Indonesia (National Research and Innovation Agency, 2025).
- Team Member, Global South Loss and Damage Research (Sasakawa Peace Foundation, 2024–2025).
- Co-Applicant, Sustainable River Water Quality Management (Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Alliance).
- Principal Investigator, Managing Elections in the Wake of Natural Hazards (International IDEA, 2022).
- Principal Investigator, Who Owns the River? Competing for Water Access in Contemporary Java, Indonesia (IIAS / Leiden University, 2022).
- Principal Investigator, Regional Government Capacity in Natural Resource Governance (The Asia Foundation, 2018–2019).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS, TALKS, AND RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

- Invited speaker. “Flood Hazard in Coastal Areas” in World Resources Institute (WRI) seminar, 8 April 2026.
- Invited speaker. “The Politics of Dry Feet” in Humanitarian Governance Webinar Series, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS-The Hague), 4 February 2026.
- Keynote speaker. “Beyond Climate Scapegoating: Towards the Politics of Flood Governance” in “True Flood: Sumatra – A Discussion Beyond the Scapegoating of Climate Change,” PPI Leiden and the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asia and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), 23 January 2026.
- Presenter. “The Collusion Trap: Political Economy of Flood Risk Management in Indonesia” at the AIFIS–Michigan State University Conference on Indonesian Studies, 17–21 June 2025.
- Presenter. “Legalized Grievances: Unpacking Green Grabbing and Democratic Regression in Indonesia’s Geothermal Frontier.” International Workshop on The EU Green Deal and ASEAN: Controversies, Ambiguities, and Opportunities, BRIN, Wageningen University and Research, and Monash University, 3–4 December 2024.
- Presenter. “Reinterpreting Disaster Risk Reduction: Nickel Mining and the Marginalization of Communities in Indonesia’s Resource Frontiers.” Conference on Precarity and Sustainability: Society and Ecology in Indonesia, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore, 21–22 August 2024.
- Convener, with Prof. Ward Berenschot. “Politics-Business Collusion in Southeast Asia.” EUROSEAS 2024, Universiteit van Amsterdam.
- Presenter. “Drainage Politics: Political Economy of Flood Management in Indonesian Cities.” Governing Urban Indonesia Conference, The Australian National University – Indonesia Update, 15–16 September 2023.
- Invited speaker. “Political Economy of Floods Management in Indonesian Cities,” Water Research Group, University of Leeds, 19 April 2023.
- Invited lecture. “Drainage Politics, Rights, and Environmental Justice” in the Asia Pacific Master of Human Rights and Democratisation, Universitas Gadjah Mada and Mahidol University, March 2023.
- Presenter. “Drainage Politics: The Flood Management in Indonesian Cities.” Best conference paper, The Local Democracy Academy 2022, Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy – Uppsala University, June 2022.