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RESEARCH PROFILE

Researcher at Indonesia's National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), with a PhD in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology from Leiden University. Research spans comparative politics, political ecology, and the political economy of environmental governance, examining how authority, business interests, state-society relations, and competing claims over resources shape environmental change. Recent work addresses coastal and marine governance, climate adaptation, extractivism, energy transitions, and Indigenous ecological governance through qualitative fieldwork and collaboration with academic and non-academic partners.

Research interests Political ecology · Comparative politics · Environmental and disaster governance · Coastal and marine governance · Extractivism and energy transitions · Indigenous ecological knowledge · Conflict and state-society relations

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2026–present | Research Group Coordinator, Political Ecology and Environmental Democracy, BRIN, Jakarta

2021–present | Researcher, Research Center for Politics, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), Indonesia

2020–2025 | PhD Researcher, KITLV / Leiden University, the Netherlands

2010–2020 | Researcher, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Indonesia

EDUCATION

2020–2025 | PhD, Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University — Dissertation: The Politics of Dry Feet: The Political Economy of Flood Risk Management in Indonesia. Supervisors: Diana Suhardiman, Ward Berenschot, David Kloos.

2014–2015 | MA (Honours), Asia and Pacific Studies, Australian National University — Supervisor: Robert Cribb.

2004–2009 | BA, Politics and Government, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

Permana, Y. S. *Flooded by Politics: The Political Economy of Flood Risk Management in Indonesia*. Palgrave Macmillan. Monograph under contract; publication pending.

Pamungkas, C., & Permana, Y. S. (eds.). (2020). *Intoleransi dan Politik Identitas Kontemporer di Indonesia*. LIPI Press.

Ichwanuddin, W., Permana, Y. S., et al. (eds.). (2012). *Survei Nasional 2012: Dukungan Masyarakat terhadap Demokrasi di Indonesia*. Mahara Publishing.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Permana, Y. S., Suryani, D., Hanif, H., & Alfirdaus, L. K. (2026). Fragmented resistance in energy transitions: Geothermal materiality in Dieng, Indonesia. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 136, 104760. doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2026.104760

Alfirdaus, L. K., Edi, A. C., Hanani, R., & Permana, Y. S. (2026). Beyond formal spaces: Women's participation in tuberculosis control in rural Indonesia. *Development in Practice*. Published online. doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2026.2649799

Permana, Y. S. (2025). The collusion trap: Business-political collusion and flood risk management in Indonesia. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 122, 105408. doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdr.2025.105408

Surtiari, G. A. K., Dalimunthe, S. A., Sasaki, D., Maekawa, M., Yossa, N., Permana, Y. S., Afriansyah, A., Ningrum, V., Vibriyanti, D., Seftiani, S., Jibiki, Y., Hara, Y., & Nawawi. (2025). Social and political roots of loss and damage: A study of vulnerable coastal communities in Greater Jakarta. *Journal of Disaster Research*, 20(5), 710–725. doi.org/10.20965/jdr.2025.p0710

- Luna-Galván, M., Vargas-Chaves, I., & Permana, Y. S. (2024). The precautionary principle and the technical environmental evaluation: The case of fipronil and the death of bees in Colombia. *Fronteiras: Journal of Social, Technological and Environmental Science*, 13(4), 235–250. doi.org/10.21664/2238-8869.2024v13i4.p235-250
- Pamungkas, C., & Permana, Y. S. (2024). The role of fear and memory in West Papua's ethnonationalist conflict. *Pacific Affairs*, 97(1), 59–78. doi.org/10.5509/2024971-art2
- Permana, Y. S. (2021). Subnational sectarianisation: Clientelism, religious authority, and intra-religious rivalry in Aceh. *Religion, State & Society*, 49(2), 142–156. doi.org/10.1080/09637494.2021.1881392
- Permana, Y. S. (2019). Politicizing the fear of crime in decentralized Indonesia: An insight from Central Lombok. *Southeast Asian Studies*, 8(1), 99–116. doi.org/10.20495/seas.8.1_99
- Permana, Y. S. (2017). When the supporters do not support: Politicizing a soccer fan club in an Indonesian election. *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, 39(3), 552–573. doi.org/10.1355/cs39-3h
- Permana, Y. S. (2016). Informal security groups as social non-movement in Indonesia: The case of Central Lombok district. *Makara Hubs-Asia*, 20(2).
- Permana, Y. S. (2016). Mampukah Subak Bertahan? Studi Kasus Ketahanan Sosial Komunitas Subak Pulagan, Gianyar, Bali. *Masyarakat Indonesia*, 42(2), 219–232. doi.org/10.14203/jmi.v42i2.674
- Alfath, E. D., & Permana, Y. S. (2016). Festival 1000 Tumpeng: Komodifikasi tradisi, pariwisata, dan territoriality di Gunung Kelud. *Masyarakat, Kebudayaan dan Politik*, 29(4), 169–180. doi.org/10.20473/mkp.V29i42016.169-180
- Permana, Y. S. (2015). Aristokrat dan lembaga adat sebagai aktor penengah (intermediary actors) di Kabupaten Sumbawa. *Jurnal Desentralisasi*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2011). Menelisik peran tenaga ahli legislatif. *Jurnal Penelitian Politik*, 8(1).
- Permana, Y. S. (2010). Kontestasi Abangan–Santri pasca Orde Baru di pedesaan Jawa. *Jurnal Ilmu Sosial dan Ilmu Politik*.
- Permana, Y. S. (2010). Melawan dalam diam: Perlawanan karyawan Ramai Mall di Yogyakarta. *Jurnal Kajian Perburuhan SEDANE*, 9(1).
- Capriati, W., & Permana, Y. S. (2008). Gerak progresif gerakan gay kontemporer di Yogyakarta. *Jurnal Ilmu Sosial dan Ilmu Politik*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Permana, Y. S. (2026). From green transition to green grabbing: The impact of democratic regression at Indonesia's geothermal frontier. In O. Hospes et al. (eds.), *The European Union Green Deal in Southeast Asia: Critical Approaches to Policy Discourse and Implementation*. Routledge. doi.org/10.4324/9781003783176-12
- Permana, Y. S. (2024). Drainage politics: The political economy of flood management in Indonesian cities. In E. Aspinall & A. Savirani (eds.), *Governing Urban Indonesia* (pp. 197–217). ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute. doi.org/10.1355/9789815203738-014
- Permana, Y. S., Satriani, S., Syafi'i, I., Adaba, P. Y., Seftiani, S., & Suryani, D. (2023). Post-politicizing the environment: Local government performance assessments in Indonesia. In A. Triyanti et al. (eds.), *Environmental Governance in Indonesia* (pp. 51–65). Springer. doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-15904-6_4
- Permana, Y. S. (2022). The irony of improvement: Education and peacebuilding in post-conflict Aceh. In M. Sukmajati (ed.), *Education, Conflict Histories and Social Cohesion-Building in Indonesia*. PolGov, Universitas Gadjah Mada.
- Permana, Y. S. (2021). Kemunduran demokrasi dan bencana di Indonesia: Suatu kajian awal. In Wijayanto, A. P. Budiatri, & H. Wiratman (eds.), *Demokrasi Tanpa Demos*. LP3ES.
- Permana, Y. S. (2020). Ulama-dayah, politik lokal dan toleransi di Aceh. In C. Pamungkas & Y. S. Permana (eds.), *Intoleransi dan Politik Identitas Kontemporer di Indonesia*. LIPI Press.
- Permana, Y. S. (2019). Kebijakan desentralisasi dan otonomi luas bagi daerah: Antara kohesi negara bangsa dan pemenuhan kesejahteraan. In S. Haris (ed.), *Menimbang Demokrasi Dua Dekade Reformasi*. Yayasan Obor.
- Permana, Y. S., & Satriani, S. (2019). Berebut air di Tanah Dewata: Studi kasus sengketa Subak Pulagan dan PDAM di Tampaksiring, Bali. In I. Syafi'i & I. H. Gayatri (eds.), *Strategi & Negosiasi dalam Konflik Air di Bali dan Banten*. LIPI Press.
- Gayatri, I. H., & Permana, Y. S. (2019). Refleksi teoretis: Akses dan informalitas dalam studi kasus konflik air di Bali dan Banten. In I. Syafi'i & I. H. Gayatri (eds.), *Strategi & Negosiasi dalam Konflik Air di Bali dan Banten*. LIPI Press.

Permana, Y. S. (2009). Melacak jejak kelompok-kelompok kekerasan di dalam politik Indonesia. In A. Wachid (ed.), Kuasa dan Agama. Grafindo.

FORTHCOMING AND SUBMITTED WORK

Permana, Y. S. Reinterpreting disaster risk reduction: Nickel mining, environmental degradation and socio-economic precarity in Indonesia's resource frontiers. Chapter listed as forthcoming in Precarity and Sustainability: Society and Ecology in Indonesia (ISEAS); publication date to be confirmed.

Permana, Y. S., Maulana, A., Adaba, P. Y., Syafi'i, I., & Saragih, F. L. (2026). Ocean grabbing and the narrowing of adaptation space: Coastal development on Java's north coast, Indonesia. Submitted manuscript, Ocean & Coastal Management. First and corresponding author.

Permana, Y. S., Satriani, S., & Fuad, Z. M. (2026). Sasi as Indigenous ecological governance: Negotiating extractive capital in Southern Papua. Revised book-chapter manuscript, resubmitted August 2026; publication pending.

Permana, Y. S., Suryani, D., Hanif, H., & Alfirdaus, L. K. (2026). Beyond "safe" and "micro": Epistemic justice and the politics of geothermal knowledge in Java's highlands. Book-chapter manuscript in development.

Women, water, and geothermal resistance in Indonesia. Abstract selected for development into a full article for a 2027 Gender & Development issue; manuscript not yet published.

RESEARCH PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATIONS

2026–present | Research Group Coordinator, BRIN — Coordinates research on political ecology and environmental democracy, including post-mining, energy transitions, and coastal resource governance.

2026 | Lead Researcher, Trend Asia-supported Women, Geothermal, and Just Energy Transitions in Indonesia — Qualitative field research on women's politics, water, and geothermal contestation in Padarincang (Banten) and Dieng (Central Java).

2026 | Research collaborator, BRIN-KIARA, Ocean Grabbing and Coastal Adaptation — Comparative research on state-led coastal development and access to adaptation-related resources in West and Central Java; manuscript submitted.

2026 | Individual Consultant, UNESCO IOC-WESTPAC, Ocean Literacy for Journalists in Southeast Asia — Indonesia scoping assessment, consultation, mapping of media and civil-society partners, and assessment of future capacity-building needs.

2026 | Invited research collaborator, ERC LAND (Indonesia research network) — Introduced by project leadership to the Indonesia team for research on socio-ecological transformations in Southern Papua; formal research-associate status under discussion.

2025–2026 | Research team member, Indigenous ecological governance in Southern Papua — Field research on sasi, customary authority, and territorial access amid agrarian and extractive expansion in Merauke.

2024–2025 | Research team member, Global South Loss and Damage Research — Collaboration with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Japanese and Indonesian researchers on economic and non-economic climate loss and damage in coastal Greater Jakarta.

2025 | Principal Investigator, BRIN, Exploring the Materiality of Resistance: Geothermal Governance in Indonesia — Studies socio-material infrastructure, environmental knowledge, and differentiated resistance.

2023 | Individual Researcher, Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy — Drainage Politics: Reducing Climate Change Vulnerability in Surabaya, Indonesia.

2022 | Principal Investigator, International IDEA, Managing Elections in the Wake of Natural Hazards

2022 | Principal Investigator, IIAS / Leiden University, Who Owns the River? Competing for Water Access in Contemporary Java

2018–2019 | Principal Investigator, The Asia Foundation, Regional Government Capacity in Natural Resource Governance

SELECTED FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Southern Papua / Merauke (2025–2026): Indigenous ecological governance, customary institutions, sasi, territorial access, and extractive / agrarian transformation; interviews with communities, traditional authorities, officials, and NGOs.

Padarincang, Banten and Dieng, Central Java (2026): Women's politics and geothermal development; interviews, observation of community mobilisation and livelihood practices, and site visits.

North coast of Java (2026): BRIN–KIARA comparative study in West and Central Java on ocean grabbing, coastal development, and adaptation space; interviews, observation, and policy analysis.

Greater Jakarta (2024–2025): Collaborative study of social and political roots of coastal loss and damage, community vulnerability, and uneven adaptation.

Surabaya, Semarang, Bandung and Bojonegoro (2021–2023): PhD comparative fieldwork on flood governance, policy implementation, and political authority; observation, interviews, and shadowing of local officials.

Bali and East Java (2016): Tourism, local institutions, resource access, and territoriality through studies of Subak Pulagan and the Festival 1000 Tumpeng at Mount Kelud.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

Permana, Y. S. (2026). The political roots of Indonesia's chronic flood problem: Why accountability matters more than infrastructure. New Mandala. [Link](#)

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 (ICLD).

Permana, Y. S. (2022). Taming the twin hazards: Indonesia's 2020 direct local elections. International IDEA.

Permana, Y. S., & van Klinken, G. (eds.). (2022). Utopia beyond the abyss. Inside Indonesia, no. 148.

van Klinken, G., & Permana, Y. S. (2022). Utopians for parliament. Inside Indonesia, no. 148.

Permana, Y. S. (2021). Why politics matters: An insight from Indonesia's flood management. New Mandala.

Permana, Y. S. (2020). Indonesia Omnibus Law: Riding into an environmental cul-de-sac? KITLV Spotlight on Southeast Asia.

Nadzir, I., Seftiani, S., & Permana, Y. S. (2019). Hoax and misinformation in Indonesia: Insights from a nationwide survey. ISEAS Perspective, 2019/92.

Permana, Y. S., & Nadzir, I. (2018). Ma'ruf Amin and the inclusion–moderation thesis. New Mandala.

Selected commentary in Mongabay Indonesia (2020), Tirta (2019), Indoprogess (2017), and other public media; see full archive at yogisetyapermana.com.

SELECTED ACADEMIC TALKS, CONFERENCES AND DISSEMINATION

2026 | Invited speaker, University of Melbourne / International IDEA — Managing natural hazards and climate risks in elections (10 June).

2026 | Invited speaker, World Resources Institute — Flood hazard in coastal areas (8 April).

2026 | Invited speaker, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague — The politics of dry feet (4 February).

2026 | Keynote, PPI Leiden / KITLV — Beyond climate scapegoating: Towards the politics of flood governance (23 January).

2025 | Presenter, AIFIS–Michigan State University Conference on Indonesian Studies — The collusion trap: Political economy of flood risk management in Indonesia (June).

2024 | Presenter, BRIN / Wageningen / Monash workshop — Legalized grievances: Green grabbing and democratic regression in Indonesia's geothermal frontier (December).

2024 | Presenter, ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore — Nickel mining and the marginalization of communities in Indonesia's resource frontiers (August).

2024 | Co-convener with Ward Berenschot, EUROSEAS, Amsterdam — Politics–business collusion in Southeast Asia.

2023 | Presenter, ANU Indonesia Update — Drainage politics: Political economy of flood management in Indonesian cities.

2023 | Invited lecture, University of Leeds — Political economy of flood management in Indonesian cities.

2023 | Invited lecture, UGM / Mahidol University — Drainage politics, rights, and environmental justice.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND RECOGNITION

Research Group Coordinator, Political Ecology and Environmental Democracy, BRIN (2026–present).

Co-convener, EUROSEAS panel on Politics–Business Collusion in Southeast Asia, with Ward Berenschot (2024).

Best Conference Paper, Local Democracy Academy 2022, Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy / Uppsala University.

RESEARCH METHODS AND LANGUAGES

Methods Qualitative fieldwork informed by ethnography; in-depth interviewing; observation; shadowing; case study comparison; stakeholder analysis; policy, institutional, and documentary analysis.

Languages Indonesian (native); English (professional and academic proficiency).

Academic referees Available on request.