

## **SPEAKERS', DISCUSSANTS' AND MODERATORS' PROFILE\***

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Mulya Amri is Research Associate at the Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), and Ph. D candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS). He has 13 years of working experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Before starting his Ph. D studies in 2011, Mulya worked in Singapore with HOK, a global planning and architecture consultancy firm, and with Jurong Consultants, the consultancy arm of Singapore's JTC Corporation, which is responsible for the planning, development and management of numerous industrial parks in Singapore. Prior to moving to Singapore, Mulya worked with international development agencies such as UNDP, UN-HABITAT, and the World Bank on projects related to urban and housing development, and community-driven development in various Indonesian regions. He was also a co-founder of COMBINE Resource Institution, an NGO based in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, working to strengthen community-based information systems. Together with Tan Khee Giap, Linda Low and Tan Kong Yam, Mulya co-wrote "Competitiveness Analysis and Development Strategies for 33 Indonesian Provinces", published by World Scientific in 2013. He has also written book chapters on inter-municipal cooperation (published by GIZ), human settlements (published by the Ministry of Public Works, Indonesia), community media, and Corporate Social Responsibility (published by Indonesia Business Links). Mulya graduated with a bachelor's degree from Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB), Indonesia, and was awarded the Fulbright scholarship to study for a Master's degree in Urban Planning at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a Chevening award to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

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Fika Fawzia is Director and Assistant to the Head of the President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight in Indonesia (UKP4) since 2012. She mainly oversees the national development priority agenda on Food Security, as well as other sustainable development portfolio on climate change, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), gender equality, and urban transport. Prior to her role in UKP4, she worked for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) for a forestry program in ASEAN, co-managing the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change and assisted officials in the ASEAN Secretariat as well as the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF). Fika is trained as a lawyer and previously interned in Hadiputranto, Hadinoto and Partners, an affiliate of the international law firm Baker & McKenzie. She is also trained in policy research with experiences in Institute of Water Policy (IWP) Singapore, Indonesian Center for Environmental Law (ICEL) and Centre for Electoral Reform (CETRO) in Jakarta. Fika obtained a Master in Public Policy (MPP) from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and received the NUSS Medal for Outstanding Student Achievement. Fika's bachelor's degree in law was acquired from University of Indonesia, where she also received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Outstanding Student Achievement Award from the Faculty of Law and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the university-level.

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### **Umar JUORO**

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### **Li Hui**

Dr Li Hui holds an undergraduate degree in public administration from Soochow University, a Master of Management degree from Fudan University, China, and a PhD in Public Administration and Policy from the University of Georgia, USA. Dr Prior to joining the LKY School of Public Policy, Dr Li Hui taught in the MPA programme at the Department of Political Science, Eastern Michigan University, as an assistant professor from 2008 to 2011. Dr Li Hui's primary teaching and research area is public budgeting and finance. Her research interests in this area focus on subnational government fiscal practices and reforms and their relevant consequences and policy implications in terms of efficiency, incidence, and revenue neutrality. Her previous work deals with the policy impacts of the sales tax holiday in the state of Georgia and municipal income tax in Michigan and other American states. Her current research primarily focuses on intergovernmental fiscal relationship and subnational government finances in China and Indonesia. In particular, her work concerns fiscal disparities across local governments and fiscal equalization policies. Dr Li Hui is also interested in subnational government budget processes and reforms, along with performance management, in particular the links between public management, budgeting, and government performance.

### **Kishore MAHBUBANI**

A student of philosophy and history, Kishore Mahbubani has had the good fortune of enjoying a career in government and, at the same time, in writing on public issues. With the Singapore Foreign Service from 1971 to 2004, he had postings in Cambodia (where he served during the war in 1973-74), Malaysia, Washington DC and New York, where he served two stints as Singapore's Ambassador to the UN and as President of the UN Security Council in January 2001 and May 2002. He was Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Ministry from 1993 to 1998. Currently, he is the Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) of the National University of Singapore. Concurrently, Prof Mahbubani continues to serve in Boards and Councils of several institutions in Singapore, Europe and North America, including the Yale President's Council on International Activities (PCIA), Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, Indian Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council, University of Bocconi International Advisory Committee, World Economic Forum - Global Agenda Council on China and Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Nominating Committee. In the world of ideas, Prof Mahbubani has spoken and published globally. His articles have appeared in a wide range of journals and newspapers, including Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, the Washington Quarterly, Survival, American Interest, the National Interest, Time, Newsweek, the Financial Times and New York Times. He has also been profiled in the Economist and in Time Magazine. He is the author of

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Can Asians Think? (published and translated in Singapore, Canada, US, Mexico, India, China Myanmar, Turkey and Malaysia), Beyond The Age Of Innocence: Rebuilding Trust between America and the World (published and translated in the US and China), and The New Asian Hemisphere: The Irresistible Shift of Global Power to the East (published and translated in the US, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Egypt, China, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Italy, Taiwan and Vietnam). His new book is The Great Convergence: Asia, The West and the Logic of One World (published and translated in the US, the Netherlands and China). More information on his writings can be found on [www.mahbubani.net](http://www.mahbubani.net). Prof Mahbubani was awarded the President's Scholarship in 1967. He graduated with a First Class honours degree in Philosophy from the University of Singapore in 1971. From Dalhousie University, Canada, he received a Masters degree in Philosophy in 1976 and an honorary doctorate in 1995. He spent a year as a fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University from 1991 to 1992. He was conferred The Public Administration Medal (Gold) by the Singapore Government in 1998. The Foreign Policy Association Medal was awarded to him in New York in June 2004 with the following opening words in the citation: "A gifted diplomat, a student of history and philosophy, a provocative writer and an intuitive thinker". Prof Mahbubani was also listed as one of the top 100 public intellectuals in the world by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazines in September 2005, and included in the March 2009 Financial Times list of Top 50 individuals (including Obama, Wen Jiabao and Sarkozy) who would shape the debate on the future of capitalism. Most recently, Prof Mahbubani was selected as one of Foreign Policy's Top Global Thinkers in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, he was described as "the muse of the Asian century."

### **Farchad MAHFUD**

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### **Kuntoro MANGKUSUBROTO**

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### **Mahendra SIREGAR**

Mahendra Siregar is the Chairman of Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) since his appointment by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on 1 October 2013. He graduated with a Bachelor degree in Economics from University of Indonesia in 1986, and received a Master in Economics from Monash University in 1991. Mahendra joined the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1986 and was assigned to various postings including Economic Third Secretary of the Indonesian Embassy in London (1992-1995) and Information Counsellor of the Indonesian Embassy in Washington DC (1998-2001). He joined Coordinating Ministry in late 2001 as Special Assistant to the Minister. He was then appointed as Deputy Minister in charge of International Economic and Financial Relations in May 2005. He was then appointed as Chairman and CEO Indonesia Eximbank in September 2009 until December 2009. He was appointed as Vice Minister of Trade by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on 11 November 2009. Before his appointment as the Chairman of BKPM, Mahendra was Vice Minister of Finance since 19 October 2011. He was Asia representative at the UNFCCC Adaptation Fund Board between 2007-2009. He is President Yudhoyono's Sherpa to the G-20 since London Summit 2009.

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### **WANG Zhe**

Wang Zhe graduated with Double Bachelor's Degrees in Economics (first class honours) and Industrial & Systems Engineering (second-upper class honours) from National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2012. He is now a PhD student in Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, National University of Singapore, and currently working as a part-time research associate at Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. His Honours Thesis of Bachelor's Degree in Economics was published as a book, "The Value Of Information: An analysis in Game Theory" (ISBN: 978-3-659-32900-5) by LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing in the year of 2013, and he is the single author of this book. His research interests in the PhD thesis are applied game theory and contract theory, such as the cooperation and competition of asymmetric players in a contest environment. His current research works at Asia Competitiveness Institute include the empirical analysis of regional economics in China, India and ASEAN, and the analysis of agricultural productivity for individual countries in the approach of Cobb-Douglas production function.

### **Agung WICAKSONO**

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### **Luky Eko WURYANTO**

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