

**Challenges and Benefits of Legal Pluralism in Adat Land Conflict Resolution:
Case Study of Eastern Indonesia**

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ABSTRACT

Indonesia is a country with a living legal pluralism tradition. Currently in Indonesia's rural areas, land conflicts in adat/customary law areas seem to grow as pressures on land intensify, and adat law seems to be more prominent than national law in solving disputes in these areas. *This seminar aims to depict the challenges and benefits of having legal pluralism in adat-related land conflict resolutions, through three inquiries. The first inquiry attempts to determine the existence of legal pluralism in adat land conflict in the area under study. Through case studies, the research presents a portrayal of adat land conflicts and their forum for choice of law in the context of legal pluralism in the study areas. The second inquiry compares legal pluralism in East Nusa Tenggara (Indonesian: Nusa Tenggara Timur – NTT) to legal pluralism in Norway – the Sami people – and New Zealand – the Maoris – in order to get a more complete understanding of legal pluralism in customary land issues. The comparative analysis will show similarities and differences in legal pluralism in Norway and New Zealand in comparison to the study areas. The third inquiry summarises the research and describes the challenges and benefits of having legal pluralism in adat land conflict resolution. This is done through combining and contrasting the answers from the first and second findings with the current scholarship on legal pluralism.*

The research is an empirical and normative study, using first-hand data collected from the study areas, jurisprudence, statutes and regulations, as well as literature research through books, journals, web media sources. All data are triangulated and analysed carefully and integrated in this seminar, including the case studies. It is hoped that the results from this research will enrich the discourse on legal pluralism in conflict resolution, and convey new inputs to adat land conflict resolution's choice of legal forum (choice of jurisdiction).

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Linda Yanti Sulistiawati, is a lecturer of Law in Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) since 2004. Linda has received several awards, StuNED Scholarship Award 2001-2003 and Fulbright Presidential Ph.D. Award 2010-2013. She is currently focusing on international environmental issues, such as Climate Change, REDD+, land issues and customary/adat issues. She has represented the Republic Indonesia in several events, such as in the UNFCCC's (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) Paris Agreement negotiations in Paris 2015, as one of Indonesia's negotiators, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change / IPCC's 1.5 degree special report reviewer in 2017, and in the IPCC's AR6 Lead Author (2018-2023).

Her current research is on Land Rights, Traditions and Welfare Creation, Case Study of East Indonesia (2013-2014), Identification and Mapping of Alternative Land Conflict Resolution and Capacity Development for Local Government and *Adat Leaders* in Manggarai Regency of East Nusa Tenggara Province (2015-2017). Linda is currently writing three major articles: '*OPEC and Climate Change Negotiations' Challenges and Opportunities* (2017/18), *Land Grabbing in Indonesia* (2017/18), and *Legal Pluralism in Eastern Indonesia's Adat based Land Conflict Resolution* (2018). She is also very active in presenting her research and attending seminars and workshops all over the world.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. The selected light lunch will be provided upon registration.

Closing Date: **10 April 2018, Tuesday**

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