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# “Book Launch: *Islamic Populism in Indonesia and the Middle East*”

Co-hosted by the Asia Institute and the Indonesia Forum

**Vedi Hadiz**  
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Join us for the launch of the newly published book, “Islamic Populism in Indonesia and the Middle East” (Cambridge University Press, 2016) by **Professor Vedi Hadiz**, Convenor of Asian Studies at the Asia Institute, the University of Melbourne. This provocative new study compares the evolution of Islamic populism in Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population in the world, to the Middle East. Utilising approaches from historical sociology and political economy, Professor Hadiz argues that competing strands of Islamic politics can be understood as the product of contemporary struggles over power, material resources and the result of conflict across a variety of social and historical contexts. Drawing from detailed case studies across the

Middle East and Southeast Asia, the book engages with broader theoretical questions about political change in the context of socio-economic transformations and presents an innovative, comparative framework to shed new light on the diverse trajectories of Islamic politics in the modern world.

**Professor Edward Aspinall** (Professor of Politics, Department of Political and Social Change, Australian National University) will be launching the book. Professor Aspinall is an expert on comparative government and politics, especially of Asia and the Pacific. Following the formal launch, Professor Hadiz will be joined by Professor Aspinall in a Q&A session with the audience. The discussion will be moderated by Dr Ken Setiawan (McKenzie Research Fellow, Asia Institute, and Deputy Convenor of the Indonesia Forum).

Monday, 6 June 2016  
4.30pm - 6.00pm

Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room  
Level 1  
Sidney Myer Asia Centre  
The University of Melbourne  
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**Admission is free.**  
**Bookings are required.**  
**Seating is limited.**

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