

Institutional Profile



The Indonesian Institute (TII) is a Center for Public Policy Research that was established on 21 October 2004 by a group of young, dynamic activists and intellectuals. **TII** is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit institution, whose main funding stems from grants and contributions from foundations, companies, and individuals.

TII has the aim of becoming a main research center in Indonesia for public policy matters and has committed to giving contribution to the debates over public policies and to improving the quality of the planning and results of public policy by promoting good governance principles and public participation in the policy processes in Indonesia.

TII's visions are public policies in Indonesia which highly uphold human rights and rule of law, as well as involve participation of various stakeholders and practice democratic good governance principles.

TII's missions are to conduct reliable research that is independent and non-partisan and to channel the research to the policy-makers, the private sector, and academia in order to improve the quality of Indonesian policy-makers.

TII also assumes the role of disseminating ideas to the society so that they are well informed about the policies that will have a good impact on the people's lives. In other words, **TII** has a position to support the democratization process and the public policy reform, as it will be involved in the process.

The scope of the research and review on public policies undertaken by **TII** includes economic, social, political, and legal affairs. The main activities which have been conducted by **TII** in order to achieve our vision and mission, are: research, surveys, facilitation and advocacy through training and working groups, public discussions, public education, weekly editorial articles ("Wacana" or Discourses), Instagram Live Series and Space Twitter (Policy Talks and Initiative!), monthly analysis ("Update Indonesia" in Indonesian and "The Indonesian Update" in English), mid-year policy analysis ("Policy Assessment"), annual policy analysis ("Indonesian Report"), and monthly discussion forum on policy issues ("The Indonesian Forum").

RESEARCH ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The economy tends to be used as an indicator of the success of the government as a policy-maker. Economy plays an important role as one of the fundamentals of national development. Limited resources have often caused the government to face obstacles in implementing economic policies that will optimally benefit the people. The increase in the quality of the people's critical thinking has forced the government to conduct comprehensive studies in every decision-making process. In fact, the studies will not be stopped when the policy is already in place. Studies will be continued until the policy evaluation process.

TII focus on economic issues, such as monetary policy and fiscal policy, as well as issues on sustainable development by using analysis which refer to economic freedom principles. Monetary issues will focus on the Indonesian Central Bank to maintain economic stability, both regarding inflation and exchange rate. Meanwhile, fiscal policy will focus on the discussions over the National Budget and infrastructure development both in the regions and in the cities. In relation to sustainable development, TII research is focusing on productivity, competitiveness, infrastructure development, and development gap. In addition, TII also upholds economic freedom principles in highlighting the importance of individual freedom and involvement of private sectors in increasing development and improving welfare in Indonesia.

The TII Economic Research Division is present for those who are interested in the conditions of the economy. The results of the research are intended to assist policy-makers, regulators, and donor agencies in making decisions. The research that TII offers: **(1) Economic Policy Analysis; (2) Regional and Sectoral Prospects; and (3) Program Evaluation.**

RESEARCH ON LEGAL AFFAIRS

According to stipulations in Law No. 12 Year 2011 on the Formulation of Laws and Regulations, every bill which will be discussed by the legislative and the executive must be complemented with academic paper. This stipulation is also confirmed in Law No. 15 Year 2019 on the Amendment of Law No. 12 Year 2011 regarding the Formulation of Laws and Regulations.

Therefore, comprehensive research is very important and needed in making a qualified academic paper. With qualified academic papers, the bills will have a strong academic foundation both from academic and content aspects. Furthermore, academic paper also functions as an early tracking over possibilities of overlapping laws and regulations, so that revocation of local regulations or other related issues which can be caused by legal, economic, or political aspects in the future, can be minimized as soon as possible.

TII offers normative and legal research related to harmonization and synchronization of laws and regulations, especially in making academic papers, legal opinions on harmonization and synchronization of laws and regulations, and legislative drafting for the formulation of local regulations, bill drafts or other laws and regulations. In addition, TII also offers research on other legal issues related to Constitutional Law and Public Administration, Human Rights, and Political Corruption.

RESEARCH ON THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS

The enactment of Law No. 23 Year 2014 on the latest regulation on the Local Government, has created different relations between the Central Government and the Local Government. Entering the era of Bureaucracy Reform, specification of division of affairs of the Central Government and the Local Government has increasingly demanded the implementation of good governance principles. The government is demanded to be adaptive and responsive towards public aspiration and services. Therefore, public policy research becomes more important for both the Central Government and the Local Government to analyse context and current issues in the regions. The government must also consider various actors whether political actors or bureaucrats, as well as the public's aspiration and other non-state actors in policy processes.

In order to respond to those needs, TII research in political affairs offer policy assessment on various policies which have already been applied or will be implemented. TII will look at socio- cultural, economy, legal, and political aspects in assessing public policies. Our research will be useful to assist the government in formulating policies which are in line with context, priorities, and people's aspiration. TII also offers various breakthroughs of transformative policies according to existing contexts in particular and Open Government principles' implementation in general, in order to increase public participation in policy processes, particularly in the era of the openness of public information.

Political Research Division of TII provide analysis and policy recommendations in order to

generate strategic policy in the strengthening of democracy and the establishment of good governance both at the national and local levels. Political research forms are offered by TII **(1) Public Policy Analysis, (2) Media Monitoring, (3) Mapping & Positioning Research, (4) Need Assessment Research, (5) Survey Indicator.**

RESEARCH ON THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Social development needs policy foundations that come from independent and accurate research. Social analysis is a need for the government, the businesspeople, academia, professionals, NGOs, and civil society to improve social development. Social analysis is important to identify strategic issues which are developing and to make the right stakeholders' mapping to promote significant change in the context of development, public policy, and democracy in Indonesia.

The Social Research Division is present to offer strong and valid recommendations to produce strategic, relevant, efficient and effective, and impactful policies, in addressing existing various issues. For example, issues related to education, health, population, environment, women, children, and elderly. Social research that TII offers: **(1) Social Policy Analysis; (2) Explorative Research; (3) Mapping & Positioning Research; (4) Need Assessment Research; (5) Program Evaluation Research; and (5) Indicator Survey.**

Political Survey

PRE-ELECTION AND REGIONAL HEAD ELECTION

One of the activities carried out and offered by TII is a pre-election survey as well as a pre-election and regional head election. The reasons underlying the implementation of pre-election and regional head election surveys, namely: (1) A good election is a democratic process that can be arranged, calculated, and predicted in the resulting process; (2) Survey is one of the important and common discussions to measure, calculate, and predict how the process and results of the General Election and the Regional Head Election will take place, in accordance to the expectations of the candidates; (3) It is very important to win in the General Election and the Regional Head Election based on empirical, scientific, measurable and supportable data.

As one of the important aspects of a strategic candidate's election, the survey is useful for monitoring political power. In this case, the success team needs to conduct a survey for: (1) mapping the candidate's position in public perception; (2) mapping voters' desires; (3) publishing the most effective political machinery used as voters; and (4) Looking for the most effective medium for the campaign.

Evaluation

EVALUATION OF PROJECT OR PROGRAM

One of the activities that have been performed and experienced offered by TII is a qualitative evaluation of the projects and programs of non-governmental organizations and government. Evaluation activities are offered TII stages of mid-term evaluation of the project/program (mid-term evaluation) and also the final evaluation at the end of the project/program (final evaluation).

As we know, the evaluation is an important step in the implementation of a project or program. Mid-Term Evaluation of the project or program is intended to look at and analyze the challenges, the overall learning takes place during the project or program, and make recommendations for the continuity of the project or program. Meanwhile, the final evaluation allows us to view and analyze the outcomes and the lessons learned to ensure the achievement of all the objectives of the project or program at the end of the project or program.

Public Discussions

THE INDONESIAN FORUM

The Indonesian Forum is a monthly discussion activity on actual issues in the political, economic, social, legal, cultural, defense, and environmental fields. TII organizes these forums as media for competent resource persons, stakeholders, policymakers, civil society activists, academicians, and the media to meet and have discussion.

Themes that have been raised were the ones that have caught public attention, such as migrant workers, social conflicts, domestic politics, and local direct elections. The main consideration in picking a theme is sociological and political reality and the context of the relevant public policy at the time that the Indonesian Forum is delivered.

It is expected that the public can get the big picture of a particular event as the Indonesian Forum also presents relevant resource persons.

Since its inception, the Indonesian Institute is very aware of the passion of the public to get discussions that are not only rich in substance but also well formatted, which support balanced ideas exchanges ideas and the equal involvement of the different elements of the society.

The discussions, which are designed to only invite a limited number of participants, do not only feature idea exchanges but also regularly offer policy briefs (policy recommendations) to relevant policymakers and also summaries to the participants, especially the media people and the resource persons at the end of each discussion. Therefore, the discussions will not end without solutions.

POLICY TALKS

Policy Talks is a monthly platform developed by TII to facilitate discussions between researchers, civil society, and policymakers on various strategic issues. This program is typically conducted through live broadcasts on Instagram, aiming to make policy discussions more accessible to a broader audience, particularly younger generations. Additionally, Policy Talks seeks to raise public awareness of current policy issues, encourage active participation through Q&A sessions, and bridge the perspectives of the public with those of policymakers. With a relaxed yet informative format, this platform aims to make policy discussions more relevant and closely aligned with the needs of the community.

INITIATIVE!

Initiative! is a discussion space created by TII to serve as a platform for exchanging research findings and ideas among think tanks, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders. The forum aims to facilitate in-depth conversations on various social, political, and policy-related topics, promoting collaboration and the sharing of insights that can help address key challenges in society. Held every two months, Initiative! provides a regular opportunity for participants to engage in constructive dialogue, deepen their understanding of specific issues, and explore potential solutions. The forum encourages collective learning and action, helping to strengthen the impact of research and advocacy efforts across different sectors. By bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, Initiative! fosters a collaborative environment that nurtures innovation and drives meaningful change.

Public Education

Ngobrol Kebijakan (Ngobi)/Policy Conversation

Ngobrol Kebijakan (Ngobi), or **Policy Conversation**, is a podcast created with the spirit of discussing everyday issues through the lens of public policy. Ngobi is intentionally designed with a more relaxed tone to make complex research language accessible, especially to a younger audience. The podcast aims to demystify policy discussions and make them more relatable, bridging the gap between academic research and practical, everyday concerns. By

presenting these issues in a more conversational and approachable way, Ngobi seeks to engage listeners, spark curiosity, and promote a deeper understanding of how policies impact daily life. Ngobi is available twice a month on Spotify, offering fresh perspectives and thoughtful discussions on a variety of topics that matter to the public.

Training & Working Group Facilitations

LOCAL COUNCIL TRAINING

The roles and functions of local councils in monitoring local governments are very important. They need to ensure that participative and democratic policies will be espoused. Members of provincial and regent local councils are required to have strong capacity to understand democratization matters, regional autonomy, legislative techniques, budgeting, local Politics, and political marketing. Thus, it is important to empower members of local councils.

In order for local councils to be able to response every problem that will come out as a result of any policy implemented by the central government or local governments, the Indonesian Institute invites the leaderships and members of local councils to undergo training to improve their capacity.

WORKING GROUP

The Indonesian Institute believes that a good public policy process can be held with some engagement and empowerment of the stakeholders. The Indonesian Institute takes a role as one of mediator agencies to facilitate some forums in which the Government, Council Members, Private Sectors, NGOs and Academicians can meet in interactive forums. The Indonesian Institute provides facilitation on working groups and public advocacy.

The Indonesian Institute takes the role of mediator and facilitator in order to encourage the synergy of public policy work between the stakeholders and policy makers and also to have a synergy with funding agencies (donors).

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Adinda Tenriangke Muchtar is the Executive Director of TII starting in 2018. She is also Analyst of Political and Public Policy Affairs, concerning issues on democracy, good governance and good governance). She completed a PhD in Development Studies at Victoria University of Wellington with the New Zealand Scholarship Program in 2017. Adinda studied International Relations Department at University of Indonesia in 1996 and received Bachelor of Social Science in 2001. Adinda was the First Indonesian Sumitro Fellow (2007), when she did research on “The Roles of the U.S. NGOs in Promoting Democratization and Governance Reform in Indonesia”. Adinda earned Master of International Studies from University of Sydney (2003) with the scholarship from AusAID. Adinda’s focus of interests are development, international aid, women’s empowerment, and good governance.

Research & Program Manager

Felia Primaresti

Felia Primaresti (Felia) holds a bachelor's degree in Management and Public Policy from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), graduating in 2022. During her studies, Felia actively participated in several research projects at UGM, including with PolGov (Research Centre for Politics and Government), focusing on big data research methods. Additionally, she contributed to a research grant project with Rutgers Indonesia, concentrating on gender studies through a religious perspective.

Before joining The Indonesian Institute, Center for Public Policy Research (TII), Felia was actively involved in research project management as a Project Manager Intern at a research management service startup based in Yogyakarta.

During her time at TII, Felia has focused on analyzing various policy issues, particularly in areas related to women's politics, gender politics, democracy, elections, youth and politics, and the intersection of politics and religion. During this time, she was also actively involved in a research project evaluating the 2006 Joint Regulation on the Establishment of Houses of Worship and was selected as an awardee for the Young Progressive Academy Batch 3 program organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Indonesia (FES Indonesia) in collaboration with the Coordinating Ministry for Human Development and Cultural Affairs (Kemenko PMK). Her insights and statements have been featured in GeoTimes, PinterPolitik, Suara.com, Tempo.co, KBR Prime, Kompas.id, Tirto.id, and various other platforms.

Researchers

Christina Clarissa Intania – Researcher on Legal Affairs

Christina Clarissa Intania (Intan) is a Legal Researcher at The Indonesian Institute. Intan graduated from the Faculty of Law, Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), in 2021, specializing in Constitutional Law. Her current focus is on legislative drafting and the fulfillment of the rights of marginalized groups.

Intan has presented her work at several international law conferences, including the International Conference on ASEAN Studies (organized in collaboration with the ASEAN Study Center, Universitas Gadjah Mada) and the International Conference on Public Participation in Legislative Law-making for a Stronger Democracy (a collaboration between the Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia, and The International Association of Legislation). Her opinions and statements have been published in IndoProgress, suara.com, rumahpemilu.org, kbrprime.id, kompas.id, and other platforms.

During her studies, Intan actively participated in legal research and writing activities, including serving as a research assistant for the Department of Constitutional Law and the UGM Energy Studies Center. She also held leadership and editorial roles, such as Chair of the PALAPA Legal Research and Writing Forum, Editor for the Mimbar Hukum UGM Journal, and Co-Chief Officer of Legal Research at the Association of Researchers on Justice for the Marginal Group.

Made Natasya Restu Dewi Pratiwi– Researcher on Social Issues

Made Natasya Restu Dewi Pratiwi (Natasya) is a Social Researcher at The Indonesian Institute. She graduated from the Faculty of Public Health at Universitas Indonesia (UI) in 2024, specializing in epidemiology. Her areas of focus include public health, reproductive health, gender equality, education, climate crisis, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Before joining The Indonesian Institute, Natasya was actively involved in advocacy, research, and community service. Her research and studies have been disseminated through various programs, including Gerakan UI Mengajar X (2020-research on education issues), BEM IM FKM UI (2021-research on child smoking, COVID-19, Indonesia's national health insurance [BPJS Kesehatan], and coal power plant waste), PIK-R Rumah Panda FKM UI (2021-research on child marriage and sexual violence), FKM UI Peduli 18 (2022-research on stunting), 2030 Youth Force Indonesia (2023-research on the climate crisis, Meaningful Inclusive Youth Participation, and child marriage), internship at the Social Pillar of the SDGs National Secretariat, Bappenas (2023-Contribution to the SDGs Annual Report), internship at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia (2023-program analysis for cervical cancer elimination).

Most recently, she was selected as a Junior Research Consultant through a research grant on the climate crisis, funded by HIVOS Foundation, Teens Go Green Indonesia, and Ecoxyztem. Through the grant, Natasya studied the impact of climate crisis on menstrual hygiene management among women aged 10-45 years on Pari Island.

Putu Rusta Adijaya– Researcher on Economic Affairs

Putu Rusta Adijaya (Putu) graduated with a bachelor's degree in Development Economics from the Faculty of Economics and Business, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia (UNIKA Atma Jaya), in 2019. During his studies, Putu was actively involved in student organizations at UNIKA Atma Jaya, serving as the Head of the Research and Development Division of the Development Economics Student Association (HiMEP) and as Coordinator of the Management Economics Student Association (HiMEM) in the Student Representative Body (BPM) of the Faculty of Economics and Business.

Before joining The Indonesian Institute, Center for Public Policy Research (TII), Putu participated in research across several industrial sectors, including energy, market research, sustainability, and media.

Building on his research experience, Putu focuses on and has a keen interest in political economy, energy, environmental economics, and sustainability.

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