

## **Roundtable on Indonesia's Politics**

Preparations for Indonesia's 2019 elections are underway, and the country is bracing for another intensively contested presidential race. Rumours and predictions are already circulating around the capital city, and both old and new elite rivalries are taking shape. Who will be Jokowi's greatest adversary? After serving a full term in office, will his reputation as a modest, reformist and pragmatic leader carry him to victory once again? Who will stand as Jokowi's running mate? Will the country endure another, perhaps more intense, 'black campaign' (*kampanye hitam*) in 2019, where smear campaigning pushes the limits of defamation laws? How will the recent memory of Ahok's blasphemy trial play on the minds of voters? This roundtable will discuss the latest political situation in Indonesia with respect to electoral politics, elite pacts, the growing role of the courts, the sphere of civil society, and the salience of both mainstream and social media.

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