

# Benedict Anderson

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| <b>Born</b>              | August 26, 1936<br><a href="#">Kunming, China</a>                                       |
| <b>Died</b>              | December 13, 2015 (aged 79)<br><a href="#">Batu, East Java, Indonesia</a>               |
| <b>Citizenship</b>       | <a href="#">Irish</a>   |
| <b>Alma mater</b>        | <a href="#">B.A., Cambridge University</a><br><a href="#">Ph.D., Cornell University</a> |
| <b>Relatives</b>         | <a href="#">Perry Anderson</a> (brother)  |
| <b>Scientific career</b> |   |
| <b>Fields</b>            | <a href="#">Political science</a> , <a href="#">Historical science</a>                  |
| <b>Institutions</b>      | <a href="#">Cornell University</a> ( <a href="#">Professor Emeritus</a> )               |
| <b>Doctoral advisor</b>  | <a href="#">George McTurnan Kahin</a>   |
| <b>Doctoral students</b> | <a href="#">John Sidel</a>  |

**Benedict Richard O'Gorman Anderson** (August 26, 1936 – December 13, 2015) was an [American](#) academic and writer. He was a [polyglot](#). He was the Aaron L. Binenkorb [Professor Emeritus](#) of International Studies, Government & Asian Studies at [Cornell University](#). He was best known for his book *[Imagined Communities](#)*, first published in 1983. He worked on the "[Cornell Paper](#)." That report showed that the official story of [Indonesia's 30 September Movement](#) and the [Indonesian killings of 1965–66](#) was not true. Indonesia forced him to leave that country.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Personal life

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Anderson was born in [Kunming, China](#), to James O'Gorman Anderson and Veronica Beatrice Bigham. In 1941 the family moved to [California](#).<sup>[2]</sup> In 1957, Anderson received a [Bachelor of Arts](#) in [Classics](#) from [Cambridge University](#), and he later earned a [Ph.D.](#) from Cornell's Department of Government, where he studied modern Indonesia under the guidance of George Kahin. He was the brother of historian [Perry Anderson](#).

Anderson died in Batu, [Malang](#), in his sleep of [heart failure](#) on December 13, 2015 at the age of 79.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

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