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EDUCATION

- 2017 - present : **Northwestern University**
PhD candidate, Sociology
Dissertation topic: *Agrarian Relations and Diverging Paths in Development: A Comparative Historical Study of Southeast Asian Natural Rubber Economy*

Dissertation committee: Dr. Monica Prasad (chair), Dr. James Mahoney, Dr. Bruce Carruthers, Dr. Jeffrey Winters
- 2014 - 2016 : **Northwestern University**
M.A Sociology
Master thesis title: *Explaining the Perpetuation of Inequality in Indonesia: How Bureaucratic Clientelism Undermines Redistribution in a Decentralized Democracy*
GPA: 3.89 out of 4.00
- 2008 - 2012 : **University of Indonesia**
B.A Sociology
Undergraduate thesis title: *The Genesis of Mlipir System: A Study of Social and Economic Changes in Rural Communities with a Putting Out Nuanced Production System at Jombang, East Java*
GPA: 3.77 out of 4.00

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Development, comparative history, global ethnography
Commodity chain, political economy, sociology of culture
Southeast Asia, rubber, legacy of state organized violence

PUBLICATIONS

Utama, Rahardhika. "Demystifying the Abstract Scheme of Globalization." *MASYARAKAT: Jurnal Sosiologi* (2018): 123-127.

Utama, Rahardhika Arista. "Mlipir: The Genesis within Relations of Production between Industrial Sector and Rural Society." *MASYARAKAT: Jurnal Sosiologi* (2014): 19-45.

Utama, Rahardhika Arista. "How Bureaucracy Affects Inequality: The Case of Post-Authoritarian Indonesia." *EDGS Working Paper*, Northwestern University (2014).

Anderson, Nathan, Henry Apfel, Sarah Boone, Sandi Halimuddin, Emir Hartato, Yeni Kristanti, Rahardhika Utama et al. *Refining REDD+ in Indonesia: Policy Recommendations for Increasing Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Equity*. Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington (2012).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2019 American Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation Inc. (AICEF) 2019 Travel Research Grant.
- 2018 Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Scholarship from Ministry of Finance, the Republic of Indonesia.
- 2017 Comparative Historical Social Science Research Grants, The Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.
- 2017 Arryman Doctoral Research Grant, Equality Development and Globalization Studies at The Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.
- 2017 MacArthur Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- 2016 The Henry Luce Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Southeast Asia Research Group.
- 2014 The Arryman Scholarship Award, Equality Development and Globalization Studies at Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.
- 2013 The Arryman Fellowship, The Indonesian Scholarship and Research Support Foundation

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Utama, Rahardhika.** The Politics of Development Beyond the Developmental States in the Global South. *IV ISA Forum of Sociology, "Understanding Development: Perspectives from the Global South" Research Committee Session*. Porto Alegre, 23-27 February, 2021 (forthcoming).
- 2020 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Bureaucratic Clientelism as Mechanism of Corruption in a Decentralized Democracy. *Comparative-Historical Sociology paper section on The Meaning of Corruption: Historical Transformations and Cultural Variations, The 2020 ASA Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, 8-11 August, 2020 (forthcoming).
- 2020 **Utama, Rahardhika.** The Resilient Yellowscape: Politics of Colors as Cultural Objects. *Northwestern University Sociology of Culture/Cultural Sociology Workshop*. Evanston, 7 November, 2019; *Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago 16-19 April, 2010 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 **Utama, Rahardhika.** Path Dependence, Agrarian Relations, and Economic Development. *5th Annual Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research*. Mexico City, Oct. 24-25, 2019.
- 2019 **Utama, Rahardhika.** Locating Peasantry in Postcolonial Development: Critical Junctures and the Bifurcation of Agrarian Relations in Southeast Asia. *Comparative Historical Social Science Conference*. Evanston, May 17, 2019.
- 2019 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** From Rubber to Massacre: Tracing the Diverging Path of Development Through Collective Memory of Rubber Peasants in Southeast Asia. *Chicago Ethnography Conference*. Evanston, March 16, 2019.
- 2018 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Following Rubber Now and Then/ Here and There: Combining Comparative Historical Research Method and Global Ethnography to Study the Global from Below. *Research Center for Regional Resources – Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI)*. Jakarta, January 31, 2018.
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** [Crossing Boundaries: Following Rubber in a Bifurcated World](#). *Global Café at The International Studies Program, Northwestern*. Evanston, October 18, 2017.
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Bringing Peasants Back In: Diverging Paths of Development in the Southeast Asian Natural Rubber Economy. *EDGS Graduate*

- Talk Series, Northwestern.* Evanston, October 11, 2017.
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Durable Domination and Poverty in Southeast Asian Plantations Economy: A Century-old Inflexibility of Rubber Plantation Industry from 1910s-2010s. *Max Planck Summer Workshop on Social Inequalities.* Munich, June 28, 2017
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** A Comparative Historical Study of Rubber Plantation Industry in Southeast Asia. *Southeast Asian Conference at Northeastern University.* DeKalb, April 1, 2017
- 2016 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Reframing Debates around State Autonomy: Associational State, Political Parties and the Politics of Redistributive Policy Implementation. *Social Science History Association 2016 meeting.* Chicago, November 17-20, 2016.
- 2016 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Explaining the Perpetuation of Inequality in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The Paradox of Resource Distribution in A Democratic State. *International Sociological Association – Research Committee 19 Annual Meeting, Expansion and Retrenchment in Social Policy: North-South Dialogues.* San Jose, August 25-27, 2016.
- 2016 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Yellow is The New Red and Green: Politics of Cultural Production in The Age of Decentralized Democracy. *The 18th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference.* Chicago, April 30, 2016.
- 2015 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** [Bureaucracy and Inequality in Emerging Democracies.](#) *RSG: Research Communication – Seven Minutes of Science Symposium.* Evanston, September 11, 2015.
- 2015 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** How Bureaucracy Affects Inequality: The Case of Post-Authoritarian Indonesia and the Philippines. *Political Sociology Section on Inequality and Representation, The 2015 ASA Annual Meeting.* Chicago, August 24, 2015.
- 2015 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Conceptualizing Bureaucratic Clientelism. *Representative Bureaucracy Panel at The 73rd Annual MPSA Conference.* Chicago, April 18, 2015.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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|--------------------------|--|
| September - October 2019 | <i>KITLV/The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies at Leiden</i>
"Comparative Economic History of the Plantation Industry in Malaysia and Indonesia from 1877 to 1967", as an affiliated research fellow |
| June - August 2018 | <i>Sustainable Economic Management of Natural Resources and Extractive Industry Lab/Socio Research Cluster at University of Indonesia</i>
"Comparative History of Southeast Asia Natural Rubber Economy", as a research fellow |
| January - June 2018 | <i>Research Center for Regional Resources at Indonesian Institute of Sciences (P2SDR-LIPI)</i>
"Comparative History of Southeast Asia Natural Rubber Economy", as a research fellow |
| May - August 2017 | <i>MacArthur Research Project, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University.</i>
"The Politics of Color", as researcher (collaborative project with Prof. Gary Alan Fine) |
| June 2016 - July 2017 | <i>Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG)</i>
"Ethnography of Capital Accumulation in Indonesian Rubber |

Plantation Industry”, as researcher.

June 2014 - April 2016

Second Year Paper (Master Thesis), Department of Sociology at Northwestern University

“Explaining the Perpetuation of Inequality in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The Paradox of Resource Distribution in A Democratic State”, as researcher.

August 2013 - June 2014

EDGS at Northwestern University

“How Bureaucracy Affects Inequality: The Case of Post-Authoritarian Indonesia and the Philippines”, as researcher.

March - July 2013

Center for Sociological Studies, University of Indonesia

“Impact of Oil and Gas Industries on Social, Economic, and Cultural aspects in the West Papua Province”, as junior researcher.

August 2011-July 2012

Undergraduate Research Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Indonesia

“The Genesis of *Mlipir System*: A Study of Social and Economic Changes in Rural Communities with a Putting Out Nuanced Production System at Jombang, East Java”, as researcher.

January - March 2012

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle and The Center of Anthropological Studies, FISIP, University of Indonesia

“Refining REDD+ in Indonesia: Policy Recommendations to Increase Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Equity” as researcher.

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2016/2017

Pro bono Rubber Smallholder Consultant. International Rubber Research and Development Board, Malaysia and Myanmar

2015

Volunteer. Adult Day Care Senior Service at Southeast Asia Center, Chicago.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2019

Panel co-coordinator. "On The Making of Commodities Under Category: Resource Exploitation" at the 7th International Symposium of Anthropology Indonesia

2016

Graduate student coordinator. Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Corruption Workshop.

2016

Panel coordinator. “State and the Perpetuation of Inequality in Indonesia” at the 6th International Symposium of Anthropology Indonesia

TEACHING

4/13/2016 - 6/1/2016, SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology, Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University

LANGUAGE SKILL

English	Full professional proficiency
Indonesian	Native proficiency
Javanese	Native proficiency
Dutch	Limited working proficiency

REFERENCES

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