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The global COVID pandemic has required extraordinary levels of human resilience. At the same time societies have interestingly grappled with many other pressing problems such as ongoing racism. These intense debates about racism, connected to the Black Lives Matter Movement, have raised questions around the world about how to reckon with histories of colonialism and violence. This includes debates over heritage as well as debates over history curricula and museums and what to include within them.

In this paper I examine how Indonesian writers, artists, young people and museum creators are engaging in different ways with histories of colonialism and related histories of suffering, oppression and resistance. To what extent is the history of colonialism problematised in Indonesia and by who? *How can teachers of Indonesian language use online sources and mediums to capture student interest in Indonesian history?*



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Kate McGregor is an historian of Indonesia who has researched Indonesia for over twenty five years. She learnt Indonesian language at university and in Indonesia at Satya Wacana University.

The key themes of her research to date have been memory, violence and identity. She has also made significant contributions to the history of Indonesian women.

She is currently completing a book on transnational activism for Indonesian comfort women of the Japanese occupation. Kate recently commenced work on an Australian Research Council funded grant examining Indonesian and Dutch engagement with colonial history.



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Women throughout the world continue to face often similar barriers to taking up leadership positions and influencing structures of power, which are important for shaping more equal futures. However, the efforts of civil society organisations in Indonesia are producing significant change throughout the archipelago, particularly through building women's leadership from the grassroots up and creating networks that support women to overcome challenges.

In this presentation, I will share findings from collaborative, and ongoing, research, which showcases the impacts of women's collective action and empowerment in often marginal spaces and places in rural Indonesia.

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The research traces the pathways by which women are influencing and shaping decision making in these highly variable contexts which has significant implications for women's wellbeing and for broader, more inclusive, socio-economic and political change.

Finally, the presentation will discuss how trajectories of change have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and what can be done to support the resilience of Indonesia's most vulnerable women.

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Ken's research interests include globalisation and human rights, as well as historical violence and transitional justice. Her recent research projects focus on civil society, gender and decoloniality.

She has widely published on the politics of human rights in Indonesia, in leading journals such as the Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Australian Journal of Asian Law, The International Journal of Human Rights and Human Rights Quarterly. Her most recent book, co-authored with Dirk Tomsa, is Politics in Contemporary Indonesia: Institutional Change, Policy Challenges and Democratic Decline (Routledge, 2022).

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