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Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2010

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Intense political polarization, confrontation and violence have rocked Thailand recently, much of it a divisive legacy of the 2006 coup. Conflicts centre on the legitimacy of institutions and the uses and abuses of power alongside the parallel crisis of state legitimacy posed by the ongoing violence in the country's Deep South. This collection of essays explores themes and issues arising from the continuing confrontations that have dominated Thailand's domestic affairs and affected its international relations in the years 2008 to early 2010. Based on extensive research and documentation, this volume offers an important review and analysis of key events and trends in Thailand's volatile public affairs during this period.

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Where in the World is the Philippines?: Debating Its National Territory / Rodolfo C.

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Lee Kuan Yew: Hard Truths to Keep Singapore Going (DVD included) / Han Fook Kwang ... [et al.]

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2nd Ed.

Indonesia : PCD Press, 2010

Xv, 431p.

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Torn between America and China: Elite Perceptions and Indonesian Foreign Policy /
Daniel Novotny

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will increasingly have to manoeuvre between the two rival powers. While the United States during George W. Bush's presidency was seen as the main security threat to Indonesia, China is considered the main malign factor in the long run with power capabilities that need to be constrained and counter-balanced.

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Aceh: History, Politics and Culture / Arndt Graf, Susanne Schroter & Edwin Wieringa (Edited)

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2010

xvii. 386p. ; 23cm.

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Indonesia Today: Problems & Perspectives: Politics and Society Five Years into Reformasi / Norbert Eschborn, Sabrina Hackel & Joyce Holmes Richardson (Edited)

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Democratization and the Issue of Terrorism in Indonesia / Norbert Eschborn, Joyce Holmes Richardson & Henriette Litta (Edited)

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The State and illegality in Indonesia /Edward Aspinall and Gerry van Klinken (eds)

Leiden : KITLV Press, 2011

xii + 328 pp. pp

Tables, glossary

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The popular 1998 reformasi movement that brought down President Suharto's regime demanded an end to illegal practices by state officials, from human rights abuse to nepotistic investments. Yet today, such practices have proven more resistant to reform than people had hoped.

Many have said corruption in Indonesia is "entrenched". We argue it is precisely this entrenched character that requires attention. What is state illegality entrenched in and how does it become entrenched? This involves studying actual cases. Our observations led us to rethink fundamental ideas about the nature of the state in Indonesia, especially regarding its socially embedded character.

We conclude that illegal practices by state officials are not just aberrations to the state, they are the state. Almost invariably, illegality occurs as part of collective, patterned, organized and collaborative acts, linked to the competition for political power and access to state resources. While obviously excluding many without connections, corrupt behaviour also plays integrative and stabilizing functions. Especially at the lower end of the social ladder, it gets a lot of things done and is often considered legitimate.

This book may be read as a defence of area studies approaches. Without the insights that grew from applying our area studies skills, we would still be constrained by highly stylised notions of the state, which bear little resemblance to the state's actual workings. The struggle against corruption is a long-term political process. Instead of trying to depoliticize it, we believe the key to progress is greater popular participation.

With contributions from Simon Butt, Robert Cribb, Howard Dick, Michele Ford, Jun Honna, Tim Lindsey, Lenore Lyons, John McCarthy, Ross McLeod, Marcus Mietzner, Jeremy Mulholland, Gerben Nooteboom, J Danang Widoyoko and Ian Wilson. This book is the result of a series of workshops supported, among others, by the Australian-Netherlands Research Collaboration (ANRC).

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Contemporary Issues in the Islamic World: The Indonesian Perspectives / Cheyne Scott & Irfan Abubakar (Editors)

Jakarta: The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture (CSRC), State Islamic University, 2008

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