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John Holmes Former Canadian Ambassador Indonesia is Southeast Asia's largest economy, a G20 member with solid long-term macro fundamentals and strong economic potential. It also has an emerging economy and is the world's third-largest democracy and fourth-most populous country. In terms of trade, Indonesia is Canada's largest export market in the ASEAN region and bilateral trade and Canadian exports along with Canadian direct investment continues to expand.

However, world order is currently characterized by looming threats to the democratic norms of countries around the world, and Indonesia, a particularly young democracy, is no exception. This talk will explore how Indonesian parliamentary democracy died in the early 1960s, and how the reforms that were set in motion in the late 1990s are currently threatened by the growth of intolerance and the decline of forbearance. This talk will explore the challenges arrayed against Indonesia's democracy, and the implications for Canadian-Indonesian foreign relations.



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The Threat to Indonesian Democracy

12:00 – 1:30 PM

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