PUBLIC SEMINAR

JUSTICE FOR TIMOR-LESTE: the 10th anniversary of the Independence Ballot

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This event is free and open to the public.

30 August marks the tenth anniversary of the ballot in 1999 by which the people of Timor Leste won their independence. On 4 September 1999, it was announced that 78.5 per cent of the population had voted against Timor Leste remaining as part of Indonesia, and therefore independence would be granted to the territory. The announcement of the ballot result resulted in immediate acts of violence, a ‘scorched earth’ policy, looting, massive evacuations and forced deportation of the population, overseen by the departing Indonesian military. Ten years later, Janelle Saffin MP and Dr Susan Harris Rimmer review the quest for justice in Timor Leste, appraising the outcomes of the UN-led serious crimes process within Timor, the Commission on Truth, Reception and Reconciliation (CAVR), the Jakarta trials and the Joint Truth and Friendship Commission.

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