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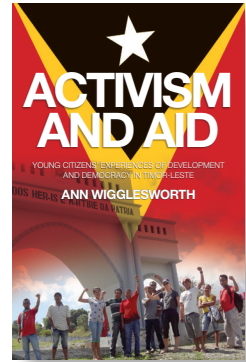
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# ACTIVISM AND AID

**YOUNG CITIZENS' EXPERIENCES OF DEVELOPMENT  
AND DEMOCRACY IN EAST TIMOR**

BY ANN WIGGLESWORTH



## BOOK LAUNCH

When: 6.0 for a 6.30 pm start, Thursday 17 March 2016  
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### **ABOUT *ACTIVISM AND AID***

Timor-Leste's independence was forged at a time when international developmental theory had rejected top down approaches and recognised the importance of participation informing developmental strategies. When the United Nations and a multitude of bilateral and multilateral and non-government organisations arrived in Timor-Leste in 1999 it was hoped that the international intervention would at last produce a development success story.

Independence also brought the realisation that dreams for an independent Timor-Leste varied, often according to generation. Three generations – the political elite, a younger generation of independence activists (*gerasaun foun*) and today's youth of independent Timor-Leste – each bring their own experiences and face different challenges in Timor-Leste. Today, stark contrasts between the values of customary life and those of the modernising world place both community leaders and young Timorese at a crossroads. The experiences of the Timorese are unique, but this book reflects a broader analysis of how aid-influenced processes of development can work in greater harmony with the people to realise their own visions of the future of their nation.

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