

Anthropology Public Seminar on the 20th Anniversary of East Timor's Ballot on Independence:

FREEING INDONESIA FROM EAST TIMOR

East Timor is no longer part of Indonesia but Indonesia continues to repress the messy divorce like a bad dream. Pat Walsh argues that, while the Indonesian people bear no responsibility for Suharto's misguided adventure in East Timor, the nation's long-term interests will be better served by addressing the past 'dengan hati besar dan kepala dingin'. Furthermore, he believes that new generations of Indonesians, freed from the past by distance and education, will lead this process.



Pat Walsh AM, OTL

Pat Walsh has actively supported human rights in Indonesia and East Timor for forty years, particularly during the Suharto period. He was co-founder of Inside Indonesia magazine and, on behalf of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA), served on the International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID) with most of Indonesia's leading NGOs, and promoted people-to-people relations between Australia and Indonesia. On behalf of ACFOA, he advocated due process and self-determination for East Timor, witnessed the referendum in 1999, and then served on the new nation's truth commission. Inter alia, he edited the English version of the truth commission's report *Chega!* at Gramedia and is the author of *Stormy With a Chance of Fried Rice: 12 Months in Jakarta* (Gramedia, 2015) and *The Day Hope and History Rhymed in East Timor* (Gramedia, 2019).

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Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Monash University Caulfield Campus

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