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Post-Democratization Politics: The rise of religious-nationalist alliance in Indonesia



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In the early 2000s, many observers hailed Indonesia as a model Muslim-majority country. However, since the mid-2010s, it has experienced a gradual process of autocratization. Beyond debates about where a country lies on the spectrum between totalitarianism and ideal democracy, this talk focuses on the mechanisms and processes driving democratic decline and autocratization. What are the key steps in this autocratization, and who are the main actors? The talk will also explore the shifting relationship between various nationalist groups and the situation of so-called minorities within an increasingly majoritarian political climate. What lessons can be drawn from Indonesia's experience?

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