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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D.** in ASEAN Studies (International Program), Faculty of Social Sciences, Naresuan University, Thailand (2023)
- **M.A.** in International Relations, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia (2015)
- **B.A.** in Political Science, Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia (2008)
- **Professional Certificate** in Peace and Development Studies, Bahçeşehir University, Turkey (2025)

CERTIFICATION

- United Kingdom Professional Standards Framework for Higher Education (UKPSF) – Fellow (FHEA)

RESEARCH INTERESTS & SKILLS

- Women studies
- Gender politics
- Peace, conflict resolution, and human rights
- Multiculturalism and minority groups
- Social and political sciences in Southeast Asian studies
- Advanced qualitative: in-depth interviews, focus group discussions, participatory action research
- Basic quantitative: Chi-square test, and T-test

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (fluent)
- Bahasa Indonesia (native)
- Javanese (native)
- Malay Sumatran (fluent)
- Malay (upper intermediate)
- Thai (speaking – intermediate)
- Malay Patani (speaking – basic)
- Arabic (reading – intermediate)

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2026-present **Research Fellow (full time)**
PRiSMa Research Group – Political Representation in the Age of Social Media,
Institute for Political Science, ELTE-Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of
Sciences (MTA), Hungary
Research Focus: Women’s Political Representation
- 2017-2026 **Lecturer (full time)**
School of Liberal Arts, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
Undergraduate Program Courses:
- Multiculturalism in Southeast Asia
- Indonesian Culture
- 2015-present **Asia Coordinator & Founder of Circle Organization (voluntary)**
Global Deep Network & Dialogue Empathy Ecology Peace (DEEP) EnGender,
Jambi, Indonesia and the Deep South of Thailand
Research and Community Development Focus Areas:
- Peace and Gender Justice
- Indigenous Knowledge and Ecological Regeneration
- 2016 **Researcher**
Center for Democracy and Religious Studies (PUSAD) Paramadina, Jakarta,
Indonesia
Research Clusters:
- Interfaith advocacy
- Peacebuilding
- Democracy
- 2013-2015 **Teaching Assistant**
International Relations Department, Faculty of Social & Political Sciences,
Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Undergraduate Program Courses:
- Introduction to Political Ideas
- International Organizations
- Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding in Islamic World
- 2008-2009 **Intern**
Career Development Center, Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Undergraduate programs:

- Multiculturalism in Southeast Asia
- Introduction to Indonesian Culture
- Introduction to Political Ideas
- International Organizations
- Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding in Islamic World

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review

Journal Article | Suwardi, A. C. Youth Voices: Conflict and Everyday Peace in Thailand's Deep South. Submitted to *Social Sciences & Humanities Open (SSHO)*, Elsevier (Q1). 2026

Edited Book | Suwardi, A.C., Ginting, S., (Eds). *Nurturing Nature: Indigenous Stewardship in Indonesia's Structural*. Submitted to Deepublishing. 2026

Book Chapter | Suwardi, A.C., Listiani, H. D., & Kurniawan, F.E. #BravePinkHeroGreen: Reconstructing Digital Activism and Women's Movement in Indonesia's Protests in *Social Movements and Sociologies of the Future*. Submitted to Emerald Publishing. 2026

Book Chapter | Dewi, W.C., Ginting, S., & Suwardi, A.C., *From Ritual to Legal Space: Indigenous Ecological Movement in Indonesia's Southern Papua in Social Movements and Sociologies of the Future*. Submitted to Emerald Publishing. 2026

Book Chapter

Suwardi, A. C. (2023). Women's Movement Towards Building Sustainable Peace in Cross-Cultural Society: The Case of Peace Agenda of Women in the Deep South of Thailand. In *Integrated Approaches to Peace and Sustainability* (pp. 167-180). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-19-7295-9_10

Refereed Journals

Suwardi, A., & Chambers, P. (2022). *The Evolution of Women's Civil Society Organizations in the Deep South of Thailand*. *Asian Affairs: An American Review*. Taylor & Francis <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00927678.2022.2132084>

Suwardi, A. C. (2018). Resilience and the Localisation of Trauma in Aceh, Indonesia, by Cathrine Smith (ed.). *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land-en volkenkunde/Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia*, 174(4), 545-548. https://brill.com/view/journals/bki/174/4/article-p545_22.xml

Suwardi, A. C., & Rosydiana, A. (2017). *The Role of Media and Social Movement in Human Rights Issue: the Case of 'Comfort Women' by Japan Colonization*. *Indonesian Perspective*, 2(1), 19-27.

Indexed Proceedings

Suwardi A. (2023) *Between Identity and Peacebuilding: A Case of Women's Participation in Thailand's Deep South Peace Process*. ISSN: 2758-9374 APISA 17th Annual Congress (APISA2023) Official Conference Proceedings <https://doi.org/10.22492/issn.2758-9374.2023.11>

Suwardi, A. C. (2021). *Promoting Transformative Citizenship in Diverse Society: An Appraisal of Massive Open Online Course as a Teaching Platform*. Proceedings – Volume II – ICCE 2021 – 29th International Conference on Computers in Education. 494-501. <https://icce2021.apsce.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ICCE2021-Vol.II-PP.-494-501.pdf>

Other

Kurniawan, F.E., Ginting, S., Suwardi, A.C. (2026) World Bank carbon program risks further infringing upon rights of Indonesian Indigenous community. Mongabay. <https://news.mongabay.com/2026/01/world-bank-carbon-program-risks-further-infringing-upon-rights-of-indonesian-indigenous-community-commentary/>

Suwardi, A. C. (2023). Is there a chance for peace in Thailand's deep south? Yes, if women are involved. 360info by Monash University. <https://360info.org/is-there-a-chance-for-peace-in-thailands-deep-south-yes-if-women-are-involved/>

THESIS

- Doctoral degree** *Measuring Women's Empowerment: Efforts and Impacts of Civil Society Organizations in the Deep South of Thailand*
A mixed-method research investigates the extent to which civil society organizations implement programs to boost women's empowerment levels amidst the conflict situation, measured using quantitative data and the Women's Empowerment Index tool based on 10 participating CSOs and 309 female respondents in 3 provinces in the Deep South of Thailand. Additionally, a meticulous qualitative investigation documents the evolution of women's organizations in the past two decades since the escalation of the 2024 conflict, using Feminism and Historical Institutionalism as theoretical lenses. This exploration examines the onset of the path, historical legacies, critical junctures, and formal-informal institutions.
- Master's degree** *The Roles of Women's Movement in Female Ex-Combatants' Post Conflict Reintegration Process: A Study of Inong Aceh League (LINA)*
A qualitative research stems from the investigation of the roles of local women's movements in assisting the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (re-insertion) processes of female ex-combatants in post-conflict Aceh, Indonesia. A local women's organization, namely *Liga Inong Aceh*, serves as a case study. Based on field observations and in-depth interviews in three districts, the study analyzes how female ex-combatants navigate their bargaining power and exercise agency. A social (women's) movement theory guides the understanding of framing techniques and collective solidarity among women in bringing forth the agenda of just reintegration and peace agreement implementation.
- Bachelor's degree** *The Impact of Multinational Corporations to Local Community: A Case Study of Freeport Indonesia in Papua*
A descriptive study on the dualism impacts of the presence of a multinational corporation, namely Freeport Indonesia, on the local community in Papua, Indonesia. Analyzed using developmental theory, the problematic trickle-down effect showcases socioeconomic gaps and issues of customary and environmental degradation resulting from mining explorations in the traditional lands of the indigenous community.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2025-2026 Project holder, Social Change Initiative, Rotary Peace International - 1,000 USD
- 2022-2023 Project awardee, "Revisiting Women's Roles in Peacebuilding in Thailand's Deep South", the Cultivating Humanities and Social Sciences Grants, Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and the Sweden – 2,250 USD
- 2021-2022 Project holder, "Building Interfaith and Intergenerational Consolidation among Buddhist and Muslim Women Towards Peacebuilding in the Deep South of Thailand" Asia Working Group Project Grant, The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers Finn Church Aid and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland – 5,000 USD

- 2021-2022 Project holder, “*Building Interfaith and Intergenerational Consolidation among Buddhist and Muslim Women Towards Peacebuilding in the Deep South of Thailand*” Asia Working Group Project Grant, The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers Finn Church Aid and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland – 5,000 USD
- 2020-2021 Project holder, “*Multiculturalism Practices Among Thai Youth*”, Mae Fah Luang University Research Grant – 100,000 THB
- 2019-2020 Project awardee, “*Measuring Women’s Empowerment in the Deep South of Thailand*”. The American Political Science Association (APSA) Small Grant – 1,000 USD
- 2017-2019 Project team member, “*Intergenerational Peacebuilding in Indonesia’s Aceh and Thailand’s Deep South*”, Toyota Foundation Grant – 10,000,000 JPY
- 2015-2016 Project team member, “*Transformative Citizenships through Massive Open Online Course*”, Gadjah Mada University Internationalization Project Grant –10,000,000 IDR

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026-2029 Awardee, Momentum-MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme, Co-funded by the European Commission through the HORIZON-MSCA-2023-COFUND programme and the Secretariat of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA).
- 2024-2025 Fellow and Awardee, Professional Development Certificate Program, Rotary Peace Fellowships, Bahçeşehir University, Turkey.
- 2023 Fellow, The Asia Peace Innovators Forum, organized by Salzburg Global Seminar and funded by The Nippon Foundation, Salzburg - Austria.
- 2022 Best Paper Award, The 2023 Hiroshima International Conference on Peace and Sustainability, Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS), Hiroshima University.
- 2019 Fellow, The American Political Science Association (APSA)-Asia Workshop, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia.
- 2017 Awardee of the International Post-Graduate Scholarship for Ph.D program by Naresuan University.
- 2016 Fellow, The Think-Tank US-Asia Pacific Professional Fellowship, U.S. Department of State, USA.
- 2016 Fellow, The 9th Ewha Global Empowerment Program, Ewha Womans University, South Korea.
- 2015 Fellow, The 3rd Mahathir Global Peace School, Perdana Peace Foundation and Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, & WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Participant & Presenter, Writing Workshop on Social Welfare for Sustainable Development in Southeast Asia. University of York and Huachiew Chalermprakiet University, funded by The British Academy.
- 2024 Presenter, *“Behind Peace Tables: Women as Peace Facilitators in Indonesia's Papua and the Deep South of Thailand”*. International Conference on Peacebuilding and Development in Southeast Asia 2024, Prince of Songkhla University, Hatyai, Thailand.
- 2024 Online presentation, *“Indigenous Suku Anak Dalam (SAD) Sharing Knowledge: Challenges & Success in Ethnobiological Research”*. The 18th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology, at Cadi Ayyad University.
- 2024 Presenter and panel organizer, *“Youth and Mobility in Southern Thailand”* & *“Legacy of Women’s Leaderships in Patani Sultanate”*. The 2024 Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Symposium and Conference at Gadjah Mada University.
- 2023 Presenter, *“Women’s Empowerment in Thailand’s Deep South Conflict Affected Areas”*. The 2023 Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Symposium at Ewha Womans University and the 2023 AAS-in-Asia International Conference at Daegu National University. Korea.
- 2023 Presenter, *“Youth Voices for Peace in Multicultural Thailand’s Deep South”*. The American Political Science Association (APSA) Publishing Workshop for Southeast Asian Politics at Singapore Management University. Singapore.
- 2022 Online presentation, *“Women’s Movement Towards Building Sustainable Peace in Cross-Cultural Society: The Case of Peace Agenda of Women in the Deep South of Thailand”*. The 2023 Hiroshima International Conference on Peace and Sustainability, Network of Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS) at Hiroshima University. Japan.
- 2022 Presenter, *“The Evolution of Women’s Civil Society Organizations in the Deep South of Thailand”*. The Asia Political Science Conference, Organized by the American Political Science Association (APSA) and Southeast Asia Research Groups (SEAREG), Mahidol University and Thammasat University. Thailand.
- 2020 Online presenter, *“Women, Conflict, and Pandemic: Examining the Roles of Women’s Civil Society Organizations in the Deep South of Thailand”*. The 44th Southeast Asia Seminar, Center of Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University. Japan.
- 2019 Presenter, *“Do Women Matter in Peace Process? An Appraisal of Gender Analysis in Southeast Asia”*. The 4th Student Southeast Asia Conference at Passau University. Germany.