

Center for International Studies – Albuquerque International Association

“Indonesia: Challenges to the World’s Largest Muslim Democracy”

Dr. Bill Liddle, Ohio State University

May 4 (Fri), 3:30 – 5:30 PM at UNM Continuing Ed. Auditorium

1634 University Blvd NE (at the intersection with Indian School Rd.)

A former Dutch colony, modern Indonesia is a multi-ethnic Muslim-majority developing country comprising thousands of islands spread across nearly four thousand miles in equatorial Southeast Asia. After forty years of personal and military dictatorship under Presidents Sukarno and Suharto, Indonesia became a democracy in 1999. Three successful national elections have since been held; a fourth is scheduled for 2014. Serious challenges to democratic stability remain, however, including corruption, weak judicial institutions, threats from radical Muslims, separatism in the easternmost provinces of Papua, and the slow pace of economic growth.

Bill Liddle is professor emeritus of political science at Ohio State University and a specialist on Southeast Asian, particularly Indonesian, politics. He has conducted research in Indonesia on many occasions since the early 1960s, and has been a Fulbright researcher and lecturer in both Indonesia and Singapore. He writes for the international and Indonesian media, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the Jakarta daily *Kompas*, and the national Indonesian newsweekly *Tempo*. He has appeared on the News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Fox News, CNN, All Things Considered and Talk of the Nation on National Public Radio, and on many BBC, Voice of America, Australian, Canadian, Dutch and Indonesian television and radio programs.

Professor Liddle has served as chair of the Indonesia Committee and Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, and as assistant editor for Southeast Asia of the Association's *Journal of Asian Studies*. He has been a frequent consultant to the United States Agency for International Development and other U.S. government agencies, and to the National Democratic Institute. Since 1975 he has lectured regularly at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute, which recently named him Distinguished Visiting Lecturer.

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