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In 1999, Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (AMAN / Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago) was established in Indonesia. AMAN provides a unified national movement and platform for the struggles of indigenous communities against systemic land dispossession and other forms of discrimination. AMAN uses the term masyarakat adat (literally: customary community) for “indigenous peoples” as defined by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and campaigns for their visibility and their rights, including rights over their customary territory.

IN THIS SEMINAR
DR. RACHMAN WILL DISCUSS:

> AMAN's fight Law 44/1999 and the new landmark Indonesian forestry law protecting customary land;

> Reasons for continued and expanded activism campaigns:

  Impact of activism for indigenous land rights on national policy;

> Problems and resistance that institutional activists face mainly from influential state actors.

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