



ANU Philippine Studies Group Seminar Series 2013

Money Politics: Patronage, Political Networks, and Electoral Dynamics in Southeast Asia

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Stewart & Mahar Lockie's residence, 8 Pitt Place, Holder
(in Weston Creek)



The term 'money politics' is widely used throughout Southeast Asia, commonly as a vague but derisive label for political practices deemed unsavoury and in need of reform. But what is it, exactly, and how does it vary from one setting to another? Why is it important and what are its impacts? Throughout the region, large sums of patronage—particularistic benefits, including cash, goods, appointments, or other rewards—are distributed via clientelist and other political networks. Sometimes illegal or illicit, other times above-ground and tacitly condoned, such practices span the electoral cycle and deeply affect the quality and character of governance, democratic structures, and national integration.

In this talk, Paul Hutchcroft provides an overview of a major new collaborative study of money politics in Southeast Asia, tracing the character, causes and implications of patronage in Indonesia,

the Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. Particular attention will be given to his observation of the recent May 13 elections in the Philippines.

ABOUT PROF. PAUL HUTCHCROFT:

Paul D. Hutchcroft is the founding Director of the School of International, Political and Strategic Studies (IPS) and Professor of Political and Social Change in the ANU's College of Asia and the Pacific. Beginning in October, he and his wife Edna will be moving to Manila, where Paul will begin a two- to three-year assignment as Lead Governance Specialist with AusAID. They will then return to Canberra in late 2015 or late 2016.

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