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**Policy Entrepreneurship in Taiwan's Foreign Policy
(A Case Study in the Making of New Southbound Policy)**

Speaker: Dr. Yasmi Adriansyah
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Date: Thursday, November 26, 2020

Time: 2 : 00 – 4 : 00 pm

Venue: Conference Room 202, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
(臺灣民主基金會)
No. 4, Alley 17, Lane 147, Sec. 3, Sinyi Road, Taipei

Moderator: Dr. Alan H. Yang (楊昊博士)
Deputy Director of the Institute of International Relations,
National Chengchi University

Discussant: Dr. Ping-Kuei Chen (陳秉達博士)
Associate Professor at the Department of Diplomacy,
National Chengchi University

Agenda:

2 : 00 – 2 : 10 Opening remarks by Dr. Alan H. Yang

2 : 10 – 3 : 00 Presentation by Dr. Yasmi Adriansyah

3 : 00 – 3 : 20 Comments by Dr. Ping-Kuei Chen

3 : 20 – 4 : 00 Open discussion

※ **Please note that this event will be conducted in English.**

This research attempts to investigate the role of policy entrepreneurs – political actors who promote policy ideas – in Taiwan's foreign policy, more particularly in the making of New Southbound Policy (NSP), a flagship foreign policy initiative of President Tsai-ing Wen. The research begins by examining the uniqueness of the NSP from the previous Go South Policies implemented by Tsai's predecessors, particularly on the policy idea of 'people-centered approach'. An example being used as part of this approach is a policy goal aiming to create a Muslim-friendly environment in Taiwan, a goal that has only occurred under the Tsai administration. For the questions that the research attempts to investigate, they are, among others, on who has promoted the idea of 'people-centered approach' and how these policy actors promoted their ideas. The preliminary research findings reveal that even prior to the inaugural of President Tsai in May 2016, various policy actors had been involved in the making of NSP, particularly through an ad hoc task force developed by Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party. Chief among members of this task force were few scholars from the Institute of International Relations and later its institutional outreach the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

—by Dr. Yasmi Adriansyah

Speaker Biography

Dr. Yasmi Adriansyah is a scholar of International Relations and has been teaching and researching at the University of Al Azhar Indonesia (UAI) since 2016. Chief among his taught courses and research interests are International Organizations, Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, and Islam and World Politics. Prior to working as an academia, he extensively played a role as diplomat at the Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and overseas postings in Geneva and Nairobi. In that role, he was a negotiator or involved at multilateral negotiations such as WIPO, WTO, WHO, UNEP, G77 and others. Yasmi earned a PhD on International Relations from the Australian National University and attended Foreign Service Programme at the University of Oxford.

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