

Call for Applications

Senior Research Fellow on Religious Gender Justice Activism (Gender Justice)

Part-time | Jakarta Based | 1 Year (Extendable) | Monthly Honorarium

Deadline: Sunday, June 15th, 2025

The Gender Justice Indonesia project is a collaboration between the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the Social Trust Fund - UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta (STF UIN Jakarta). We are currently seeking a Senior Research Fellow to join the Indonesia hub of the project. This position will support the research, dialogue, and public engagement components of the Indonesia case.

About the Project

GenderJustice is a multi-country, collaborative research project that investigates how actors committed to gender justice navigate and respond to the growing polarization surrounding gender-related rights, especially in religiously charged and contested public spheres. The project specifically examines how religious actors—including women's rights groups, feminist theologians, and LGBTIQ+ people of faith—draw upon their religious traditions not to resist, but to advance gender justice, thus challenging conventional binaries between religion and secularism.

Recent years have seen strong global and local backlash against gender equality, especially sexual and reproductive health rights and LGBTIQ+ rights. This backlash is often framed in religious terms—defending "traditional" or "family" values against so-called "gender ideology". At the same time, another group of religious actors has emerged globally, including in Indonesia, who actively promote gender justice within religious frameworks. These actors challenge patriarchal interpretations, advocate for equal rights, and contribute to depolarization by bridging religious and secular discourses.

Despite their growing importance, these progressive religious gender justice activists remain understudied. The GenderJustice project fills this gap by documenting their strategies, analyzing their legitimacy-building efforts, mapping their alliances and oppositions, and assessing their impact on the dynamics of polarization and depolarization in various national and transnational settings.

The project focuses on five case studies: Indonesia, Colombia, Kenya, Pakistan, and the United Nations. In Indonesia, the project explores how religious gender justice actors engage in local debates on LGBTIQ+ inclusion, Islamic feminism, and women's rights, often facing resistance from both conservative religious institutions and secular feminists. The project aims to contribute both theoretically and practically to development policies by enhancing understanding of how gender justice actors operate at the intersection of religion, human rights, and activism.

Position Overview

- Duration: 1 year, starting August 2025, with possibility of extension
- Workload: Part-time
- Location: Based in Jakarta, with possible short travel for fieldwork and workshops
- Funding: Honorarium-based (part-time), plus travel and activity costs for project tasks
- Supervisor: Prof. Amelia Fauzia (Country Hub Director)

Main Responsibilities

- Co-develop research plan and conduct fieldwork on gender justice activism in Indonesia
- Analyze relevant policy documents and historical material
- Contribute to project outputs (academic and policy publications)
- Participate in and co-facilitate stakeholder dialogues
- Collaborate with PhD researcher and research assistant
- Contribute to project reporting and meetings

Eligibility Criteria

1. PhD degree in social sciences, religious studies, gender studies, or related fields
2. Strong publication track record, preferably in English-language international journals
3. Demonstrated experience in policy research or civil society engagement
4. Familiarity with gender and religion issues in the Indonesian context
5. Fluency in English and Bahasa Indonesia
6. High motivation and availability for flexible engagement over 12 months

Expected Outputs

- One academic article or research report
- Co-authored policy brief(s)
- Contributions to stakeholder dialogue sessions
- Participation in project workshops (online and in-person)

Required Documents

Submit the following in one combined PDF file to **socialtrustfund@apps.uinjkt.ac.id** with subject line: Senior Research Fellow - Genderjustice- [Your Name]

1. Cover letter
2. Updated CV (no more than 3 pages)
3. Writing sample (English, published or unpublished)
4. Statement of availability and relevant experience
5. Recommendation from one academics

TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Deadline for applications	June 15th, 2025
Review & shortlisting	June 15-29th, 2025 (only shortlisted candidates will be contacted)
Online interviews	30 June - 02 July 2025
Contract signing	3rd week of July 2025
Start of contract	15 August 2025

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