

Carnegie Council's [Asia Dialogues](#) program will lead a one-week fact finding trip (site visit) to Yogyakarta, Indonesia, during the week of October 16, 2017

. The purpose of the trip will be to conduct dialogues with experts and practitioners to explore current issues relating to religion in Indonesian politics and society. Topics of conversation may include: Islam in politics, religious extremism, tolerance and pluralism, civil rights, gender equality, and populism in Asia and the West.

The trip leverages both a global network of scholars and a method of moral inquiry that Carnegie Council has developed over the past several years. Delegates on this trip will be expected to publish at least one article (less than 2,000 words) based on their experience in Indonesia and educational resources provided by Carnegie Council. The articles, which can be published on the Council's website or elsewhere, will be included in a final Field Guide, which the Council will curate for public education. Other opportunities to present your findings may also occur.

We are now accepting applications from students and professionals under 40 from the United States and East Asia to join this trip as a delegate. Thanks to support from the Henry Luce Foundation, Carnegie Council will cover airfare and hotel expenses of the delegates. Carnegie Council is working with scholars from Indonesian universities to facilitate the dialogues between the delegates and experts, activists, and other members of Indonesian society.

Eligibility:

- Citizen of the United States or from one of the following in East Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), East Timor, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, North Korea, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam;
- A student or a professional under 40 years of age;
- Able to travel to Indonesia during the week of Oct. 16, 2017;
- Students must identify a professor who can oversee their research project;

- Have a demonstrated interest in Indonesia, Southeast Asia, and/or religion in politics;

- English proficiency.

Please send your CV and a letter of interest (1,000 words or less) to Amanda Ghanooni ( [AGhanooni@cceia.org](mailto:AGhanooni@cceia.org) ) by March 1, 2017. Your letter should explain: the topic of your independent research project and how traveling to Indonesia will assist that project; your interest in Indonesia and/or Islam; the professor who will oversee your project if you are a student; how your professional experience will relate to this project if you are a young professional.

Carnegie Council's aim with this project is to foster mutual learning, forge new meaningful relationships across cultural lines, and continue to bring the Council's ethical dialogue to local communities around the world. Last year, we took a delegation to Japan to examine gender equality, and in 2018 we aim to investigate climate change in the Philippines, so please consider which topic and country is most interesting to you because we want a new group each year.

Please feel free to forward our 2017 Asia Dialogues announcement to your peers, colleagues, and institutions.