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EDUCATION

- 2017 - present : **Northwestern University**
 PhD candidate, Sociology
 Dissertation topic: *Embedded Peasantry and Economic Transformation in the Asian Rubber Belt*
 Dissertation committee: Dr. Monica Prasad (chair), Dr. James Mahoney, Dr. Bruce Carruthers, Dr. Jeffrey Winters
- 2014 - 2016 : **Northwestern University**
 M.A Sociology
 Master thesis title: *Explaining the Perpetuation of Inequality in Indonesia: How Bureaucratic Clientelism Undermines Redistribution in a Decentralized Democracy*
 GPA: 3.89 out of 4.00
- 2008 - 2012 : **University of Indonesia**
 B.A Sociology
 Undergraduate thesis title: *The Genesis of Mlipir System: A Study of Social and Economic Changes in Rural Communities with a Putting Out Nuanced Production System at Jombang, East Java*
 GPA: 3.77 out of 4.00

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Development, comparative history, global ethnography
 Sustainability, inequalities, responsible agriculture, green industry
 Southeast Asia, rubber, legacy of state organized violence

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2021 The Hayward R. Alker Best Student Paper Award, Interpretive Methodologies and Methods, American Political Science Association
- 2020 Global Impacts Graduate Fellowship Program, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs
 Honorable Mention, Sociology of Development Outstanding Graduate Paper Award, American Sociological Association.
- 2020 American Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation Inc. (AICEF) 2019 Travel Research Grant.
- 2018 Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Scholarship from Ministry of Finance, the Republic of Indonesia.
- 2017 Comparative Historical Social Science Research Grants, The Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.
- 2017 Arryman Doctoral Research Grant, Equality Development and Globalization Studies at The Buffett Institute, Northwestern University
- 2016 The Henry Luce Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG).
- 2014 The Arryman Scholarship Award, Equality Development and Globalization Studies at Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2021 – present *Students Promoting Health Advocacy and Synchronized Engagement with Communities*
 “Survey and Text Analyses on COVID-19 Hesitancy in the United States,” as an affiliated researcher
- July 2021 – present *Professor Beth Redbird (Northwestern University)*
 “Student Protests and Knowledge Exchange in the United States,” as research assistant
- November – December 2019 *Professor James Mahoney (Northwestern University)*
 “The Logic of Social Science | Princeton University Press (2021),” as research assistant
- September - October 2019 *KITLV/The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies at Leiden, Netherlands*
 "Comparative Economic History of the Plantation Industry in Malaysia and Indonesia from 1877 to 1967", as an affiliated research fellow
- August – September 2019 *Professors Collin Elman (Syracuse University, New York), John Gerring (University of Texas, Austin), and James Mahoney (Northwestern University)*
 “The Production of Knowledge: Enhancing Progress in Social Science | Cambridge University Press (2020),” as research assistant
- June - August 2018 *Sustainable Economic Management of Natural Resources and Extractive Industry Lab/Sosio Research Cluster at University of Indonesia*
 "Comparative History of Southeast Asia Natural Rubber Economy", as a research fellow
- January - June 2018 *Research Center for Regional Resources at Indonesian Institute of Sciences (P2SDR-LIPI)*
 "Comparative History of Southeast Asia Natural Rubber Economy", as a research fellow
- May - August 2017 *MacArthur Research Project, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University.*
 “The Politics of Color”, as researcher (collaborative project with Prof. Gary Alan Fine)
- June 2016 - July 2017 *Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG)*
 “Ethnography of Capital Accumulation in Indonesian Rubber Plantation Industry”, as researcher.
- June 2014 - April 2016 *Second Year Paper (Master Thesis), Department of Sociology at Northwestern University*

“Explaining the Perpetuation of Inequality in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The Paradox of Resource Distribution in A Democratic State”, as researcher.

August 2013 - June 2014

EDGS at Northwestern University

“How Bureaucracy Affects Inequality: The Case of Post-Authoritarian Indonesia and the Philippines”, as researcher.

March - July 2013

Center for Sociological Studies, University of Indonesia

“Impact of Oil and Gas Industries on Social, Economic, and Cultural aspects in the West Papua Province”, as junior researcher.

January - March 2012

*Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies,
University of Washington, Seattle and The Center of
Anthropological Studies, FISIP, University of Indonesia*

“Refining REDD+ in Indonesia: Policy Recommendations to Increase Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Equity” as researcher.

PUBLICATIONS

Utama, Rahardhika. "Demystifying the Abstract Scheme of Globalization." *MASYARAKAT: Jurnal Sosiologi* (2018): 123-127.

Utama, Rahardhika Arista. "Mlipir: The Genesis within Relations of Production between Industrial Sector and Rural Society." *MASYARAKAT: Jurnal Sosiologi* (2014): 19-45.

Utama, Rahardhika Arista. "How Bureaucracy Affects Inequality: The Case of Post-Authoritarian Indonesia." *EDGS Working Paper*, Northwestern University (2014).

Anderson, Nathan, Henry Apfel, Sarah Boone, Sandi Halimuddin, Emir Hartato, Yeni Kristanti, Rahardhika Utama et al. *Refining REDD+ in Indonesia: Policy Recommendations for Increasing Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Equity*. Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington (2012).

WORKSHOP & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Utama, Rahardhika.** A Critical Event Analysis on Peasants’ Repression and Emancipation in the Asian Rubber Belt. *Journal of Peasant Studies 3rd Annual Writeshop-Workshop in Critical Agrarian Studies and Scholar-Activism 2021*. (forthcoming)
- 2021 **Utama, Rahardhika.** Embedded Peasantry: Path-Dependence and Economic Transformation in Indonesia and Malaysia. *The 116th American Sociological Association Virtual Annual Meeting, Sociology of Development Regular Session*. August 6-10, 2021. (forthcoming)
- 2021 **Utama, Rahardhika.** Politics of Memory, Underdevelopment, and Remnants of Political Violence in the Sumatra Rubber Belt. *DevSocLink 2021, Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association Section on Development*. July 12, 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 **Utama, Rahardhika.** The Politics of Development Beyond the Developmental States in the Global South. *IV ISA Forum of Sociology, "Understanding Development: Perspectives from the Global South" Research Committee Session*. Porto Alegre, 23-27 February, 2021 (virtual)
- 2020 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Bureaucratic Clientelism as Mechanism of Corruption in a Decentralized Democracy. *Comparative-Historical Sociology paper section on The Meaning of*

- Corruption: Historical Transformations and Cultural Variations, The 2020 ASA Annual Meeting.* San Fransisco, 8-11 August, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 **Utama, Rahardhika.** The Resilient Yellowscape: Politics of Colors as Cultural Objects. *Northwestern University Sociology of Culture/ Cultural Sociology Workshop.* Evanston, 7 November, 2019; *Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago 16-19 April, 2010 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 **Utama, Rahardhika.** Path Dependence, Agrarian Relations, and Economic Development. *5th Annual Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research.* Mexico City, Oct. 24-25, 2019.
- 2019 **Utama, Rahardhika.** Locating Peasantry in Postcolonial Development: Critical Junctures and the Bifurcation of Agrarian Relations in Southeast Asia. *Comparative Historical Social Science Conference.* Evanston, May 17, 2019.
- 2019 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** From Rubber to Massacre: Tracing the Diverging Path of Development Through Collective Memory of Rubber Peasants in Southeast Asia. *Chicago Ethnography Conference.* Evanston, March 16, 2019.
- 2018 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Following Rubber Now and Then/ Here and There: Combining Comparative Historical Research Method and Global Ethnography to Study the Global from Below. *Research Center for Regional Resources – Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI).* Jakarta, January 31, 2018.
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** [Crossing Boundaries: Following Rubber in a Bifurcated World](#). *Global Café at The International Studies Program, Northwestern.* Evanston, October 18, 2017.
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Bringing Peasants Back In: Diverging Paths of Development in the Southeast Asian Natural Rubber Economy. *EDGS Graduate Talk Series, Northwestern.* Evanston, October 11, 2017.
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Durable Domination and Poverty in Southeast Asian Plantations Economy: A Century-old Inflexibility of Rubber Plantation Industry from 1910s-2010s. *Max Planck Summer Workshop on Social Inequalities.* Munich, June 28, 2017
- 2017 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** A Comparative Historical Study of Rubber Plantation Industry in Southeast Asia. *Southeast Asian Conference at Northeastern University.* DeKalb, April 1, 2017
- 2016 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Reframing Debates around State Autonomy: Associational State, Political Parties and the Politics of Redistributive Policy Implementation. *Social Science History Association 2016 meeting.* Chicago, November 17-20, 2016.
- 2016 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Explaining the Perpetuation of Inequality in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The Paradox of Resource Distribution in A Democratic State. *International Sociological Association – Research Committee 19 Annual Meeting, Expansion and Retrenchment in Social Policy: North-South Dialogues.* San Jose, August 25- 27, 2016.
- 2016 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Yellow is The New Red and Green: Politics of Cultural Production in The Age of Decentralized Democracy. *The 18th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference.* Chicago, April 30, 2016.
- 2015 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** [Bureaucracy and Inequality in Emerging Democracies](#). *RSG: Research Communication – Seven Minutes of Science Symposium.* September 11, 2015.
- 2015 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** How Bureaucracy Affects Inequality: The Case of Post-Authoritarian Indonesia and the Philippines. *Political Sociology Section on Inequality and Representation, The 2015 ASA Annual Meeting.* Chicago, August 24, 2015.
- 2015 **Utama, Rahardhika Arista.** Conceptualizing Bureaucratic Clientelism. *Representative Bureaucracy Panel at The 73rd Annual MPSA Conference.* Chicago, April 18, 2015.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- 2021/2022 *Graduate Student Council Member*. American Sociological Association of Development Section
- 2021/2022 *Coordinator*. Equality Development and Globalization Studies Lecture Series
- 2021 *Panel co-coordinator*. “Rooting and Rotten Plantation Communities in the Global South” at the DevSocLink 2021, Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association
- 2019 *Section on Development*
Panel co-coordinator. “On The Making of Commodities Under Category: Resource Exploitation” at the 7th International Symposium of Anthropology Indonesia
- 2016 *Graduate student coordinator*. Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Corruption Workshop.
- 2016 *Panel coordinator*. “State and the Perpetuation of Inequality in Indonesia” at the 6th International Symposium of Anthropology Indonesia

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- 2021 *Coordinator*. Indonesia COVID-19 Crisis Relief Global Fundraising Initiative
- 2016/2017 *Pro bono Rubber Smallholder Consultant*. International Rubber Research and Development Board, Malaysia and Myanmar
- 2015 *Volunteer*. Adult Day Care Senior Service at Southeast Asia Center, Chicago.

TEACHING

4/13/2016 - 6/1/2016, SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology, Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University

SKILLS

- Computer Software* : Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Slack, Adobe Softwares
- Technical Software* : STATA, Tableau, MAXQDA, R (beginner), Phyton (beginner)
- Language* : English, Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Javanese, Dutch (reading)
- Other skills* : research communication, research management, data visualization, web design, photography, graphic design, video editing