



National Security Speaker Series

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**"Al Qaeda and Political Terrorism
in Southeast Asia"**

This presentation critically examines three approaches to the study of political terrorism in Southeast Asia: international terrorism studies, regional security studies, and country studies. International terrorism specialists place al Qaeda at the center of analysis. Regional security analysts have uncritically accepted this al Qaeda-centric paradigm. Country specialists initially denied there was an international dimension to terrorism, particularly in the case of Indonesia. Recent research by Indonesianists indicates the saliency of local over international factors in explaining political terrorism in Southeast Asia.

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