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Speaker : **Professor Peter Warr**
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Topic : **"Research and agricultural productivity in Indonesia"**

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Time : **11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Venue : **Conference Room (Level 5, HSS-05-57)**
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About the Speaker:

Peter Warr is the John Crawford Professor of Agricultural Economics, Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics and Executive Director of the National Thai Studies Centre, College of Asia and the Pacific, at the Australian National University. He studied agricultural economics at the University of Sydney and has a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics and a PhD in economics from Stanford University. His current research is on the relationship between economic policy, technological change and poverty incidence, especially in Southeast Asia. Much of this work uses general equilibrium models, specially adapted to measure changes in poverty incidence. He has published extensively on the Thai economy and has been a Visiting Professor of Economics at Thammasat University and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and at the University of Indonesia. He has also acted as a consultant to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, various United Nations agencies and AusAID. He has written or edited three books on the Thai economy, the most recent being *Thailand Beyond the Crisis* (Routledge, 2005). In 2011 his *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* article with Arief Anshory Yusuf was awarded the journal's Best Article prize. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and is currently President of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society.

Abstract:

Growth of total factor productivity has contributed 41 per cent of output growth in Indonesian agriculture since the 1970s. This study examines the extent to which publicly funded agricultural research within Indonesia has contributed to the enhancement of productivity growth, while allowing for other possible determinants of productivity growth, including international agricultural research, extension, weather changes, and government price policy. The econometric results imply a real annual rate of return to a marginal increase in Indonesian agricultural research expenditure of 27 per cent. Moreover, government-financed agricultural research explains most of the observed increase in total factor productivity since the 1970s.

Reservation:

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