The Equality Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS) program is excited to present its inaugural newsletter. This quarterly forum will highlight the research EDGS is funding, announcements about upcoming events, and funding opportunities for faculty and graduate students.

Based at the Buffett Institute for Global Studies, EDGS is funded through a 10-year gift of $4.5 million from the Rajawali Foundation, which focuses on social and humanitarian activities around the world, including education, research, and community advancement.

Mission and Scope: The mission of EDGS is to promote research, publications, intellectual engagement, and public dialogue focused on issues confronting the post-colonial and developing world. The program seeks to create a lively intellectual environment at Northwestern (NU) and in the greater Chicago area that connects faculty and students, sparks ideas and insights, and advances cutting-edge scholarship.

Geographically EDGS spans the countries of Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. EDGS supports research, publications, research fellowships, visiting scholars, conferences, workshops, and other academic activities.

Current Events: For the 2014-15 academic year, EDGS is co-sponsoring, with Political Science and Religious Studies, a Speaker Series on Religion, Law and Politics. This series, organized by Prof. Beth Hurd in the Political Science, provides a forum for reflection on theoretical, methodological, and critical issues in law and society, religion and diversity, and culture and politics in the US and globally.

In the winter and spring quarters, EDGS will host Research Talks by faculty that were awarded EDGS funding for their research or conferences. The faculty members will present their research findings, work in progress, and also contribute to EDGS’s Working Papers series: http://www.EDGS.northwestern.edu/papers/.

Upcoming talks include research presented by Prof. Brannon Ingram in Religious Studies, Prof. Cynthia Kimman in Economics, and Prof. Will Reno in the Politics Department.
A Letter From Our Director

Although barely into its third year, EDGS has already established itself as the leading source of NU-based support for research and scholarship in the social sciences. We have funded nearly $1.13 million in faculty and graduate research, conferences, faculty development, and lectures across almost a dozen departments and schools.

Although EDGS has a set of core themes and geographic areas it emphasizes, the program is mostly driven by the agendas, interests, and priorities of NU researchers and scholars. Since some at NU still may not be familiar with EDGS, let me take this opportunity to address some of the fundamentals.

Our ten-year gift of $4.5 million was given by Mr. Peter Sondakh’s Rajawali Foundation in Jakarta. But Peter’s goal is not to focus narrowly on Indonesia or even Southeast Asia. The gift states that EDGS should be global and comparative in scope, while emphasizing “issues such as a country like Indonesia faces.”

EDGS is sometimes confused with the Arryman Fellows and Scholars program. The two programs did arise at the same time and are linked. But they are funded by completely different donors and have different missions. The Arryman initiative is bringing twenty young and talented Indonesians to the NU campus to pursue doctoral studies in the social sciences and humanities. To achieve this ambitious goal, a group of Indonesian foundations, corporations, and individuals (some of whom are NU alums) are donating $12 million to fund these students.

EDGS administers the Arryman program and provides an institutional base for these doctoral students, but that is as far as the linkage goes. EDGS is really about the broader NU academic community.

One of EDGS’s major accomplishments was to provide $525,000 in seed money to create a new faculty line in the History department focused on Southeast Asia. We have also brought world-class scholars to the campus to teach and lecture on a range of interdisciplinary subjects.

As one of the programs at NU that has made major strides in extending NU’s global reach and engagement, EDGS looks forward to playing a central role in the new Buffett Institute for Global Studies.

I invite you to click on our website, see what we’re up to, and review the kinds of support we offer for NU’s scholarly community.

Jeffrey Winters
EDGS Director and Professor of Politics

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Jürgen Habermas speaks at the EDGS co-sponsored conference in May 2014, “Critical Theory in Critical Times,” hosted by Prof. Cristina Lafont, Philosophy. Lafont was awarded an EDGS Symposium Grant.

In March 2015, Prof. Ian Hurd, in the Politics Department, will host an EDGS-funded Book Conference on “The Rule of Law in World Politics.” The conference will gather scholars of international law and politics to discuss themes such as philosophy of international law, and power and inequality in international law.

In May 2015, Prof. Ana Aparicio, in Anthropology, will host a major symposium entitled “Theorizing Social Movements and Shifting Globalizations,” funded by an EDGS Research Symposium Grant. This two-day event will bring together scholars who work on issues related to globalization, development, inequality, social movements, and collective action in regions throughout the Global South and with marginalized groups elsewhere.

Research being funded: Prof. Jordan Gans-Morse, in the Politics Department, received EDGS funding in March and December 2014 for his research entitled, “Who Wants to be a Kleptocrat? Origins of Predatory Bureaucracies in Post-Soviet Russia.” This study focuses on the threats that predatory bureaucrats pose to economic development and societal well-being. Jordan is especially interested in whether corrupt officials are predatory before they enter government or become so afterwards.

EDGS Rajawali Scholar in Residence: During the fall 2014 quarter, Prof. Rudolf Mrázek was the EDGS Rajawali Research Scholar in Residence. Mrázek is professor emeritus in History at the University of Michigan. His scholarship focuses on the history of modern Southeast Asia. He offered a graduate history seminar entitled, “Indonesian Utopias,” which was an exciting opportunity for Northwestern students to study with one of the world’s leading authorities on Indonesian history. We are delighted that Rudolf will return during the spring 2015 quarter to offer a broader course on modern Southeast Asian history. This seminar will also be open to a select group of advanced undergraduates. And watch for an announcement about Rudolf’s public lecture to be sponsored by EDGS during the spring quarter!
One of EDGS’s main goals is to support research, publications, dialogue, and innovative ideas with a range of funding opportunities for members of the NU academic community. Although EDGS has deepened NU’s links to Southeast Asia, the scope of the program spans all post-colonial and developing areas, broad periods of history, and a range of disciplines. EDGS has quickly positioned itself as the single most important source of research funding in the social sciences on the NU campus.

Since the fall of 2012, EDGS has contributed more than $1,130,000 to the NU community, with recipients in Anthropology, History, Communication, the Law School, Sociology, Politics, Philosophy, Religious Studies, English, Kellogg School of Management, and Economics:

- $525,000 for faculty lines to WCAS
- $268,594 for faculty research, symposia, and conferences
- $160,498 for other faculty research support
- $59,371 for graduate student summer research
- $66,316 for Rajawali Research Scholar in Residence
- $52,052 for other intellectual activities

The EDGS Spring 2015 funding round is fast approaching for faculty and graduate students. Eligible members of the NU academic community are encouraged to submit their proposals online. All proposals are reviewed by the five-member EDGS Advisory Board.

The application deadline is March 15, 2015. All proposed research should be closely related to EDGS’s core themes. Categories of funding include:

- Individual Faculty Research Grants (up to $25,000)
- Faculty Conference and Symposia Grants (up to $25,000)
- Book Conference Grants (up to $5,000)
- EDGS Speaker Series Grants (up to $5,000)
- EDGS Graduate Student Summer Research Grants (up to $2,500)

A NEW Category of Funding: We are delighted to announce a new category of funding – the “EDGS Rajawali Research Fellows.” These positions offer up to $5,000 in stipend or research support and are available to young scholars in the social sciences and humanities who have just finished their PhD or are near completion. We are especially interested in candidates who are at the job-market stage of their careers. Prospective Fellows must be either NU-based or in the Chicago-Evanston metro area and are nominated by NU faculty. Research Fellows will have a formal NU affiliation via EDGS, including library access for research. Fellows are expected to benefit from and contribute to the EDGS and broader NU intellectual community. Among other possible intellectual activities, Fellows will be expected to enrich the EDGS program through academic talks or things like a speaker series they organize. Research Fellows are for one academic year starting on September 1.

The deadline for nominations is March 30, 2015. More information is available at [http://www.EDGS.northwestern.edu/research-support/](http://www.EDGS.northwestern.edu/research-support/).

Graduate Student Summer Research: EDGS supports graduate student summer research. In 2014, EDGS funded fourteen students across six departments.

“Because of the EDGS funding, I will be able to continue my dissertation research in Phase II without delays due to administrative affairs or unanticipated logistical challenges. Instead, the EDGS support will allow me to devote more time to data collection, which will make the field research richer and more efficient,” said Jessica Pouchet, PhD student, Anthropology.

Graduate students are encouraged to apply to their DGS within their departments. More information on how to have your graduate work funded can be found on the EDGS website.
The 2015 Arryman Symposium will be held on May 16th at the Buffett Institute. It will showcase the year-long research projects of this year’s Arryman Fellows, Yoes Kenawas, Sabina Puspita and Wara Urwasi. The Symposium recognizes their first year at Northwestern and their anticipated return in the fall as Arryman Scholars in their respective doctoral programs. Graduate student respondents will engage the presentations of each Fellow, followed by audience discussion.

Yoes Kenawas, in the Politics Department, will present his research on “The Rise of Political Dynasties in a Democratic Society.” Yoes is investigating the puzzle of how and why oligarchic political dynasties in places like Indonesia emerged during a period of democratic transition and consolidation.

Sabina Puspita, also in the Politics Department, will showcase her research entitled, “Who Let the Watchdogs Out? The Proliferation of National Watchdog Agencies in Indonesia’s Post-Reformasi Era.” Sabina examines the emergence and role of accountability agencies in Indonesia’s new democracy as an alternative mode of control and representation under conditions of weak civil society.

And Wara Urwasi, in Sociology, will present “Spatial Segregation and Religious Violence: A City-Level Assessment of Ambon and Ahmedabad.” This project examines the relationship between spatial segregation and recurring incidents of communal violence.