Globalisation and its discontents: an Indonesian perspective

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The 9th H.W. Arndt Memorial Lecture
Dr Mari Elka Pangestu Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia

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These are good times for Indonesia. Commodity prices are high, the economy is buoyant, and the 2008-09 global financial crisis had little impact. The economic and democratic reforms instituted in the wake of the Asian financial crisis have been bedded down successfully. The country is increasingly important on the regional and global stage, through ASEAN, the G20 and many other fora. Yet the skeptics in the country’s influential political, business and NGO communities towards an open, liberal international economic order are as vocal and vociferous as ever. This Lecture, by the country’s Minister of Trade and one of its pre-eminent authorities on the subject, canvasses these and related issues.

Dr Mari Elka Pangestu has been Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia since October 2004. A graduate of The Australian National University and the University of California, Davis, she has published extensively in the fields of international trade and finance, with a regional focus on Indonesia, ASEAN, China and the Asia Pacific. Her distinguished career includes holding positions as an Adjunct Professor at the ANU and lecturing at the University of Indonesia, and as well as the position of Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta.

Dr Pangestu has been the lead Indonesian negotiator at World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2004, and she currently chairs the Group 33 that promotes developing country interests within the WTO. She is also currently a Member of the Network of Global Agenda Councils, which represents the world’s foremost integrated ‘intelligence’ network of innovative thinking and idea exchange on global issues.

In 1992, together with her colleagues she established Yayasan Sejati, a foundation that supports initiatives in the socio-cultural and environmental area.

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