Lecture Series

Why Do Elections Matter?
Analyzing the 2019 Elections in Indonesia, India, Tunisia and Turkey

In this lecture series, country specialists analyse this year’s elections in Indonesia, India, Tunisia, and Turkey. With a special focus on religion and on populism, scholars of different disciplines discuss the various competing actors and the circumstances of the elections. How do this year’s elections relate to these countries’ trajectories, and what do they tell us about the state of democracy worldwide?

29 April 2019
Dr. Gülay Türkmen (University of Göttingen): The Local Elections in Turkey.
Discussant: Dr. Ergün Özgür (ZMO)

20 May 2019
Discussant: PD Dr. Nora Lafl (ZMO)

27 May 2019
Dr. Luthfi Assyaukanie (Paramadina University, Jakarta) and Dr. Saskia Schäfer (HU): General Elections in Indonesia.
Discussants: Prof. Dr. Claudia Derichs (HU) and Prof. Dr. Vincent Houben (HU)

3 June 2019
Dr. Anandita Bajpai (ZMO/HU Berlin): General Election in India.
Discussant: Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider (HU)

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