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## IN MEMORIAM

### Heinz Wolfgang Arndt, 1915–2002

With the passing of Heinz Arndt, Australia and Southeast Asia have lost a prodigiously productive and influential academic economist, a pioneer of Australia's engagement with Southeast Asia, an inspiring teacher and researcher, and one of Australia's truly remarkable public intellectuals.

His life was diverse, engaged and fulfilled. Born in Breslau in 1915, he spent most of his childhood in Germany. In 1933 his father, also an academic, was dismissed by the Nazi regime and the family migrated to England. There followed study at Oxford and the London School of Economics, and an academic appointment at Manchester. His major intellectual achievement over this period, and the first of many books, was his classic study *The Economic Lessons of the Nineteen Thirties* (1944), a book to which reference was still made half a century later.

In 1946, Heinz accepted an offer of a senior lectureship at the University of Sydney, and he and his young family arrived in Australia for a "two- to three-year stint", as he put it in his delightful memoir, *A Course through Life* (1985). Five years later, he took up the foundation chair of Economics at the then Canberra University College.

Most of his first two decades of academic life in Australia were devoted to work on the Australian economy, and he quickly became the leading authority on money and banking, making contributions in other fields as well. In 1963, at the invitation of Sir John Crawford, he took up a research chair at the Australian National University (ANU) and with it, an entirely new endeavour. Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region well before it entered the mainstream, he pioneered the study of Indonesian economic development in this country. In what to some appeared a hopelessly ambitious (indeed reckless) initiative, he established the ANU's Indonesian Economy Project. In 1964, he undertook the first of more than fifty visits to that country, the most recent being in April. In 1964, Sukarno's Indonesia was in disarray and economics as a formal discipline hardly existed, but that did not deter him. The project, including its journal, *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* (now in its thirty-eighth year of continuous publication) flourished.

In "retirement" from 1981, he was just as active and, freed of a heavy administrative load, even more productive. For several years he chaired a major research programme on ASEAN–Australia economic relations. In 1986, he established another significant international journal, *Asian–Pacific Economic Literature*, and had continued to serve as its very active editor for the life of the journal. He also published several books, including some of his collected papers, and travelled frequently.

In his academic life, Heinz Arndt was both a visionary and a practical builder. He loved teaching, and supervising graduate students. He was also a liberal, humane, kind, and tolerant man who believed fiercely in poverty eradication in the Third World, and in social justice. He moved effortlessly between and among societies, seemingly just as happy at high-level international conferences as playing animated games of chess on the streets of Jakarta.

He received numerous medals, awards, and prizes both in Australia and Indonesia. An ANU chair has been named in his honour. Heinz's wife, Ruth, whom he married in 1941, and who was also prominent and active in Canberra circles and beyond, died last year.

He is survived by his three children, Bettina, Christopher, and Nicholas, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**Ross Garnaut and Hal Hill**

Heinz Arndt has been closely associated with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) for many years. He was an active member of the *ASEAN Economic Bulletin's* international advisory committee from 1998 to 2001. In December 1998, he co-edited a special focus issue of the journal with Hal Hill entitled "Southeast's Economic Crisis: Origins, Lessons, and the Way Forward". ISEAS extends its deepest condolences and sympathies.

**Co-editors of the ASEAN Economic Bulletin**