

2026 AUA Joint Lecture Series Hosted by Universitas Indonesia

Online Program
20 January – 4th Week February 2026

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About the Program

The idea to co-produce a course by all 15 AUA member universities has been under discussion since the 2018 AUA Board Meeting. With this in mind, the AUA Secretariat proposed a joint online lecture series since 2021, as an attempt and first step towards the long-term goal of an online course. In 2026, Universitas Indonesia (UI) will host the AUA Joint Lecture Series.

The 2026 AUA Joint Lecture Series will focus on Navigating Sustainability Practices in Business. The duration of the joint lecture series is 6 weeks, consisting of two lectures per week. The general topics that will be discussed are (1) Corruption and Economic Development in Indonesia; (2) Sustainable HRM in Asia: Challenges and Future Direction; (3) Biodiversity Reporting: Standardization, Materiality, and Assurance; and (4) The Future of Ethical Finance: Exploring the Growth and Digital Transformation of Islamic Finance.

The total target participants are 60 students, including both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The sessions will combine lecturing, case analysis, and group discussions among the participants. Students are expected to actively participate in these activities. Attendance will be recorded by UI and students will earn a certificate of completion if they complete $\geq 80\%$ of the lectures, and academic assignments. **The certificate of completion will be accompanied by transcripts from UI.**

Universitas Indoneisa will record all lectures, and the AUA Secretariat will upload the recordings to the AUA official website. It is hoped that the lecture series could serve as a public education product made by AUA.

Because this is an entirely web-based program, there will be no face-to-face class meetings, and regular Internet access is essential for successful completion of the program.

Eligibility of participants

- 1) Undergraduate or postgraduate students from AUA member universities in any field of study
- 2) Students who have an interest in the challenges and opportunities of sustainability practices in Asia

Number of participants

A total number of 60 participants is expected. Each AUA member universities is invited to nominate four students, who will receive academic transcript and certificate upon completion.



Lecture format

The AUA Joint Lecture Series 2026 will take place from 20 January to 19 February 2026 for the lectures, and the 4th week of February will be for Assessment Week. Each session is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 18.00 – 20.00 (GMT+7).

Each session will include:

- 60-minute lecture
- 60-minute freely-designed teaching session

Schedule

- Date: 20 January 2026 – 4th Week of February 2026
- Time: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 18.00 – 20.00 (GMT+7)

Tentative Agenda

Week	Session	Topic	Lecturer
January Week 3	Session 1 20 January	Corruption and Economic Development in Indonesia	Yohanna Goeltom / Jahen F. Rezki (UI)
	Session 2 22 January		Elisabeth Kramer (UNSW)
January Week 4	Session 3 27 January	Sustainable HRM in Asia: Challenges and Future Direction	Riani Rachmawati (UI)
	Session 4 29 January		AUA University
February Week 1	Session 5 3 February	Biodiversity Reporting: Standardization, Materiality, and Assurance	Desi Adhariani (UI)
	Session 6 5 February		AUA University
February Week 2	Session 7 10 February	The Future of Ethical Finance: Exploring the Growth and Digital Transformation of Islamic Finance	AUA University
	Session 8 12 February		AUA University
February Week 3	Session 9 18 February*	The Future of Ethical Finance: Exploring the Growth and Digital Transformation of Islamic Finance	Dony Abdul Chalid (UI)
	Session 10 19 February		Mehmet Asutay (Durham University)
February Week 4	Assessment Week		

*17 February coincides with Chinese New Year, and Session 9 is scheduled for 18 February accordingly



Technological Requirements

The online lecture will be delivered via Zoom Platform.

Expected Outcomes

1. To provide participants with insights, frameworks, and strategies on recent issues related to business and economics.
2. To foster dialogue and knowledge exchange among AUA member students on critical issues shaping economic, social, and environmental sustainability in Asia and beyond.

Assignments

Participants need to work on a short essay (maximum 1500 words) based on the topics above. Details on these essays will later be provided.

Certificates

Participants who attend over 80% of the lecture session (at least 8 sessions) and submit the required assignment/assessment will be eligible to receive academic credit granted by Universitas Indonesia and the certificate of completion for the entire series.

Nomination Process

Each AUA Member University is invited to nominate 4 students and 2 student candidates for the waiting list by filling in the nomination form in the attachment. UI will notify the acceptance via email by 13 January 2026.

Deadline for Application/Nomination

6 January 2026

Fee

Free for AUA Member Universities

