

PUSKAPOL UI

Making Political Science Matter

The Center for Political Studies, University of Indonesia since 1993.

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Why PUSKAPOL Exists

Indonesia is the world's fourth-largest democracy a nation of over 270 million people navigating the complexities of democratic transition, institutional reform, and inclusive governance. Yet democracy is not self-sustaining. It requires evidence, analysis, and informed decision-making at every level of society.

Political science, when translated into actionable knowledge, becomes a powerful tool for strengthening democratic institutions, improving public policy, and empowering citizens. However, a persistent gap remains between academic research and the practical needs of policymakers, civil society, and the general public. Too often, critical insights about elections, representation, governance, and public policy remain locked inside university walls inaccessible to those who need them most.

PUSKAPOL was founded to bridge that gap. By producing rigorous, evidence-based research and translating it into formats that decision-makers and citizens can actually use, PUSKAPOL ensures that political science does not stay in the classroom it shapes the real world. From election monitoring to policy briefs, from public forums to capacity building, PUSKAPOL operates at the intersection of knowledge and action, where research meets the urgent demands of democratic governance.

Democracy Needs Evidence

Sound democratic governance depends on data, research, and rigorous analysis not assumptions or political convenience. PUSKAPOL provides the evidence base that policymakers and institutions need to make informed, accountable decisions that serve the public interest.

Policy Needs Research

Public policy without research is guesswork. PUSKAPOL connects academic rigor with the practical realities of governance, producing policy briefs and research reports that translate complex findings into clear, actionable recommendations for government institutions and civil society.

Citizens Need Knowledge

An informed public is the foundation of a healthy democracy. PUSKAPOL makes political knowledge accessible through publications, public discussions, infographics, videos, and digital platforms – ensuring that research reaches not just academics, but the broader Indonesian public.

About PUSKAPOL

Who We Are

PUSKAPOL UI (Pusat Kajian Politik Universitas Indonesia) is a research center under the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia. Established in 1993, PUSKAPOL has grown into one of Indonesia's most respected political science think tanks operating with the rigor of an academic institution and the relevance of a policy advisory body.

Our tagline – **"Making Political Science Matter"** – is not just a slogan. It is a commitment to ensuring that political research produces real-world impact: informing policy, strengthening institutions, and deepening democratic participation across Indonesia.

Our Institutional Position

PUSKAPOL operates within one of Indonesia's most prestigious universities, giving it both academic credibility and institutional independence. This positioning allows PUSKAPOL to conduct research that is methodologically rigorous while remaining relevant to the policy challenges facing Indonesia's government, civil society, and public institutions.

Our Commitment

- Evidence-based research that informs policy and public debate
Strengthening democracy, governance, and political
- representation
Building capacity among researchers, practitioners, and
- institutions
Fostering strategic collaboration with national and
- international partners
Promoting better decision-making through knowledge and
- analysis

1993

Year Founded

Over three decades of political
research excellence

9

Research Focus Areas

From democracy to digital politics

30+

Years of Impact

Contributing to Indonesian democracy
since establishment

What We Do & How We Work

PUSKAPOL's work spans the full spectrum of knowledge production from identifying critical political issues to generating research, analyzing data, publishing findings, and engaging directly with policymakers and the public. Our activities are designed not just to generate knowledge, but to ensure that knowledge creates impact.

Our Core Activities



Research & Surveys

Quantitative and qualitative research, including national surveys, focus group discussions (FGDs), and in-depth policy analysis on democracy, elections, governance, and political representation.



Public Discourse

Seminars, public discussions, and policy forums that bring researchers, policymakers, civil society, and media together to debate and refine ideas on critical political issues.



Training & Capacity Building

Structured programs to strengthen the research and analytical capabilities of government officials, civil society organizations, journalists, and academic institutions across Indonesia.



Policy Briefs & Advocacy

Concise, evidence based policy briefs and advocacy materials designed to translate complex research findings into clear recommendations that decision makers can act upon.

Our Research Focus Areas

PUSKAPOL's research agenda covers the most pressing political and governance challenges facing Indonesia and the broader region. Our nine focus areas reflect both longstanding democratic concerns and emerging political dynamics:

Democracy & Democratic Consolidation

Elections & Electoral Systems

Political Representation

Public Policy & Governance

Gender Politics

Identity Politics

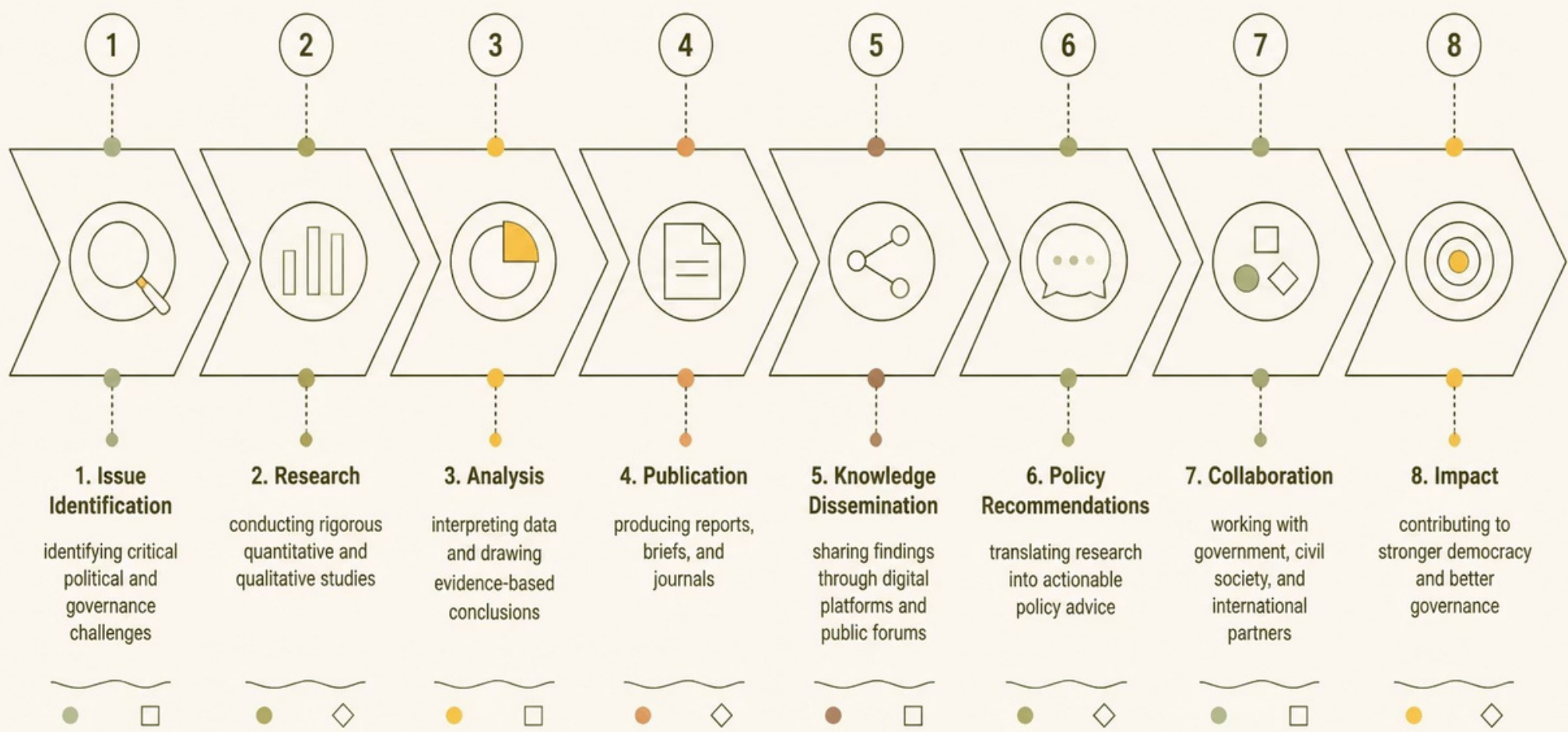
Local Democracy

Technology & Politics

Political Economy

How We Work

PUSKAPOL follows a structured, iterative process that ensures every piece of research moves from idea to impact. Our methodology is designed to maintain academic rigor while maximizing policy relevance and public accessibility.



This process ensures that PUSKAPOL's work does not end with a research report. Every study is designed to reach the right audiences government institutions, civil society organizations, media, and the general public and to generate measurable impact on policy and democratic practice.

Knowledge Products, Public Engagement & Collaboration

PUSKAPOL produces a diverse ecosystem of knowledge products designed for different audiences from academic journals for researchers to one minute video insights for the general public. Every product is crafted to ensure that rigorous political science reaches those who need it most, in formats they can understand and use.



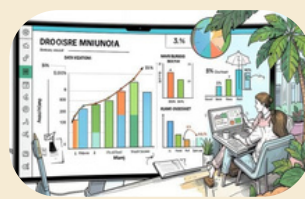
Policy Briefs & Research Reports

Concise, evidence-based policy briefs and comprehensive research reports that translate complex findings into clear recommendations for policymakers, government institutions, and civil society organizations.



Journals & Books

Peer-reviewed journals and scholarly books that contribute to the broader academic discourse on Indonesian and comparative politics, published in both Indonesian and English.



Infographics & One-Minute Insights

Visual knowledge products including infographics, short video explainers, and one-minute insights designed to make political research accessible to the general public through social media and digital platforms.



Website & Data Dashboards

PUSKAPOL's digital platforms including our website, data dashboards, and educational video content serve as living repositories of political knowledge, continuously updated with new research, data, and analysis.

Building Knowledge for the Public

Research that stays inside academic journals does not strengthen democracy. PUSKAPOL actively translates its findings into formats that citizens, journalists, and civil society can engage with through public discussions, social media, infographics, educational videos, and policy forums. Our goal is to make political knowledge a public good, not an academic privilege.

Impact & Future Vision

Over three decades, PUSKAPOL has contributed to Indonesia's democratic journey in tangible and lasting ways. Our research has informed electoral reforms, strengthened political institutions, elevated public discourse, and equipped a new generation of researchers and policymakers with the tools to govern more effectively.

Strengthening Democracy

PUSKAPOL's research on democratic consolidation, electoral systems, and political representation has directly informed policy debates and institutional reforms at national and local levels.

Evidence-Based Policy Development

Our policy briefs and research reports are used by government ministries, legislative bodies, and civil society organizations to design more effective, data-driven public policies.

Political Literacy & Public Participation

Through accessible publications, public forums, and digital content, PUSKAPOL has raised political literacy among Indonesian citizens and encouraged greater civic participation.

Institutional Strengthening

Our capacity-building programs have trained researchers, government officials, and civil society leaders building a stronger ecosystem of political analysis and governance expertise across Indonesia.

Looking Ahead

The political landscape is evolving rapidly. Digital transformation, artificial intelligence, identity politics, and shifting geopolitical dynamics are reshaping how democracy functions in Indonesia and around the world. PUSKAPOL is committed to staying at the forefront of these changes.

"Making Political Science Matter."

Let us collaborate to build a stronger Indonesian democracy through research, knowledge, and evidence-based policy. PUSKAPOL UI is ready to be your partner in this journey.



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