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Welcome to the LPEM Newsletter July 2021 Edition. The LPEM Newsletter is the fruit of thoughts and a summary of the activities of the LPEM FEB UI team. This is the third edition and will continue to be published every month. Since 1953, LPEM FEB UI has been actively conducting research, consulting, and training activities aimed at solving development problems in Indonesia.

In this edition, the LPEM Newsletter will summarize some of the discussions conducted by LPEM FEB UI researchers through broadcast media/podcasts on the issues of **"Biofuel Policy in Indonesia"** and **"Disaster Resistant Infrastructure Policy"**. In addition, an Internal LPEM Workshop was also held in collaboration with Katadata with the topic of **"Visualizing Data with Infographics"**. Lastly, LPEM FEB UI has also contributed to holding the T20 Webinar with the theme **"Debt Relief for Middle-Income Countries"**.

This newsletter is widely distributed among the government, academics, advocates and environmental activists, NGOs, the media, and the general public. We encourage your involvement in sharing this publication widely and making it a reference when needed.

Enjoy reading,

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# Biofuel Policy in Indonesia

LPEM FEB UI, in collaboration with the Institute for Essential Services Reform (IESR), released a podcast with the title **"Talk about Biofuel Policy in Indonesia"** on July 4, 2021. The podcast was hosted by Melina Gabriella (host of the IESR podcast) and attended by two speakers, Julius Christian (IESR Green Energy Researcher) and Bisuk Abraham Sisungkunon (Research Associate of the LPEM FEB UI Environmental-Economic Study Group). This episode discussed the development of biofuels in Indonesia and their effectiveness in achieving the government's goal to diversify the fossil energy mix.

This episode opened with a discussion on the current progress of biofuels development in Indonesia. The discussion further continued with inputs from both speakers on the existing biodiesel policies. Julius stated that the export levy funds (ELF) for palm oil need to be used not only for subsidies from the price of biodiesel itself but also to create a system for traceability and transparency of the implementation of the biodiesel program. Meanwhile, Bisuk stated that one thing that needs to be improved in the implementation of this biofuel policy is the harmony of



demand projection and ELF application. "Don't let the implementation of ELF overlooked the need for funds or vice versa. The need for funds cannot be facilitated by ELF," he said. The discussion was then closed by discussing inputs for future government policies to develop alternative biofuels other than palm oil.

## More details:

<https://bit.ly/PodcastBiofuelLPEM>

# Disaster-Adaptive Infrastructure Policy in Indonesia



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LPEM FEB UI Macroeconomic Researcher, Teuku Riefky, discussed our latest policy brief on **"Climate Resistant Infrastructure and Disasters in Indonesia: Is Enough?"** with the Podcast Challemcast—the first podcast in Indonesia that discusses geoscience issues related to social issues. The podcast was hosted by Yedi and Ryan Kopong.

The podcast began sharing common facts that resilient infrastructure and development issues are not topics that are often discussed in everyday life. While being a marginalized issue, resilient infrastructure also holds an important role as it involves human safety. This is unfortunate as the topic. However, without realizing this problem is very important because it involves human safety.

The potential dangers that may arise from natural disasters and climate change in Indonesia are very large. "The dangers that we have estimated from researchers and academics could be more severe than those estimated," said Riefky. Hence, Riefky offers holistic policy solutions regarding what can be done together to anticipate potential natural disasters and climate change, one of which is through strengthening disaster-resistant infrastructure.

## More details:

<https://bit.ly/PodcastInfrastrukturTahanBencana>



# Visualizing Data Through Infographics: Infographic Training for LPEM FEB UI Researchers



LPEM FEB UI in collaboration with the Katadata Learning Center on 26-27 May 2021 held a special **"Visualizing Data Through Infographics"** training for LPEM FEB UI researchers. This training is intended so that LPEM FEB UI researchers can have basic knowledge about how to make infographics, which is then expected to be useful for LPEM FEB UI researchers to disseminate their future research.

The training on the first day began with the session **"Composing Infographic Manuscripts"**, taught by Jeany Hartriani, Research Strategist Specialist for Katadata. In this session, Jeany explained data collection techniques, data verification, up to compiling scripts for infographics. The next session was the **"Infographic Brief Introduction"** session which was presented by Lambok Hutabarat, Creative Director of Katadata. This session introduced the general anatomy of infographics, the advantages and uniqueness of delivering information with infographics, and the ideal posture of the infographic compiling team are discussed in this session. At the end of the training session on the first day, the presenters assigned each training group to create an infographic with different themes.

The infographic results that have been made by each training group are then presented and reviewed by the two speakers from Katadata at the beginning of the training session on the second day. This training ended with a session on **"Data Visualization Through Infographics"** which was taught by Lambok Hutabarat. This last session focused on discussing the understanding of graphics as the main constituent elements of infographics, more advanced stages of graphic visualization, the importance of infographic composition and layout, introduction to typography, color, and photos/illustrations for infographics, and the importance of determining infographic broadcast media.

## Debt Relief for Middle-Income Countries



Fiscal pressures are increasing in line with the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic. While developed countries can adjust to the new normal with the support of greater fiscal capacity, developing countries tend to still find it difficult and fragile in dealing with the pressures caused by this pandemic. Developing countries tend to be forgotten, as various international initiatives focus on low-income countries.

For this reason, the concerns and role of the international community need to be constantly investigated through discussion forums and concrete steps. One of the discussion forums held was the Webinar Discussion **"Meeting the Moment: Debt Relief for Middle-Income Countries"**. This webinar was organized by T20 National Coordinator and Chair, namely Boston University Global Development Policy Center and ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies) in collaboration with LPEM FEB UI and several other institutions such as the Creco Research Institute, the Center for Social and Economic Progress, the Group of 24, the Center for Finance and Development at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, and the Labor 20.

LPEM FEB UI's contribution to this webinar includes support for webinar materials and social media promotions. LPEM FEB UI hopes that this discussion can encourage the importance of supporting the financial resilience of developing countries with the concrete steps discussed in the webinar. Some of the difficulties expressed in supporting the fiscal resilience of developing countries are the low participation of the private sector in debt restructuring. In addition, developing countries also face challenges in resolving issues of

fiscal resilience in the face of disasters and similar issues to address climate change. In overcoming these two issues, collective involvement in environmental issues needs to be linked more deeply to the debt restructuring process and new facilities are needed to address the technical challenges of developing countries in increasing their fiscal capacity.

This webinar was moderated by Kevin P. Gallagher, Director of the Global Development Policy Center and Co-Chair of the T20 TF9 on International Finance. The panelists for this webinar are Avinash Persaud, Special Advisor on Investment and Economic Matters to the Prime Minister of Barbados, Rakesh Mohan, President

and Distinguished Fellow of the Center for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) in India, Carmen Reinhart, Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank Group, Shamshad Akhtar, Chairperson of the Pakistan Stock Exchange and Franco Bruni, Vice President of the ISPI and Lead Co-Chair of T20 Italy TF9 on International Finance.

**More details:**

<https://youtu.be/oxwkJQS8gLc>

## Overview of LPEM FEB UI Publications and Activities

### Macroeconomic Analysis Series: Inflation Analysis, June 2021

Inflation in April was recorded at 1.68% year-on-year, strengthened compared to the previous month with the inflation rate of 1.42%. Inflation in this period was driven by the strengthening of the core of inflation and inflation in volatile goods, although the inflation in government-regulated price components has slightly weakened.

**More details:**

<https://www.lpem.org/id/seri-analisis-makroekonomi-inflasi-bulanan-juni-2021/>

### Macroeconomic Analysis Series: BI Board of Governors Meeting, June 2021

Improvements in recent economic indicators, such as general inflation, core inflation, CPI, PMI, and trade surplus, show that Indonesia is still consistently on the path of economic recovery. However, lately, the economic recovery agenda faces threats significantly due to the increasing number of Covid-19 cases with almost 10 thousand new cases daily recorded in mid-June

**More details:**

<https://www.lpem.org/id/macroeconomic-analysis-series-bi-board-of-governor-meeting-june-2021/>

## Economic Brief

### Economic Analysis Series: Trade and Industry Brief, June 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic that has lasted more than a year has forced humans to adapt, one way is to improve communication skills and work remotely. It is estimated that in the future the remote work phenomenon will become the new habit, continue the digital wandering phenomenon (digital nomad) which has emerged in recent years.

**More details:**

<https://www.lpem.org/id/seri-analisis-ekonomi-trade-and-industry-brief-juni-2021/>

### Labor Market Brief, June 2021

The unfinished Covid-19 pandemic also affected the conditions of workers recorded in February 2021. It is known that a pandemic reduces economic activity as well as regional restrictions that have led to a slowdown in the economy.

**More details:**

<https://www.lpem.org/id/labor-market-brief-%e2%80%933-edisi-juni-2021/>



## WEBINAR

# Impact of Merging Between Platforms: Gojek and Tokopedia Case Studies

**More details:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgz9\\_2BrXd8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgz9_2BrXd8)

# Working Paper: No. 60, May 2021

## Tax Education and Tax Awareness: An Analysis on Indonesian Tax Education Program

This study aimed to examine the effectiveness of “Pajak Bertutur”, a tax education program in Indonesia. We analyze whether there were differences in students’ tax awareness before and after the program, and whether the results of the program were influenced by students’ familiarity with taxation. We distributed an online survey questionnaire to all students participating in the 2020 tax education program, resulting in a total of 693 responses, 461 for pre-survey and 232 for post-survey.

### More Details:

<https://www.lpem.org/id/tax-education-and-tax-awareness-an-analysis-on-indonesian-tax-education-program/>

## LPEM FEB UI Education and Training: June-July 2021



**Monitoring and Evaluation**  
(6-8 September,  
6-8 December 2021)



**Policy Paper**  
(2-4 August,  
15-17 November 2021)



**Data Analysis and Processing**  
(6-10 September 2021)



**Local Tax**  
(11-13 August,  
11-13 October 2021)



**Econometrics**  
(12-16 July,  
25-29 October 2021)



**Regulatory Impact Assessment**  
(5-7 July, 4-6 October,  
22-24 November 2021)



**Local Tax Potential Analysis**  
(13-17 September 2021)



**Public Policy Analysis**  
(26-30 July, 8-12 November 2021)



**Planning and Budgeting**  
(26-30 July, 4-8 October 2021)



**Computable General Equilibrium**  
(24-26 August, 6-8 December 2021)

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