

Guest Lecture

‘Climate Change, Housing Affordability and Policy Reform: Insights from Australia’

By: Professor Chyi Lin Lee & Rossa Turpuk Gabe

Friday, 24 April 2026

1:45pm to 4:10pm (Jakarta time)

Indonesian graduates and scholars of Australian tertiary institutions who are interested in attending this event, please RSVP by Wednesday, 22 April, via this link: <http://oz.link/rsvpGL24APR>

Due to the limited availability of places, early registration is recommended. A link to this event will be shared after registration.

Lecture overview

Housing affordability has become one of the most pressing global challenges, increasingly compounded by the impacts of climate change. Extreme weather events such as flooding, heatwaves and bushfires are driving up housing costs by damaging infrastructure, constraining supply and increasing insurance premiums in high-risk areas.

In Australia, for example, repeated flooding in New South Wales and rising insurance costs across vulnerable regions are making housing increasingly unaffordable, even for middle-income households. These developments reflect a broader global pattern in which climate risks are intensifying existing inequalities in housing access and stability.

Drawing on the expertise of Professor Chyi Lin Lee, this lecture explores the intersection of housing affordability and climate risk, highlighting how housing markets are shaped not only by financial and demographic factors but also by environmental shocks that affect market stability and household well-being.

Building on these insights, the session will examine integrated policy approaches that connect housing affordability with climate adaptation and resilience. It will highlight the importance of climate-responsive planning, green financing and targeted support for vulnerable populations. By linking Australian evidence with global trends, the lecture demonstrates how aligning economic resilience, sustainability and social equity can help shape housing policies that are both affordable and climate-resilient.

Professor Chyi Lin Lee is a leading scholar in housing economics, urban policy and sustainable real estate. His research focuses on housing affordability, property investment, financial risks in housing supply and the impacts of climate change on real estate markets. Prof. Lee has published more than 85 papers in leading international journals and has made significant contributions to academic and policy discussions on housing and urban sustainability.

Prof. Lee has secured over \$4 million in external research funding from organisations including the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI), Transport for NSW and the Australian Property Institute, as well as international bodies such as EPRA and INREV. His work has been recognised through several awards, including the Australian Property Institute Achievement Award for Early Career Research (2015). As President-Elect of the International Real Estate Society, Prof. Lee continues to contribute to shaping global conversations on resilient and inclusive housing systems.



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Rossa Turpuk Gabe is a lecturer at Universitas Indonesia, where she has taught and conducted research on urban housing and settlements for over eight years. She holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Architecture from Universitas Indonesia, with expertise in housing policy, urban development and architectural design.

Currently pursuing her PhD at UNSW, Rossa's research focuses on housing precarity among middle-income households. She conceptualises housing as essential infrastructure that underpins life stability and well-being, examining how social, economic and spatial vulnerabilities intersect to shape housing insecurity. Through her work, Rossa aims to contribute to more inclusive, evidence-based housing policies that promote equity and resilience in Indonesia and beyond.



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