

# REFORMING RESEARCH: DOES IT MATTER?

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# POSITION, PUBLICATION, INFLUENCE & ECONOMY

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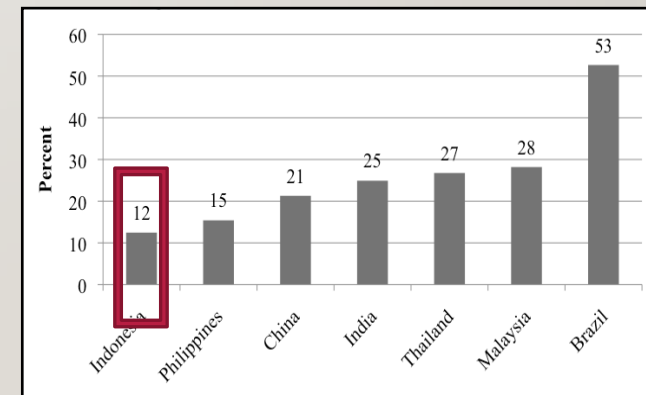
- Dr Merlyna Lim, Canada Research Chair in Digital Media
- The paper and the policy journal analysis illustrate well
  - Indonesia's weak global position academically
  - Its very weak publication record
- Why does that matter? Next Steps
  - Influence on development policy
  - Building a stronger economy



# POSITION & PUBLICATION

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- Structural barriers that lead to a weak academy and poor publication
- Numbers are clear, Rationale is well argued
- Capacity to use evidence in government and civil society is persistently undermined by a weak academy
- This paper is a plea to build that foundation
- But why do we need a strong academy?

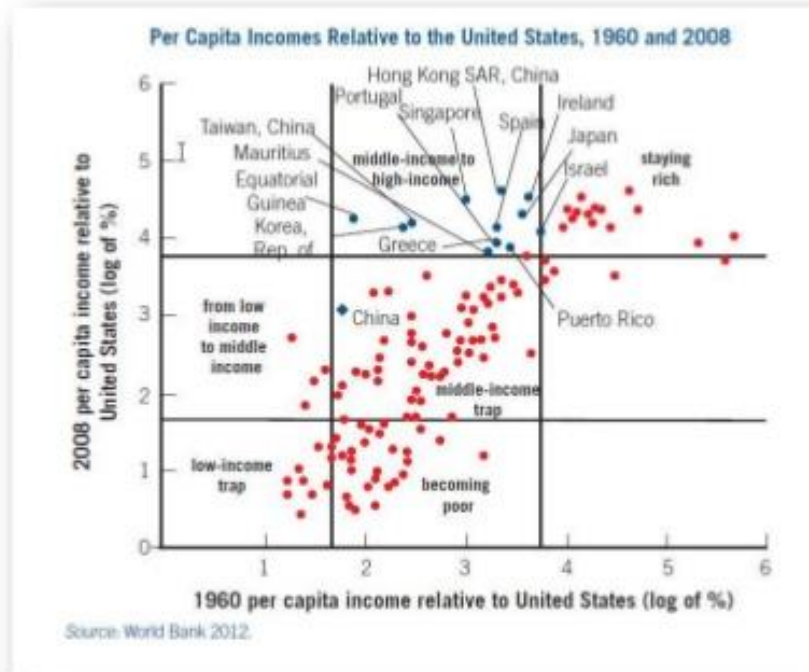


*Fig.1. Share of Domestic Research (%)*

*The numbers show the share of published research on a particular country done by researchers based in the country. Source: SSCI database, 1956 to 2011.*

# FROM RETHINKING TO REFORMING

## The Middle Income Trap



According to the OECD, only 17 countries have joined ranks of rich nations in the post war period by breaking out of the middle income trap - this includes Greece and Portugal!

# INFLUENCE & ECONOMY

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- Getting out of the Middle Income Trap
  - Advanced Infrastructure
  - Property Rights
  - Labour Market Reforms



# FROM IMITATION TO INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

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EDUCATION ↔ INNOVATION



BEWARE OF  
**CHEAP**  
IMITATIONS

# KNOWLEDGE IS NOT POWER UNTIL IT IS TURNED INTO ACTION

– ARISTOTLE

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