

Profile of Galuh Wandita

Galuh Wandita holds a Master's Degree in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University (2006). She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology from Swarthmore College, PA (USA) in 1988. After working as a reproductive health/AIDS counselor in Philadelphia in the late '80s, she returned to her native home of Indonesia, where she has worked with non-government organizations for more than two decades. In the 1990s she worked with Oxfam, focusing on gender issues and support for local NGOs working in conflict areas.

Galuh Wandita began working and writing about on peace and conflict issues in 1996. Together with a group of East Timorese, she founded a women's organization, Fokupers in Dili. She was a humanitarian worker with Oxfam during the 1999 referendum in East Timor. In 2002-2005 she was appointed Deputy Director of Timor-Leste's truth commission (CAVR.) Together with CAVR's executive director and senior staff, she designed and managed the fieldwork conducted by the CAVR district teams, and supervised the commission's work on truth-seeking and victim support. Later on, she drafted key chapters in Timor-Leste's truth commission report, "Chega!" (2005.)

She returned to Indonesia, as a Senior Associate for the International Center for Transitional Justice, an international NGO based in New York, working on accountability in Indonesia and Timor-Leste. In 2012, she co-founded Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR) and continues to co-lead the organization as its Director, managing programs and staff in Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Myanmar. In 2014, she was a co-convener and member of a "citizen's council" working with a coalition of 50 NGOs across Indonesia in a civil society-led truth-seeking process (2014).