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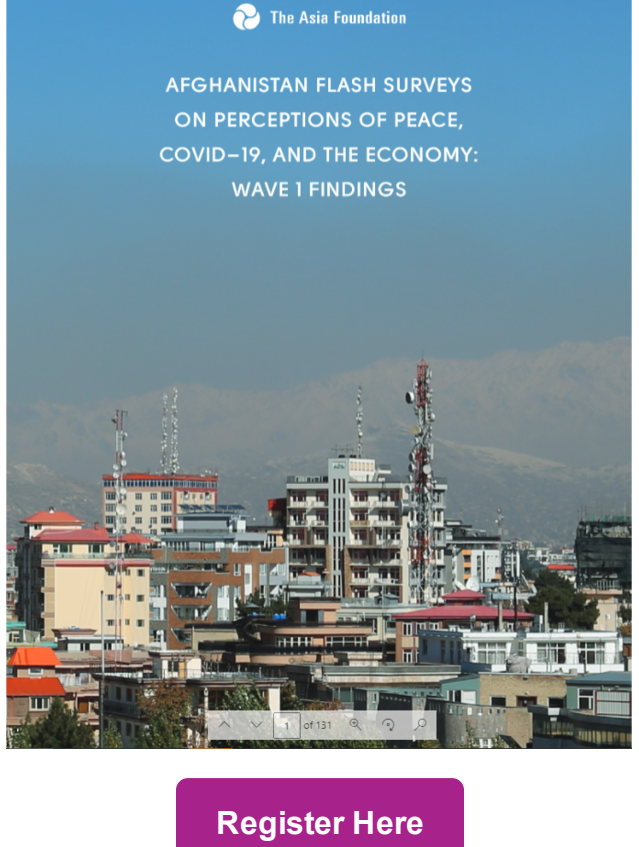
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EVENTS

Upcoming Virtual Event – [Afghanistan Flash Surveys on Perceptions of Peace, Covid-19, and the Economy](#)



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DECEMBER 10, 2020 - Join us for an in-depth discussion of the [Afghanistan Flash Survey 2020](#), a three-wave phone survey series collecting the views of 4,303 Afghan adults. Study authors will share their analysis of the first wave of the survey, followed by a panel discussion. Click [here](#) to read the first-wave report and for more information on our Afghanistan country program.

Upcoming Virtual Event – Covid-19 and Cambodia

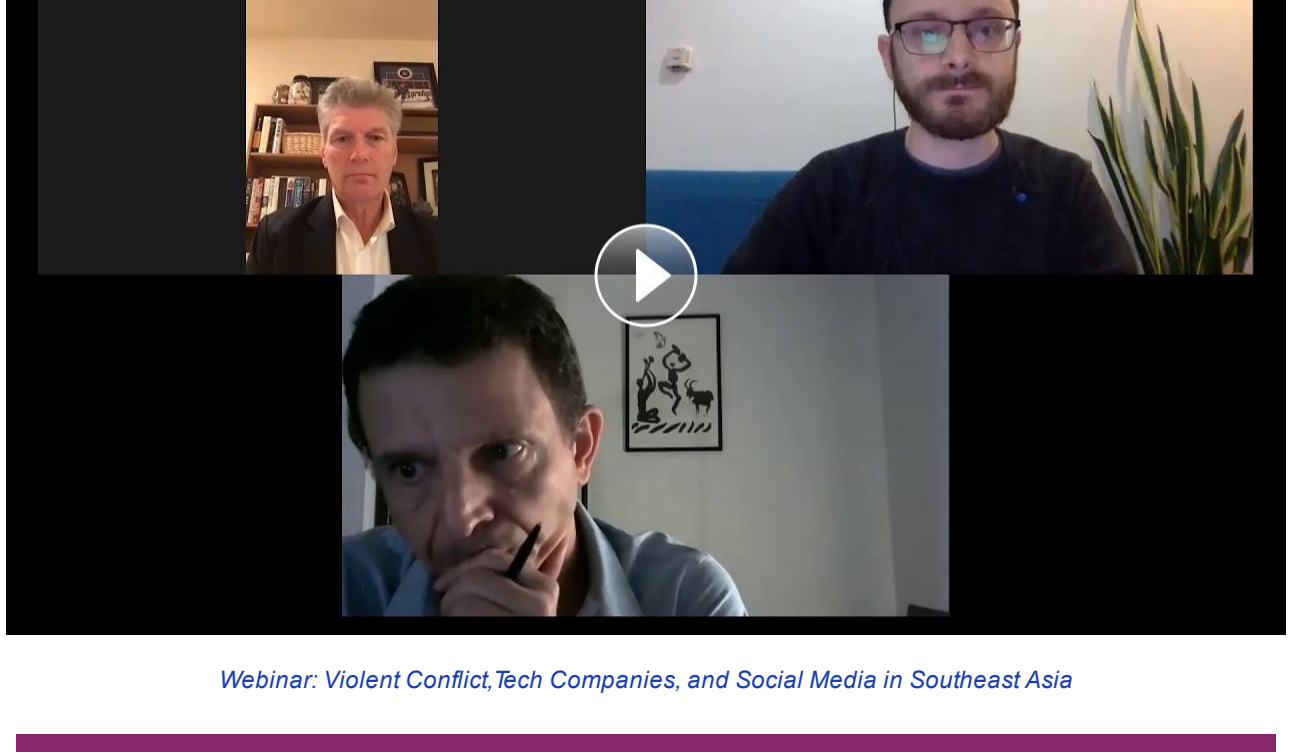
DECEMBER 16, 2020 - Join Foundation experts for a discussion on Covid-19 and its economic impact in [Cambodia](#). Stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming Virtual Event – Asian Voices on the Future of U.S. - Asia Relations

DATE COMING SOON - The Foundation's [International Relations Program](#) is assembling a Task Force of leading political-security and economic-trade specialists from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam to discuss the most urgent issues important to the future of United States – Asia relations. Findings and recommendations will be published in a report by The Asia Foundation in February 2021.

Recent Virtual Event – [Violent Conflict, Tech Companies, and Social Media in Southeast Asia](#)

DECEMBER 1, 2020 - Htaike Htaike Aung and The Asia Foundation's [Adam Burke](#) and Benjamin Lokshin discuss the recent report [Violent Conflict, Tech Companies, and Social Media in Southeast Asia](#). Panelists draw on evidence from conflict in Myanmar in their analysis of how violent conflicts in Southeast Asia are shaped or affected by online platforms and social media. Learn more about our work with [Technology and Development](#) and in [Conflict and Fragile Conditions](#).



Webinar: Violent Conflict, Tech Companies, and Social Media in Southeast Asia

VOICES FROM THE FIELD

[InAsia Podcast: Malaysia: Herizal Hazri to Lead Malaysian Institute of Strategic and International Studies](#)

This month, The Asia Foundation's Country Representative in [Malaysia, Herizal Hazri](#), transitions into his new role as executive director of Malaysia's premier think tank, the Malaysian Institute of Strategic and International Studies. Herizal reflects on his work at The Foundation and looks to what lies ahead in this episode of the InAsia podcast.

[Sri Lanka: Violence Against Women is Not a Game](#)

The Asia Foundation's Sri Lanka Office launched a trilingual newspaper and social media campaign to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Engaging graphics will appear in local newspapers, be shared on the [Inside Justice Facebook](#) page, and be distributed through other social media and instant messaging platforms.



Compelling graphics and activities will appear in newspapers and on social media as part of the Violence Against Women is Not a Game campaign.

[Indonesia: Covid Early Release Program Provides Unexpected Possibilities for Youthful Offenders in Indonesia](#)

The Indonesian government began releasing prisoners at the onset of the pandemic and The Asia Foundation's *Peduli* program has been working to fill a crucial gap for youth inmates. In partnership with local civil society organizations, The Foundation has assisted 16 youth correctional facilities to improve their implementation of laws on juvenile justice and child protection to smooth youth's return to their families and communities.

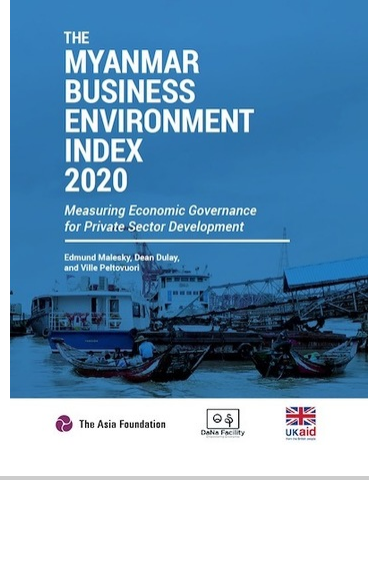
[Pacific Island Nations: The Pacific Covid-19 Infodemic](#)

The Foundation's [technology team](#) produced this paper on the state of information "ecosystems" in Pacific island countries and territories; the risks and harms these ecosystems have faced during the Covid-19 pandemic; and the actions by government, the private sector, and civil society to respond to these risks.



[Myanmar: Myanmar Business Environment Index 2020: Measuring Economic Governance for Private Sector Development](#)




In the second installment of the Myanmar Business Environment Index (MBEI), The Asia Foundation tracks progress states and regions have made to improve the business environment.



The Asia Foundation

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