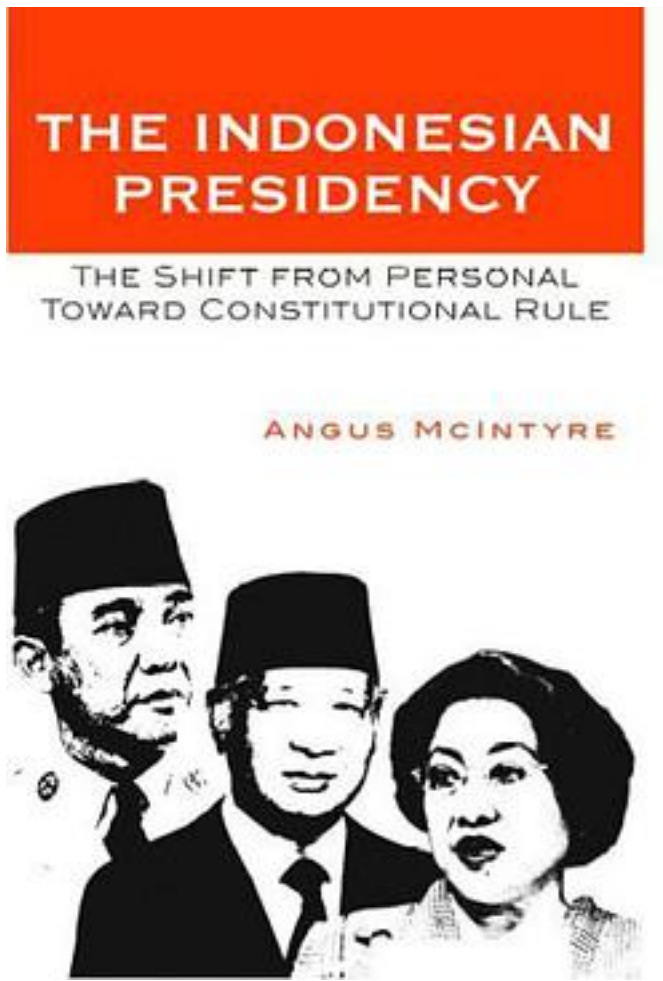


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This pioneering study of the Indonesian presidency significantly redefines our understanding of Indonesian politics from independence to the present. Angus

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