

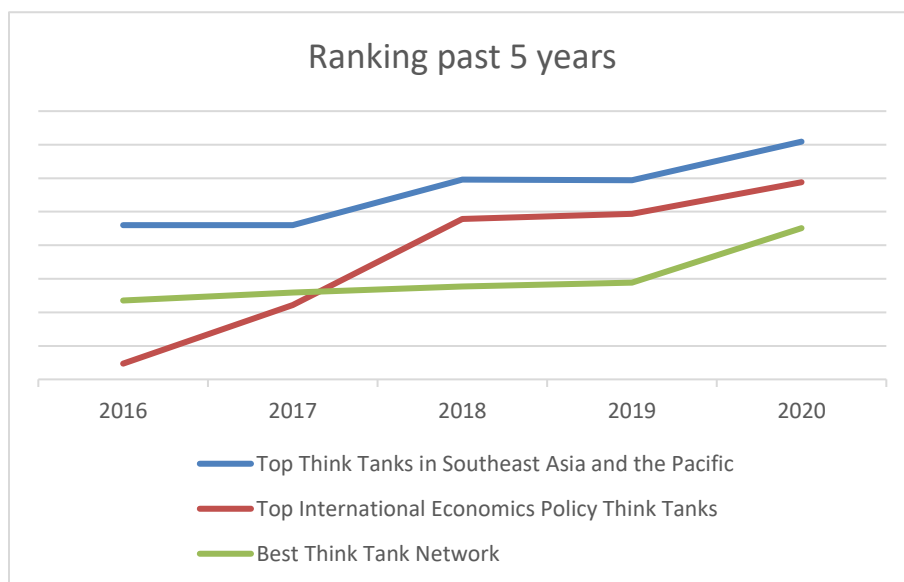
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**ERIA Ranks in the Top Ten International Economic Policy Think Tanks**

**Jakarta, 29 January 2021** – The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) was ranked ninth out of 85 top International Economic Policy Think Tanks in the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report (GGTI) conducted by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTSCSP) at the University of Pennsylvania.

According to the GGTI, the ‘Top International Economic Policy Think Tanks’ category is dedicated to the leading international economic policy institutions within the global community. The top think tanks in this category provide superior innovative research and strategic analyses on topics pertaining to international economic policy, such as: globalisation, international finance, trade, investment, development, and various other topics relevant to global economics. These think tanks excel in research, analysis, and public engagement on a wide range of policy issues with the aim of advancing debate, facilitating cooperation between relevant actors, maintaining public support and funding, as well as improving the overall quality of life in one of the relevant countries.

ERIA also ranked number five in the category of Top Think Tanks in Southeast Asia and the Pacific along with many members of ERIA’s Research Institute Network (RIN) including the Brunei Darussalam Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Malaysia), the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (Indonesia), the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, the Singapore Institute for International Affairs, and the Thailand Development Research Institute.



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The growing importance of think tanks in the ASEAN region cannot be overemphasised. High-quality research is at the core of developing fact-based policy. The COVID-19 pandemic only heightened the urgency for bridging knowledge and policy and the value that the think tank community can provide to policymakers and the public as they work towards mitigating the consequences of the pandemic. See ERIA's COVID-19 research here: <https://www.eria.org/database-and-programmes/topic/covid-19>.

In the coming years, the think tank community will have an increasingly vital role during an era of political and digital disruptions as well as economic and social instability. As the emerging market status of ASEAN member states must adapt to the fast-changing global conditions, the work of ASEAN think tanks is integral to minimising potential risks and optimising the opportunities. By rising through the ranks, ERIA has proven its commitment to quality research and policy recommendations.

The annual GGTTI ranks the top think tanks globally across a series of categories and is organised by TTSCSP. As many as 3,750 university faculty and administrators, journalists, policymakers, think tank scholars and executives, and donors participated in the 2018 GGTTI. See here for the 2020 report: [https://repository.upenn.edu/think\\_tanks/18/](https://repository.upenn.edu/think_tanks/18/)

## About ERIA

*The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) is an international organisation providing support to the chair of the ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit through policy research focusing on three pillars: deepening economic integration, narrowing development gaps, and achieving sustainable development in the region.*

*Its establishment was formally agreed among 16 heads of government at the Third East Asia Summit in Singapore on 21 November 2007. It works closely with the ASEAN Secretariat, researchers, and research institutes from East Asia to provide intellectual and analytical research and policy recommendations.*

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