

CENTER FOR INTERRELIGIOUS ENGAGEMENT

THE ACT OF KILLING:

FILM AND DISCUSSION

Monday, May 5, 2014

5:30–8:30 p.m.

Lincoln Park Student Center

Room 120 A/B



DISCUSSION LED BY

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Riyanto is a Vincentian priest (48) of the province of Indonesia. He holds a PhD from Pontificia Universita' Gregoriana, Rome with dissertation on "Right and Obligation in Thomas Hobbes" (1999) and is a professor of philosophy in WIDYA SASANA School of Philosophy and Theology, Malang, Indonesia.

The film, "The Act of Killing" will be shown in its entirety, followed by a discussion led by Fr. Eko Armada Riyanto, an Indonesian Vincentian priest, and Scott Hibbard, PhD, a DePaul faculty member from the Department of Political Science. The film is an exploration of key figures in Indonesia's recent history who were death squad leaders. It documents the ways in which these individuals are celebrated as heroes, and the makers of the film challenge them to reenact their real-life mass-killings in the style of the American movies they love. The hallucinatory result is a cinematic fever dream, an unsettling journey deep into the imaginations of mass-murderers and the shockingly banal regime of corruption and impunity they inhabit.

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