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## Gayatri Rajapatni: The Woman Behind the Glory of Majapahit

by  
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March 25, 2015 (Wednesday) | 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Room 201, CK Choi Building, 1855 West Mall | RSVP at: [tiny.cc/UBCEarlDrake](http://tiny.cc/UBCEarlDrake)

Afternoon tea to be served



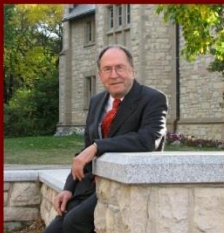
Why did the Author, a career diplomat, choose to write on such an odd topic?



The Author argues that modern Indonesians should take a more balanced approach and honour the many positive aspects of the Majapahit legacy.



The Author argues that Gayatri's contributions having been forgotten by posterity, and she should now be recognized as a national heroine.



After obtaining an MA in history, he joined the Canadian Foreign Service and gradually rose from junior diplomatic positions in Karachi and Kuala Lumpur to Ambassador in Jakarta and Beijing. As well, he served as a senior Canadian representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris and the World Bank in Washington, DC. Interspersed with his overseas postings were senior positions in Ottawa as Assistant Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice-President in the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

He is now retired in Vancouver where he is Honorary Professor in Residence at the Institute of Asian Research at UBC. He has published his memoirs, *A Stubble Jumper in Striped Pants: Memoirs of a Prairie Diplomat* (University of Toronto Press, 1999) and *Gayatri Rajapatni: Perempuan di Balik Kejayaan Majapahit* (Yogyakarta, Ombak 2012). His first published book was *Regina The Queen City* [McClelland & Stewart, 1955].

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