

# HIV/AIDS among Warias in Indonesia

Spring 2015, Individual Assignment  
8 Points, Due Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Assignment:

Write a 3 page (or so) essay on some aspect of your own choosing on the HIV/AIDS epidemic among the Warias in Indonesia. Your essay should provide an overview of the situation and consider the growing epidemic in terms of structural issues and stigmatization. The articles below document the high prevalence of STIs and unprotected sex among Warias. There have been many previous prevention programs among the Warias but clearly they have had limited success. Even those Waria with high knowledge seem to continue in high-risk activities. To understand why, we need to know more about the Warias and what their needs are, and how they are viewed by society. Clearly there are structural factors and social perceptions at play in this epidemic, just as there were among African Americans in the United States and among college students at the UA campus. You will probably want to mention some of your findings/suggestions from those previous assignments for this one.

## Your Essay Should Address:

1. Elizabeth Pisani. *The Wisdom of Whores*. Pages 43-91 (very easy reading). You'll probably want to read pages 1-43 because they are fascinating and easy to read, though not directly relevant to this assignment (will be uploaded to D2L next week).
2. At least one, but preferably both, of the following articles (on D2L) that document the high prevalence of HIV among Warias and their knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.
  - a. Joeseof, et al., "High rates of sexually transmitted diseases among male transvestites in Jakarta, Indonesia"
  - b. Prabawanti, et al., "HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Sexual Risk Behavior among Transgenders in Indonesia"
3. *Wariazone*, Directed by Kiwa and Terje Toomistu, (only 58 minutes – on D2L – go to UA Resources, Click on Panopto)
4. The Positive Deviance 2004 Report on a workshop with the Warias (4 pages)  
<http://www.positivedeviance.org/projects/countries.html?id=116>
5. Boellstorff, "Nuri's testimony: HIV/AIDS in Indonesia and Bare Knowledge" (on D2L)