A Short Biography of
WICAKSONO SAROSA

Born in Bandung, Indonesia, on October 11, 1959, Wicaksono Sarosa is currently the Executive Director of the Urban and Regional Development Institute (URDI), a Jakarta-based not-for-profit organization intended to promote sustainable urban and regional development in Indonesia through three main areas of activities: (i) research, (ii) training and (iii) communication.

He is also a lecturer at the Trisakti University and a principal at Ronakota Selaras, a design and planning consulting firm. His main area of interest is planning and management for sustainable urban development, especially at the local and community level.


As indicated in some of his writing, Wicak always tries to combine his theoretical knowledge and his practical experiences. He has been involved in several major urban planning and development projects since 1984. For example, he was involved in various planning and design processes of Bumi Serpong Damai newtown throughout the second-half of 1980s and, later on, in the late 1990s. He also contributed to some planning and design processes of other newtown or housing development projects in Indonesia. Wicak has also worked in participatory projects at the community level such as kampung improvement programs and other community development endeavors. In recent years – especially after the implementation of decentralization in Indonesia – Wicak has been very active as a training instructor in various local capacity building exercises.

Wicak lives in Jakarta with his wife and two children. When time allows, Wicak likes to do paintings (or sketching), easy readings and traveling with the family. He also enjoys walking around neighborhoods in Jakarta or anywhere.