



UMS PBSI Holds Public Lecture on Students' Role in Implementing the SDGs

The Indonesian Language and Literature Education Study Program (PBSI) of the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education (FKIP), **Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta (UMS)**, held a public lecture on Thursday, 12 March 2026, at the seminar room of the Siti Walidah Main Building, 7th floor. The event featured Esie Hanstein, an Indonesian language expert from the Humboldt University, Berlin and the University of Leipzig, Germany.

The lecture was themed *"From Campus to the World: PBSI Students as Key Actors in the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)."* The event aimed to encourage students to actively contribute to the implementation of the SDGs, a set of 17 global goals established by the United Nations to address major global challenges and promote sustainable development.

The public lecture was attended by the Rector of **UMS**, lecturers of the PBSI Study Program, and hundreds of PBSI students from various semesters. According to the Head of the PBSI Study Program, Yunus Sulistyono, Ph.D., the public lecture is an annual academic event that consistently invites international speakers. The program is expected to broaden students' perspectives and prepare them for future professional challenges.

In his opening remarks, the Rector of **UMS**, Prof. Dr. Harun Joko Prayitno, M.Hum., emphasized that the Indonesian language is increasingly gaining international recognition. He noted that the PBSI Study Program at **UMS** has played an important role in promoting

the internationalization of the Indonesian language, including its contribution to establishing an Indonesian language study program at Al-Azhar University in Cairo. He also stated that the responsibility for elevating the status of the Indonesian language lies with all members of society.

The lecture was moderated by Dipa Nugraha, Ph.D., a lecturer in the undergraduate (S1), master's (S2), and doctoral (S3) Indonesian Language Education programs at FKIP **UMS**. During the session, Esie Hanstein was introduced as a multidisciplinary figure with expertise as an Indonesian language scholar, writer, singer, translator, and humanitarian activist.

Born in Pontianak, educated in Yogyakarta, and currently working in Germany, Esie Hanstein delivered her lecture by presenting visual examples of SDG-related initiatives carried out both in Indonesia and abroad. Through these examples, she aimed to inspire students to take part in similar initiatives.

As a humanitarian activist involved in the ***Senyum Cemerlang*** program, Esie Hanstein highlighted several activities that reflect the implementation of the SDGs, including plastic-free initiatives, green campus movements, environmental conservation, gender equality efforts, humanitarian actions, and community service programs.

One of the main issues emphasized in her presentation was the importance of developing a green campus culture by reducing plastic use and minimizing pollution. This topic generated discussion among students, who asked about practical steps they could take to reduce waste in their daily activities.

At the end of the session, Esie Hanstein encouraged PBSI students to use their Indonesian language skills to educate others about practical ways to support the SDGs, such as reducing waste, promoting renewable energy, preserving the environment, and participating in social and humanitarian initiatives.