

Understanding International Relations Through The Lens of the Orient

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International relations were formerly determined by the western consensus. Orient mostly copied western ideas and could not resist them. The ideas of postcolonialism explained that many rationalizations from the Orient are always considered pseudo-consciousness and show the reality of knowledge disparity. The idea of binary opposition makes the debate entrapped into unidirectional. The subordination of the Orient is even stronger time by time. Moreover, the reproduction of colonial discourse is even reproduced by the orient itself. Only through the agenda of emancipatory the Orient ideas will emerge and embrace the debates. In this edition of Journal Global Focus (JGF) Vol. 2 No. 1, the editorial team proposes new agenda for understanding International Relations through the lens of the Orient. Hopefully, this edition would provoke the Orient society to be more critical of the omnipresent colonialization agenda.

The first article within this issue, entitled "*Poskolonial dan Developmentalisme: Telaah Kritis*" by M. Faishal Aminuddin from Universitas Brawijaya. This paper explains how the relationship between postcolonial theory and developmentalism does not run linearly. Otherwise, there is a contradictory dialogue space. This article succeeds in explaining the rejection of postcolonial theory by evaluating debates in the philosophical realm.

The second article, entitled "*ASEAN Digital Masterplan: Responding Cyber Security Dilemma in The Post-Covid Era*" by Muhammad Abdurrohim from Jilin University. The increasing penetration of internet users in the region creates an opportunity for ASEAN to establish ASEAN digital master plan that aims to accelerate the region's recovery from the pandemic through cyber

cooperation. Facing the insecurity dilemma, ASEAN is taking a contradictory action regarding the connectivity policy on cyberspace in the region. This paper is trying to answer the "Why?" question behind the establishment of the ASEAN Digital Masterplan.

Still orienting on ASEAN cooperation, the third article examines the implementation of the ASEAN Vision 2020 on food security. The article entitled *"ASEAN Vision 2020: The Implementation of Cooperation on Food Security"* by Asih Purwanti from the University of Sun Yat-sen questioned whether ASEAN excelled in achieving the objectives of ASEAN Vision 2020 in the sphere of food security by conducting numerous frameworks of collaboration. This paper argues that ASEAN has successfully delivered some positive achievements in regional cooperation in food security areas. However, to some extent, some ASEAN state members are still struggling with problems related to food security, particularly regarding food accessibility.

The fourth article is entitled *"Strengthened Common Security and Regional Interdependence in European Union: From Brexit to Covid-19 Pandemic"* by Rohannisa Naja Rachma Savitri from Universitas Pertahanan Indonesia. This article discusses European Union's response to Brexit and COVID-19. With a qualitative and explanatory approach, the article explains the outcome of the Brexit referendum that makes the situation different for the future of the regional organization. The European Union coped the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic by improving interdependence and maintaining common security. There are many holding meetings and common viewpoints among European Union members to face the threat of Covid-19.

The fifth article is entitled *"E-Commerce Boom and Consumer Culture amidst COVID-19 Pandemic: Delineating Indonesia's Purchasing Pattern"* by Citra Istiqomah from the Al-Azhar University of Indonesia. The covid-19 pandemic affects the global trade transformation and technological

advancement differently, especially for business patterns and lifestyles. This article seeks to explain the growth of e-commerce in Indonesia by the consumers purchasing mapping and the analysis of business challenges. The article suggests that culture can affect segments, the latest trends, and shared beliefs in business. In the middle of the digital economy era, businesses should be aware of consumer behavior and cultural background if they want to improve their business.

The last article is entitled "*Preventing Terrorism by Strengthening Community Based Ecosystem in Bali Province*" by Firstyarinda Valentina Indraswari, Wishnu Mahendra Wiswayana, Arief Setiawan, Krisda Thezza Lourencia Siahaan, and Ni Putu Rianti Sukma Nanda from Brawijaya University. Since the Bali Bombing in 2002, this issue has affected Indonesia's rise of terrorism issues. This article is trying to analyze the effort of the local government and its indigenous to protect against the potential of terrorism issue in Bali Province. This article found proper coordination and systemic communication between the local government agencies and local communities to prevent terrorist attacks with a qualitative approach. The result of this effort has been positive since 2005. There are no cases of terrorist attack, and trust-building among actors become stronger.

Finally, we sincerely hope that the third edition of JGF will provide insights to readers and scholars of International Relations. We would also like to thank all parties involved in the making and publishing of this issue. We hope that the quality of the manuscript published in JGF will be appropriately maintained and flourish in the future.

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