

EDITORIAL:

Towards Indonesian School of Thought of International Relations

Greetings from the Indonesian Journal of International Relations (IJIR)!

We are glad to launch IJIR as an official journal published by Indonesian Association for International Relations (Asosiasi Ilmu Hubungan Internasional Indonesia – AIHII). The current publication of IJIR is the inaugural edition as result of continuous commitment, efforts and teamwork from leadership and all members of the Association, AIHII since three years ago.

We are delighted to maintain our contribution as epistemic community of International Relations in developing and advancing knowledge, research, and studies of International Relations in Indonesia. This volume 1 number 1, 2017 is the first step to codify, present and disseminate ideas systematically that can be greater benefits to students, researchers, lecturers, policy makers, business people, politicians, opinion leaders and general public.

This publication is also the first step towards a vision on developing Indonesian School of thought of International Relations. In essence, it is an alternative point of view, perspective, concept, yet theories about International Relations with special consideration of, but not limited to, norms, values, facts, precedents, habits, behavior and ways of thinking of Indonesian.

We are fully aware that we choose uneasy trajectory towards new knowledge and understanding. Provoking, debatable, yet challenging efforts are meant to encourage Indonesian scholars to conduct and write research on Indonesia and the world from the point of view of Indonesian scholars. However, we also welcome foreign scholars to share their ideas about Indonesia and International Relations in this journal. In the end, we visualize that there will be alternative narrative on Indonesia and International Relations as complimentary of existing explanation.

As a beginning of this long journey, an inaugural edition of this journal consists of five interesting manuscripts related to Asia region with different topics and field of explanation.

The first article entitled "*Can We Reinvent International Studies on Southeast Asia for the Post Western World?*" written by Suzie S. Sudarman. This article basically aims to analyze the possibility of transformation of international studies from Western world to non-Western countries. This article identifies the key elements for the research agenda to advancing the discipline, such as the nature of violence which often occurs in non-Western nations; the type of markets that occurs, and other realities that require further investigation and will be able to produce much

improved detailed narratives about how the non-Western world can influence global politics for instance.

The second article, written by Andi Purwono, entitled *“Islam in Foreign Policy: Promotion of Moderate Islam in Indonesia Foreign Policy 2004-2014”*. This article mainly talks about the shifting of Islam dynamics in Indonesia foreign policy, which Indonesia in the present is promoting moderate Islam in international relations. It also argues that promotion of moderate Islam in Indonesia foreign policy was constructed by Islamic norm, Islam rahmatan lil alamin norm.

Yuhao Wen wrote *“Political Rise or Standstill: Chinese-Indonesian Oligarchs in the 2014 National Legislative Election”*, as our third article. This article aims to introduce the general performance of Chinese-Indonesian candidates in the legislative election at the state level since 1999, basically focuses on analyzing media tycoon Hary Tanoesoedibjo’s experience in the 2014 election. This article finds that he has been credited by political scientists and Chinese-Indonesian scholars for a certain degree of break-through in the Indonesian political landscape.

The fourth article is *“Chinese Dissident Game Two Players between the U.S. and China PRC”*, written by Susy Tekunan. This article aims to analyze the decision that the U.S. took upon the request of a Chinese dissent requesting for asylum when the U.S. Secretary of State came to China for a diplomatic visit. It also extracted the international issue between two contending countries using the game theory to consider the implication and thus to find a solution to the conundrum.

Meanwhile the fifth article entitled *“Poverty and the Linkage to Criminal Enhancement and Human Trafficking in Cambodia”*, written by Dwi Ardiyanti. This article aims to analyze the criminal enhancement in Cambodia, particularly poverty and human trafficking. It identifies that human trafficking is the most alarming problem currently and is getting worse since 2015 when ASEAN Economic Community declared for free trade service among ASEAN member states. Therefore, it also analyzes how this activity affects the cooperation of all member states.

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Thank you very much.

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