

## Notes from the Editors

Politik Indonesia has made a new breakthrough in article admission. Previously, all articles were submitted through the OJS system, starting from this edition, we accept articles and process them all through international symposium.

We held the international symposium in April 2018 with 34 papers and the main theme was Indonesia after 20 years of reformation. Then, we selected 20 best articles and an IPSR reviewer gave inputs to all those articles.

As the follow-up of the symposium, in the Volume 3 No. 2 July 2018, IPSR issued seven articles with various study themes that ranging from election to security issue in Indonesia.

First article, written by Aditya Batara Gunawan, presented analysis on Jakarta local election by evaluating the policies offered by the election participants. Titled as “Estimating Policy Position of the Candidates in the 2017 Gubernatorial Election in Jakarta”, it discussed policy issues that were offered by the local election contestants that correlate with support and rejection from the society. This discussion over policy

showed that policy issues were starting to enter the local election dynamics that had been overshadowed by primordial issues.

Next three articles delved into post-reformation Papua. Ari Setiarsih wrote an article titled Papua Security, while Suharno presented comprehensive analysis on national integration with title “Scrutinizing Papua from Nationalism, Identity Politics, and Indonesian National Integration Perspectives”. Also by Ferinandus Snanfi, Muhadjir Darwin, Setiadi, and Hakimul Ikhwan exposed the relation between identity politics and bureaucracy in Papua within “Identity Politics of Papuan Indigenous Ethnics in the Position Seizure Contestation: A Case Study of the OPD Structural Positions in the Governmental Bureaucracy in Papua.”

Following article examined citizen’s political right and its relation to public access strengthening in West Java. Asep Abdul Sahid Gatara and Moh. Solahudin bin Shahrudin in their article, “Political Rights of the Citizen in the 2014 Election and the Democracy Index in West Java: The Importance to Strengthen the Accessibilities”, explained the public access dynamics in presidential election,

especially the vulnerable citizens. The analysis also explored its relation to the democracy quality in West Java.

Muhammad Ridha, uniquely analyzed the political economy topic by comparing Indonesia and South Korea. The article, "Capitalist Development and Economic Outcomes of the State in Indonesia and South Korea: A Marxist View", revealed interesting findings on development and economic progress from Marxian perspective. This perspective is still considered as taboo in Indonesia although it is useful to ignite the spark for existing development acceleration.

The two last articles discussed on violence and terrorism in Indonesia. First article, written by Rizky Amelia Zein, under the title "Is Ethnicity the Root of All Evil? Engaging Macro and Micro Analysis of Ethnic Violence in Post New-Order Indonesia", which highlighted the violence issue in post-reformation Indonesia by emphasizing on ethnicity variable. The next paper by Mohammad Zaki Arrobi, "The Making of Islamist-inspired Terrorism and Its Counter-terrorism in Indonesia", criticized State's position on terrorism issue in Indonesia.

These articles were the selected seven for this edition. Other articles

presented in IPSR International Symposium will continue on Volume 4 No. 1 January 2019 edition. Please enjoy reading.