

Comparative Study on Religious Study and Ethnicity in Indonesia and Malaysia in Reformulating Nationalism (Comparative Study in Indonesia and Malaysia)

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to compare the use of religious identity and ethnicity in Indonesia and Malaysia in formulating the concept of nationalism in both countries. The argument put forward is that the role of ethnicity and religion plays an important role in both countries in the process of redefining nationalism in the midst of globalism. This research paper uses a qualitative approach through secondary data analysis as a method for conducting data analysis. The results of the study show that Indonesia and Malaysia have the same starting point: the religious and ethnic identities of the majority were politicized in order to free themselves from the grip of Western colonialism in the early days of fighting for independence. Only then, the trajectory that takes place is different. Indonesia carried out the process of reformulation by inclusive of nationalism. Meanwhile, Malaysia persists with the majority format of Islam and Malay as a binding force for the nation's integrity. Data collection was carried out from March to September 2022.

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