

Multiculturalism in Discourses of Strengthening Diversity and Pluralism in Indonesia

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Abstract

This short article tries to discuss multiculturalism which is aimed at utilizing it as identity or a culture characteristic and as a necessity to present social integration which will enable varieties of culture and ethnicity to develop social existence more reasonable in a nation of Indonesia. Talking about nationalism many circles of societies hold the opinion that Indonesia nationalism as a worn out stand. Moreover, recently there have been conflicting stands among certain groups. The complexity of the culture which was developed in order to tie the groups together into a nation has begun to crumble. Interactions among different elements of the nation have been influenced by distrust within the groups. Trust among the groups is the prominent foundation in order to achieve a unified multicultural nation.

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