The Present Of Local Specific Culture In The Future-Globalized Cities –
The Case Of Jakarta

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Abstract

The objective of this paper is to elaborate the relation of a globalized city to its local-traditional urban elements. This paper tries to show that there are local-specific urban elements which are most likely to have significant influence on the character of Jakarta in the future. One of them is the various local-traditional markets which are spread throughout the city. Based on several in-depth case studies the author demonstrates how these “traditional” markets as urban elements from the past are surviving and thriving as dynamic elements in the existing city. Furthermore the paper concludes that these local-traditional markets are not only potential to provide job opportunities for unskilled migrants; but also to elaborate the local-specific urban culture and to play important role in strengthening the citywide local economic structure, including its economic relation to the hinterland region.

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