The Existing Form of Urban Locality Groups in Jakarta: Reexamining the RT/RW in the post-New Order Era

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Abstract
As the representative neighborhood association in Indonesia, the RT/RW is given the task and duty by the government of promoting and helping the integration of the people and the government, and at the same time it has comprehensively to manage the daily business of the community. This top-down mechanism during the Orde Baru (New Order) era has been the main subject for studies of the RT/RW. However, after the collapse of the New Order administration, the local government system has been undergoing a reexamination, which in the end will also affect the RT/RW. This paper tries to observe the structural organization, activities and social characteristics of the leaders of some neighborhood associations in Jakarta in the post-New Order era. The analysis in this paper is based on field-work conducted after the end of Suharto administration.