

Editorial:

GLOBALIZATION TOWARD LOCALITY

Seemingly, Globalization, the recent world phenomenon, will get rid of all frontiers possessed by a state. This is due to the fact that each person, whatever citizenship the person possesses, may communicate with any one else wherever he or she live, and may move to any place to which he or she would like. Accordingly, the world phenomenon will play great roles in setting particularly socio-cultural, political, educational, and legal patterns and formulations of locality.

However, this locality is an exception. It is a distinctive and peculiar border. The Great Tradition, possessed by the Reflective Few, is going to be hand in hand with the Little Tradition of the Unreflective Many to shield their local properties. They won't let outsiders, through the globalization stream, destruct their local social structures, even though such consciousness belongs more greatly to the former group rather than the latter. However, the former is used to invite the latter to cooperate in handling foreign destructive influences.

In consequence, the locality should be caught sight of precisely considering the characteristics of its location, and its inhabitants and their local properties in such a way that the recent phenomenon, globalization, remains viable without removing the existence of local social-structure. By the proper comprehension, the globalization would be hand in hand with the locality. Furthermore, it should be involved, rather than isolated or even removed, in the globalization process. The local social structure can serve as the media for it. Hopefully, the process will be able to be conducted smoothly in regard of the peculiarities of the local structure. This involvement also signifies accommodating it in the process. Through the identification of its characteristics and the involvement, the patterns of local wisdom can be set up and formulated in line with the hope of the globalization.

The necessity of identifying and involving the locality is not mere a need for the access of the globalization into all regions in the world. The locality genius is the key word for the success of the world phenomenon. Due to the genius, the locality frequently can propose elegant ways out for problems encountered by the globalization. It can be mentioned few examples for it such as the success of process of Islamization in Java and the success of modernization in Tunis. Altogether, the locality is quite competitive aspect. Thus, is has to be take into account.

Last but not least, the articles of the present volume are going to the direction of accommodating and integrating the locality in the process and the stream through which the globalization has been going on. The writers of those articles, pertained to education, political language, religious legalization, Islamic jurisprudence, theology, *ḥadīth*, local culture, and the role of *pesantren* are in the effort of moving to the being discussed trends. (Editor/Sujadi)