

How People Live in a World of Uncertainty and Adversity: A Case Study of Disaster Risk Management at Urban Kampung of Yogyakarta

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Abstract

This study aims to examine the dynamism of people living in a world of uncertainty and adversity. To achieve the purpose, this study will focus on disaster mitigation and risk management adopted by people living in urban kampung at Yogyakarta. Yogyakarta as one of the important cities in Indonesia, in terms of history and tourism, has various kind of hazards such as flood, volcanic lahar and earthquake. In 2010, a large-scale eruption occurred at Mt. Merapi and volcanic lahar flew into Code River adjacent to the urban kampung inside the city of Yogyakarta. In that sense, urban kampung of Yogyakarta along the riverside can be considered as a highly prone site to disaster. Urban kampung is used to describe the phenomenon of village housing in urban areas that has been built by migrants from the countryside and considered as unorganized and informal settlement without infrastructure. Although it has been said that poverty and poor quality of life are the features of kampungs, residents make a living strategically by making full use of some functions and values inside the community. What are the features of resilience in such informal environment? The presentation is based on reviewing the debates around urban kampung and disaster mitigation, and on my research plan.