

Managing Conflicts in Heritage Sites, a case of Majapahit Sites in Trowulan – Indonesia*

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Abstract:

Contestation is a phenomenon from the impact of urbanization process in heritage sites. It is often highly politicized, and almost always has caused conflict among community, private sectors and government entities. They conflicted to decide their own priorities for development of their place and environment. The social consequences associated with the limitation of urban development plan enforcement. It is also criticized for causing environmental degradation, intensifying segregation, and undermining the vitality of existing urban areas. It is also frequently attacked on aesthetic grounds. It has a direct impact to cultural heritage sites too. It is needed a description of the impact as well as the problems and consequences of the urban resilience in Trowulan. It takes the view that a critical understanding of changes in dynamic urban growth is crucial for developing strategies for a heritage sites management and its protection for heritage sites, including matters relating to legal issues, area-based management in heritage sites and control mechanism.

This paper is written based on my dissertation research for my doctoral study in Institut Teknologi Bandung-Indonesia, under supervision by my three promotors: Prof. Widjaja Martokusumo, Prof. Peter Carey and Dr. Denny Zulkaidi. The present paper addresses the problems and consequences of the dynamic of contested space of intangible culture heritage in the Trowulan heritage site. This paper argues that an area based conservation concept is important for the integration of people, urban spaces and the natural environment within engagement of the past cultural heritage tradition in Trowulan. However, such a concept is needed as a procedure guideline to achieve the preservation goals in accord with its urban design. Finally, the research takes the view that critical understanding of changes in dynamic urban growth is crucial in designating the strategies for authenticity of urban management and protection for integrity heritage sites, including legal bases, area-based management in heritage sites and control mechanism.

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