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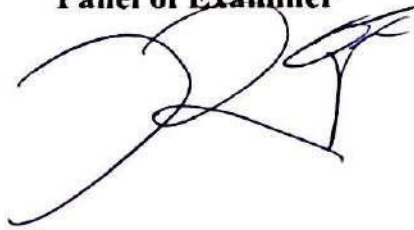
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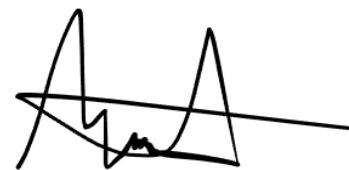
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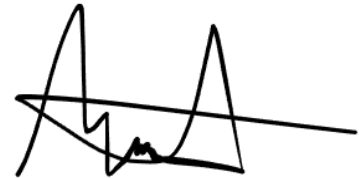
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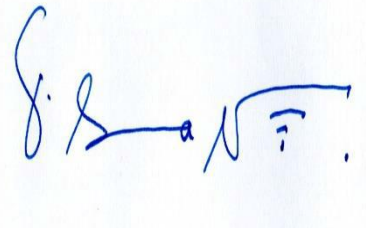


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Abstrak

Artikel ini membahas cara pemerintah Singapura melakukan "sekuritisasi" tata kelola internet, dengan mengacu pada konsep teori sekuritisasi. Dengan menganalisis sejarah unik dan pandangan sebelumnya yang dibawa oleh para pemain sekuritisasi ke dalam proses sekuritisasi, ini menambah nilai literatur tentang teori sekuritisasi. Esai ini berfokus pada para mantan pemimpin militer yang kini menjadi politisi sipil dan pembuat kebijakan yang bertanggung jawab untuk mengawasi tata kelola dunia maya, dengan menggunakan Singapura sebagai contohnya. Prevalensi elit militer, terminologi, dan teknik yang telah menembus lembaga tata kelola keamanan siber domestik ditunjukkan melalui terminologi yang mengacu pada dunia maya sebagai masalah "eksistensial" dan penunjukan staf penting dengan sejarah militer utama. Penggunaan istilah yang diilhami militer seperti "jarak digital" dan "permainan perang" di Singapura konsisten dengan perkembangan di sektor perbankan global, di mana bahasa dengan akar militer sering digunakan untuk mempersiapkan serangan siber pada infrastruktur informasi penting. Regulasi materi online di media sosial dan jaringan internet, serta undang-undang untuk melindungi infrastruktur informasi yang penting, adalah dua area penting tata kelola dunia maya yang sedang dikaji. Pembahasan berbagai isu yang disoroti oleh target "audiens" proses sekuritisasi, seperti masyarakat sipil dan penyedia infrastruktur informasi, sampai pada kesimpulan kajian.

Kata kunci: Sekuritisasi, kejahatan siber, dunia maya, Singapura

Abstract

This article discusses the ways in which the Singaporean government has "securitized" internet governance, drawing on the concepts of securitization theory. By analyzing the unique histories and prior views that securitizing players bring to the securitization process, it adds value to the body of literature on securitization theory. This essay focuses on the former military leaders who are now civilian politicians and policymakers who are responsible for overseeing the governance of cyberspace, using Singapore as an example. The prevalence of military elites, terminologies,

and techniques that have permeated domestic cybersecurity governance institutions are demonstrated through terminology that refers to cyberspace as a "existential" problem and important staff appointments with major military histories. The usage of military-inspired terms like "digital ranges" and "war games" in Singapore is consistent with developments in the global banking sector, where language with military roots is frequently used to prepare for cyberattacks on vital information infrastructure. The regulation of online material on social media and Internet networks, as well as laws to safeguard crucial information infrastructure, are two significant areas of cyberspace governance that are being assessed. The discussion of a variety of issues highlighted by the target "audience" of securitization processes, such as civil society and information infrastructure providers, comes to a conclusion of the study.

Keywords: Securitization, Cybercrime, Cyberspace, Singapore