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ABSTRACT

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China is one of the most influential nations in its economy, politics, and security among China's neighborhood countries that are enthusiastic to have cooperation whether its bilateral or multilateral with China to gain their own national interest and so does China. By this mechanism, China especially under Xi Jinping's administration have the power or the authority to control the systemic level through China's foreign policy as the instrument that portrays China nowadays as he took power in 2014.

During Xi Jinping's presidency China has been significantly concerned on its maritime issue, especially on the issue of the South China Sea. It is also really concerning every claimants country such as Vietnam as China close neighborhood country to begin with, this issue has been concerning a lot of nation. This thesis analyze how President Xi Jinping consider China's maritime strategic environment in the making of foreign policy toward Vietnam regarding the South China Sea dispute by using Foreign Policy Decision Making Theory and National Interest Theory to examine the highlighting point that geopolitical issue indeed play a role to create China's national interest under Xi Jinping's administration. These findings apply a qualitative method to analyze the result that come's up within this study.

Key Words: China, Vietnam, Foreign Policy, Maritime Issue, Xi Jinping, South China Sea

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China adalah salah satu negara yang paling berpengaruh dalam ekonomi, politik, dan keamanannya di antara negara-negara tetangga China yang sangat antusias untuk menjalin kerjasama baik bilateral maupun multilateral dengan China untuk mendapatkan kepentingan nasionalnya sendiri dan begitu juga dengan China. Melalui mekanisme ini, China khususnya di bawah pemerintahan Xi Jinping memiliki kekuatan atau kewenangan untuk mengontrol level sistemik melalui kebijakan luar negeri China sebagai instrumen yang menggambarkan China saat ini saat ia mengambil alih kekuasaan pada tahun 2014.

Selama masa kepresidenan Xi Jinping, China sangat memperhatikan masalah maritimnya, terutama masalah Laut China Selatan. Ini juga sangat memprihatinkan setiap negara pengklaim seperti Vietnam sebagai negara tetangga dekat China sejak awal, masalah ini telah menjadi perhatian banyak negara. Tesis ini menganalisis bagaimana Presiden Xi Jinping mempertimbangkan lingkungan strategis maritim China dalam pengambilan kebijakan luar negeri terhadap Vietnam terkait sengketa Laut China Selatan dengan menggunakan Teori Pengambilan Keputusan Kebijakan Luar Negeri dan Teori Kepentingan Nasional untuk mengkaji poin penting bahwa isu geopolitik memang berperan terhadap menciptakan kepentingan nasional China di bawah pemerintahan Xi Jinping. Temuan ini menggunakan metode kualitatif untuk menganalisis hasil yang muncul dalam penelitian ini.

Kata Kunci: Tiongkok, Vietnam, Kebijakan Luar Negeri, Isu Maritim, Xi Jinping, Laut Cina Selatan

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Air Defense Identification Zone	ADIZ
ASEAN Economic Community	AEC
ASEAN-China Free Trade Area	ACFTA
Belt Road Initiative	BRI
Communist Party of Vietnam	CPV
Communist Party of China	CPC
China – Central Asia – West Asia Economic Corridor	CCWAEC
China – Indochina Peninsula Economic Corridor	CICPEC
Commissions on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	CLCS
China Overseas Port Holding Company	COPHC
China-Pakistan Economic Corridor	CPEC
Center for Strategic and International Studies	CSIS
Development Assistance Committee	DAC
Exclusive Economic Zone	EEZ

Foreign Policy Analysis	FPA
Foreign Policy Decision Making	FPDM
Greater Mekong Subregion	GMS
Gwadar Port Authority	GPA
Hai Yang Shi You 981 (China national offshore oil corporation)	HYSY
International Court of Justice	ICJ
Joint Study Group	JSG
Logistic Performance Index	LPI
One Belt, One Road	OBOR
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's	OECD
People's Republic of China	PRC
Revealed Trade Preference	RTP
Socialist Republic of Vietnam	SRV
United Nations Convention on The Law of The Sea	UNCLOS

