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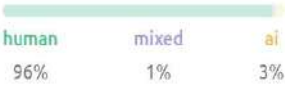
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ABSTRACT

This research examines ASEAN's continued use of the 'ASEAN Way' through the Five-Point Consensus (5PC) in responding to the military coup in Myanmar in 2021, despite its limited effectiveness in crisis resolution. Through qualitative analysis based on document-based methods and literature review, this study examines why ASEAN has maintained its traditional diplomatic approach in the face of growing challenges. The findings show that while the 5PC has not achieved significant progress in resolving the Myanmar crisis, its continued implementation reflects deep-rooted institutional values and ASEAN's commitment to consensus-building and non-interference principles. The research reveals that ASEAN's approach is characterised by intersubjectivity among member states, institutionalised collective problem-solving practices, and a preference for process-oriented engagement over outcome-based intervention. Despite the institutional constraints that limit ASEAN's ability to respond effectively to Myanmar's complex political crisis, the organisation continues its diplomatic efforts through special envoys to mediate with all parties involved. This study concludes that while ASEAN's traditional approach through the 5PC maintains organisational unity and its diplomatic engagement, the ongoing crisis highlights the need to carefully consider how these diplomatic approaches can be adapted to meet contemporary challenges without compromising fundamental regional values. The findings contribute to broader discussions on the crisis management capabilities of regional organisations and the balance between institutional identity and effective crisis response.

KEYWORDS: ASEAN; Myanmar Crisis; Five-Point Consensus; ASEAN Way; Non-interference Principle; Consensus Building; Military Coup

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini mengkaji penggunaan 'Cara ASEAN' melalui Konsensus Lima Poin (5PC) yang terus digunakan oleh ASEAN dalam merespons kudeta militer di Myanmar pada tahun 2021, meskipun efektivitasnya terbatas dalam penyelesaian krisis. Melalui analisis kualitatif berdasarkan metode berbasis dokumen dan tinjauan literatur, studi ini mengkaji mengapa ASEAN mempertahankan pendekatan diplomatik tradisionalnya dalam menghadapi tantangan yang terus berkembang. Temuan penelitian menunjukkan bahwa meskipun 5 Poin Konsensus (5PC) belum mencapai kemajuan yang signifikan dalam menyelesaikan krisis Myanmar, pelaksanaannya yang terus berlanjut mencerminkan nilai-nilai institusional yang mengakar dan komitmen ASEAN terhadap prinsip-prinsip pembangunan konsensus dan non-intervensi. Penelitian ini mengungkapkan bahwa pendekatan ASEAN dicirikan oleh intersubjektivitas di antara negara-negara anggota, praktik penyelesaian masalah kolektif yang dilembagakan, dan preferensi untuk keterlibatan yang berorientasi pada proses daripada intervensi berbasis hasil. Terlepas dari kendala institusional yang membatasi kemampuan ASEAN untuk merespons secara efektif terhadap krisis politik yang kompleks di Myanmar, organisasi ini terus melanjutkan upaya diplomatiknya melalui utusan khusus untuk memediasi semua pihak yang terlibat. Studi ini menyimpulkan bahwa meskipun pendekatan tradisional ASEAN melalui 5PC mempertahankan kesatuan organisasi dan keterlibatan diplomatiknya, krisis yang sedang berlangsung menyoroti perlunya mempertimbangkan dengan cermat bagaimana pendekatan diplomatik ini dapat diadaptasi untuk menghadapi tantangan kontemporer tanpa mengorbankan nilai-nilai dasar regional. Temuan-temuan ini berkontribusi pada diskusi yang lebih luas tentang kemampuan manajemen krisis organisasi regional dan keseimbangan antara identitas institusional dan respons krisis yang efektif.

Kata Kunci: ASEAN; Krisis Myanmar; Konsensus Lima Poin; ASEAN Way; Prinsip Non-Intervensi; Pembangunan Konsensus; Kudeta Militer

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