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## **Urbanizing Indonesia: Trends and Challenges of Urbanization in the 21st Century**

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This paper aims to explore the trends and challenges of urbanization in Indonesia until 2050. The paper uses Central Bureau of Statistics data to make a projection to 2050. The available data indicate that by 2050 the island of Java will be urban. From 1961 to 2005, the growth rate of living in urban areas in Indonesia increased rapidly. In the period 1961-1970, the national population growth rate was 2.2% per year, compared with growth in cities of 2.6% per year. In the period 1970-1980, the population growth rate was 2.06%, and it decreased again in the period 2000-05. Conversely, the number of people living in urban areas experienced significant growth, from 2.6% in the period 1961-1970 to 5.89% in the period 2000-2005. Rapid urban growth has directly impacted the development of basic infrastructure and public services in urban areas in Indonesia. Lack of clean water, housing and employment, along with poor sanitation and adequate transportation to meet the needs of urban population growth, are problems faced in urban Indonesia in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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## **The Discourse of Polygamy in Indonesia and Malaysia: A Comparative Perspective**

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As neighbours, Indonesia and Malaysia share some similarities. For example, most Indonesians and Malays are ethnically Malay, and Islam is the majority religion both in Indonesia and Malaysia. However, there are slight differences between Indonesia and Malaysia in, for instance, their attitudes toward polygamy. Based on my fieldwork in Indonesia and Malaysia, this paper looks at the argument that Malaysia is more conservative in its attitudes toward polygamy. This can be seen in, for example, Malaysian reactions to the promotion of polygamy. In Indonesia, there were many protests against the Polygamy Award in 2003. In contrast, there were no protests at all during the launching of Kelab Poligami Ikhwan in 2009. Sisters in Islam (SIS), a Non-Government Organization which is well-known for its opposition to polygamy, did not protest the event taking place, with several