

**UNDERGRADUATE THESIS**

**THE DISCOURSE OF THE STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE  
ACCEPTANCE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND  
TRANSGENDER ACTIVISTS IN MALAYSIA AS A  
MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRY**



**Accomplished by**

**Nellatika Chaerunnisa**

**20140510341**

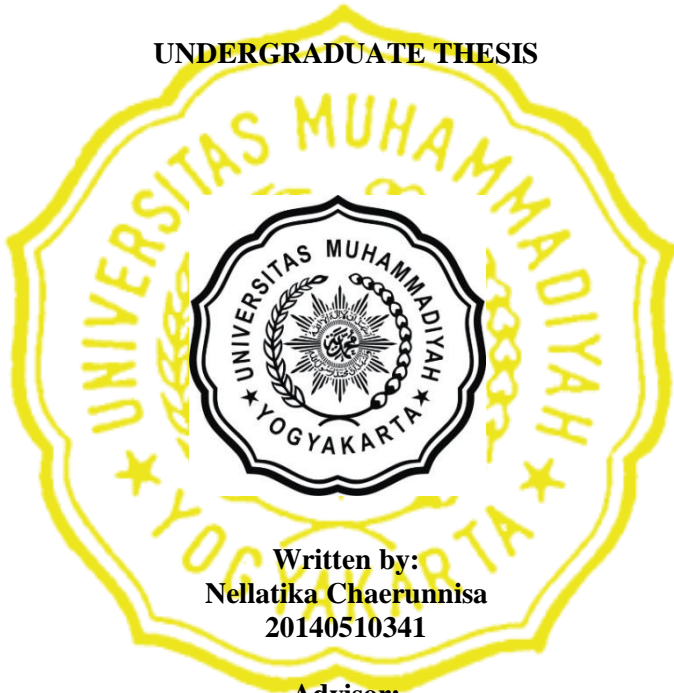
**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH YOGYAKARTA**

**THE DISCOURSE OF THE STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE  
ACCEPTANCE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND  
TRANSGENDER ACTIVISTS IN MALAYSIA AS A  
MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRY**

**UNDERGRADUATE THESIS**



**Written by:  
Nellatika Chaerunnisa  
20140510341**

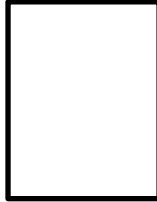
**Advisor:  
Dian Azmawati, S.IP., MA**

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH YOGYAKARTA  
2018**



## ENDORSEMENT PAGE

### THE DISCOURSE OF THE STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTANCE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER ACTIVISTS IN MALAYSIA AS A MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRY



**NELLATIKA CHAERUNNISA**

**20140510341**

This undergraduate thesis has been examined and endorsed by  
the board of examiners from the Department of International  
Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences,  
Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta

Day and Date :  
Time :  
Place :

Examiner Board

**LECTURER**

**Advisor / Chief of Examiner**

Lecturer asd

**Examiner 1**

lecturer

**Examiner 2**

## STATE OF ORIGINALITY

I hereby certify that my undergraduate thesis under the title **“The Discourse Of The Struggle to Achieve Acceptance for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Activist In Malaysia as A Muslim Majority Country”** is original and has not been asked to get a Bachelor degree at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta and/or in other universities.

In this undergraduate thesis, there is no work or opinions that have been written or published by others except in writing clearly listed as a reference in the script with the name mentioned and listed in the references.

I made this statement in real and if in future there is a mistake in this statement, then I am willing to accept academic sanction in accordance with the applicable rules at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta.

Yogyakarta, 19 April 2018

NELLATIKA CHAERUNNISA

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In this page, first of all I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Allah SWT who always showering me with His barokah all the time, giving me a chance to fix all the broken things and others. I must also thank to His Prophet and other creatures. A very special thanks also to my biggest support system, my family; mother, grandfather (alm), grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins, for always love unconditionally, take care of me in every conditions and pray for me for every occasions and decisions that I made. They are the one who have big influence in creating my good personalities and never give up on my self in every conditions.

I would like to thank Mrs. Dian Azmawati, S.IP., M.A, my thesis advisor, whose expertise, understanding, and patience, added considerably to my graduate experince. I must also acknowledge Mrs. Dr. Nur Azizah, M.Si., Mr. Dr. Surwandono, M.Si, Mr. Bambang Wahyu Nugroho, S.IP., M.A, Mrs. Siti Muslikhati, S.IP., for being the examiners of my thesis (research) since proposal seminar until the final presentation. My thesis would not as well as now without their comments and suggestions.

In conclusion, I recognize that this research would not have been possible without all of people who came and go in my past and today's life

Yogyakarta, 19 April 2018

NELLATIKA CHAERUNNISA

## **EXTENDED GRATITUDE**

Thanks to these people:

1. For someone in the colleague, who always help and support me in every conditions, and my bestfriends who life apart after senior high school graduation.
2. For my junior high school friends, senior high school friends, and colleague friends.
3. For my friends in abroad
4. For every people who I met in every way on my journey, giving some advices, sharing their experiences or even help me.
5. For everything that come up in my life. I'm so grateful.

Yogyakarta, 19 April 2018

NELLATIKA CHAERUNNISA

20140510341

## Table of Contents

TITLE PAGE.....	I
ENDORSEMENT PAGE.....	I
STATE OF ORIGINALITY .....	II
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT .....	III
EXTENDED GRATITUDE.....	IV
TABLE OF CONTENTS.....	V
LIST OF TABLE .....	VII
ABSTRACT.....	VIII
<b>CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION .....</b>	<b>1</b>
A. BACKGROUND .....	1
B. RESEARCH QUESTION.....	8
C. PURPOSE OF RESEARCH .....	8
D. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK.....	8
1. <i>Constructivism</i> .....	8
2. <i>International Regime Concept</i> .....	10
E. HYPOTHESIS .....	11
F. METHOD OF RESEARCH.....	13
1. <i>Type of research</i> .....	13
G. SCOPE OF RESEARCH .....	14
H. SYSTEMATICS OF WRITING.....	14
<b>CHAPTER II THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LGBT MOVEMENT AND ITS COMMUNITIES .....</b>	<b>15</b>
1. <i>LGBT Communities and influential movements in     Malaysia</i> .....	19
a. PT Foundation .....	19
□ <i>People Living with HIV/AIDS</i> .....	19



b. Seksualiti Merdeka .....	20
c. LPG (Leadership Program for Gays) .....	23
2. <i>Anti-LGBT movements</i> .....	25
3. <i>PASRAH (People's Anti Homosexual Voluntary Movement)</i> .....	25

**CHAPTER III MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT EFFORTS  
IN PREVENTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF LGBT  
ISSUES..... 28**

A. THE PROBLEMS OF LGBT MOVEMENTS IN MALAYSIA.....	29
1. <i>The Banned of Seksualiti Merdeka</i> .....	30
قَالُوا لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهَ يَا لَوْطُ لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمَخْرُجِينَ (167).....	31
قَالَ إِنِّي لِعَمَلِكُمْ مِنَ الْقَالِينَ (168) .....	32
2. <i>The high tension by Media</i> .....	33
B. MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TOWARD LGBT ISSUES.....	37
1. <i>Sex Health Education and Transgender's Rehabilitation Camp</i> .....	38
2. <i>National Creative Video Competition on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health</i> .....	40

**CHAPTER 'IV THE STRUGGLE OF LGBT ACTIVISTS  
FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCE IN  
MALAYSIA..... 43**

A. THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN CHANGING PERSPECTIVE ....	49
B. INTERNATIONAL REGIMES INVOLVE LGBT ISSUES IN MALAYSIA.....	54

**CHAPTER V CONCLUSION..... 63**

**REFERENCES..... 67**

## **LIST OF TABLE**

Table 1 2.1 Countries which have legalize same-sex marriage .....	16
Table 2 2.2 Pro and Contra of LGBT Movement in Malaysia .....	19
Table 3 4.1 Malaysian Legal System About LGBT Advocation .....	45

## **ABSTRACT**

Malaysia has known as a country with majority Muslims people and also using Islamic regulations on their political system. LGBT movement in Malaysia has developing fastly as time passes and it become big concern for Malaysian government because their national law implementing Islamic regulations as well. The top of the LGBT issues in Malaysia was emerged One of the famous LGBT community in Malaysia called Seksualiti Merdeka (SM) has banned in 2011, however in the early of 2012 the issue of sexuality content of LGBT images which spread in poster and others media became one of the concern for Malaysian government and also bring the international debate . The purpose of this research is the writer want to examine and explain more about how LGBT activists struggle for their acceptance in the country with majority Muslims people and have some strict regulations, like Sharia Law which used by Malaysian government about the LGBT issues and its same-sex relationship.

Keyword : LGBT issues, Seksualiti Merdeka, Islamic regulation, media, international regimes.