Democracy and The Emerge of Weak State in Indonesia and Columbia

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This paper aims to investigate the linkages between democracy and the emerge of weak state in Indonesia and Columbia. The state no longer presents itself as a comprador actor, in the way that dependency theory describes. Likewise, it does not represent the developmental-state any longer, as seen in the growth of freedom and political independence at the mass level. It is therefore important to examine the depth of the state's relationship with the international regime, and how this relationship has given birth to democratization on the one hand, but continuing domestic tensions and legal battles on the other. Furthermore, this paper attempts to answer how deep is the construction of the state in the context of its deepening relationship with the neo-liberal regime. It explores the potential linkage between Indonesia's difficulties in deepening democracy and the struggle between the state and the neoliberal regime in post New Order Indonesia and under democracy regime in Columbia.

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