

EDITORIAL

The present issue confronts the twin issues of development and modernity. Though the articles approach these issues in very different ways, they are all concerned with social inclusion within dynamic postcolonial societies.

Yanuar Nugroho, Tussy Augustine Adibroto, Jimmy Tanaya, Dwitri Amalia, and Irsan Pawennei discuss a vision of development and inclusive growth that is anchored on innovation. Too often social justice movements neglect the need for smaller reforms that add up to big changes. But utilizing Innovation for Inclusive Development (IID)—new ways of using technology and know-how in developing contexts—yields numerous benefits for a society like Indonesia. Given the growing decentralization of governance in that country, models for ground-up developmental interventions need to be investigated.

Christopher Woodrich also discusses Indonesian modernity, but does so through the work of filmmaker Saeroen. Though most of his films are lost, Woodrich uses clever detective work to mine reviews, novelizations, and promotional material, for the rural-urban tensions of Saeroen's work. Geography, of course, is an important element of inclusion. The postcolonial city involves various claims to public space, and a work such as Woodrich's historicizes the tensions that subtend these claims.

One cannot talk of inclusion without the issue of contestation. Our final article by Teresa Encarnacion Tadem examines how grassroots and leftwing movements have contested economic and development models in the Philippines. Despite vibrant economic debate in the country, the Philippines still suffers from chronic underdevelopment and perennial economic crises. Is this, perhaps, because alternative development paradigms have been left unexplored? To jolt our thinking and to stir economic imaginations anew, it seems, once again, that we need to represent new voices. Inclusion remains key.

LISANDRO E. CLAUDIO

Ateneo de Manila University