

Menciptakan Ruang Baru bagi Demokrasi Partisipatif

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Abstrak

This article talks about creating political participating spaces for people as one of the requirements of participative democracy. There are four reasons of why people's spaces of participate democracy are needed, i.e.: the government cannot fulfill all of the people's needs, the government needs the mechanism of checks and balances, the need of solidarity and gaps limiting, and the possibility of creating social justice. The two proposed-concepts of political participating spaces are invited space and popular space. Both of the concepts are theoretically different, yet could be overlapped in their application. At last, there are three challenges towards creating participative democracy in Indonesia, i.e.: opening the information channel, making practical guide to the enhancement of people's involvement and establishing the understanding of politics and power.