

Women and family welfare in Indonesia : a critique of the family model "man as the breadwinner"

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Abstrak

The emergence of the welfare state form in the West positions women in the traditional role in the domestic sphere. In the context of Indonesia, the critique presented by the feminist in the west to the concept of state and family welfare cannot directly be used to analyze how the country put the women in the family welfare policies. By using some concepts of the state welfare, this paper will explain the bias in formulating the position of women in social policy in the field of family welfare in Indonesia. Social policy for women within the family unit is still discriminatory against women. This is a consequence of the model family with a male breadwinner. The guarantee of women's and children's rights is determined by the legitimacy and their relationship with the husband as head of the family. For poor women the economy and domestic job work is not an option but a requirement. Woman as the head of household is a unique picture of the viability of women from the poverty of the families. These symptoms should be seen as the practice criticizing the assumption of the family model with a male breadwinner. These examples may be early clues to search defamilization concept in Indonesia.