

Children suckling from the water, stones and bamboo: the women of ratu jaya care for the ciliwung river

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This paper examines the relationship between women and nature in the village of Ratu Jaya Depok along the Ciliwung river. Ecofeminism framework suggesting oppression of nature as connected to the oppression of women is used. The Ciliwung river was a main water source for Dutch Batavia during the colonial era. It can no longer be used in this capacity due to bamboo felling, illegal logging and illegal housing upstream. Yet, Ratu Jaya women are still dependent on the Ciliwung river. Domestic work is completed using water from the Ciliwung, and not only that, the Ciliwung is a place to educate their children regarding the stones and bamboo. The water there is relatively clean. The women care for the river and rely on it for their children to survive climate change.