

ABSTRACT

The research conducted aims to disclose the triggering conditions around the establishment of ASEAN Community. In doing so, the theoretical contestation and transformation of paradigm in the study of International Relation also revealed. The shifting from neo-realism to constructivism does followed by the changing perspective in looking at regionalism and integration, a basic concept where ASEAN Community relays on, in which the classic stressing on state and the new underlining on people. Thus it can be understood that, as this research sumps up, the initiation of ASEAN in forming such kind of community actually endorsed by three conditions. In the first level, the closer engagement puts ASEAN to get in. Secondly, to make ASEAN relevant, it is a need to give wider people participation. Last, the existence of external power urges ASEAN to bargain better and to get ready in coping with them through member cooperation in the frame of community.

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