# DENMARK'S FAITH-BASED DIPLOMACY: THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

## **UNDERGRADUATE THESIS**

Supervisor: Muhamad Rofiq, Lc., M.A., Ph.D.



## Arranged By:

Raden Safinatul Aula Wiji Kinasih

20200510019

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND POLITICS
UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH YOGYAKARTA

### STATEMENT OF AUTHENCITY

I hereby declare that the undergraduate thesis entitled **DENMARK'S FAITH-BASED DIPLOMACY: THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE** is my original work and has not been submitted for any degree or other purposes at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta or in other education institutions.

In this undergraduate thesis, I certify that the intellectual content of this thesis is the product of my own work and my own opinion, as all the assistance received in preparing this thesis and its sources have been acknowledged. The contents are indeed the work and the idea of my own, and I did not plagiarize in ways inconsistent with the prevailing ethic in the scientific community.

I wrote this statement honestly, and if in the future there are discrepancies that have been found with this statement, I would accept any academic sanctions and be processed by the applicable provisions at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta.

Yogyakarta, January 23rd, 2024

Raden Safinatul Aula Wiji Kinasih

20200510019

## **EPIGRAPH**

"Allah does not burden a person but according to his ability."

— Al-Baqarah: 286

"Stress makes you bald, but it's stressful to avoid stress, so you end up stressed out anyway.

In the end, there's nothing you can do."

— Sakata Gintoki

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

#### Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh

All and foremost, I want to give my gratitude to Allah SWT because it was only with His blessing and permission that I was able to complete my undergraduate thesis, which was titled "DENMARK'S FAITH-BASED DIPLOMACY: THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE" within the time frame I was given. I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to my advisor for all of his help and guidance during the writing process of my undergraduate thesis. Secondly, I would also like to thank my parents for the constant support and reminder they gave me towards completing this undergraduate thesis. Lastly, I want to thank my examiners for their insightful criticism and evaluation of my undergraduate thesis, which has helped it grow even further.

This undergraduate thesis is the highest result of the knowledge I acquired during my undergraduate studies at the University of Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta's Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. Since learning is important, I realized that this undergraduate thesis is far from perfect and still has room for more improvement. I hope that this undergraduate thesis will help advance the field of international relations studies and sociology of religion, thus serving as a source of extra information for the thesis's connected themes.

Yogyakarta, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Raden Safinatul Aula Wiji Kinasih

#### **FOREWORD**

This thesis would not have been possible without the direction, assistance, and support of numerous people who, in one way or another, contributed and extended their valuable assistance in the preparation and completion of this undergraduate thesis. It is a pleasure to thank those who made this undergraduate thesis possible. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude to everyone who helped me along the way with my undergraduate thesis. Thus, I have dedicated this page to express my sincere gratitude and to give particular thanks to:

- 1. My wonderful and beloved parents, Raden Sadhu Wirotama, S.Kom., M.M. and Raden Devi Fitri Rahmawati, S.E. There aren't any words that could amount to describe everything that my parents give me up until this point. Thank you for believing in me, and always supporting me in my academic journey. My parents are always open about their situations to us, their children. They taught me that even if our economic situation is not that good, if it is for education and good things, they will always find a way to support me. They pushed me to join competitions, applying for scholarship, they supported me to join student exchange program twice. They were also the ones who always reminded me to keep working on my undergraduate thesis. I believe it would not be possible for me to finish this undergraduate thesis and my study without their support. Their constant prayer and support are what made me able to reach this point in my life. One more important thing is they always say thanks and sorry, "thank you for finishing the undergraduate thesis", "sorry if you are tired, please hang in there". I don't deserve their thanks or sorry, and whenever I hear that it just motivates me hundred time harder. It is the most beautiful and precious sentences that I will always keep in the back of my mind to motivate me through life. They will be always my greatest motivation in life. After graduating I will make them prouder than before. I love you both!
- 2. My little sisters and brother, Tsani, Anom, and Yayang. They are also one of my motivations to finish this undergraduate thesis, especially Tsani who always reminds me to continue my progress (sometimes borderline annoying) in compiling my undergraduate thesis. I hope my academic journey can be a good example for them and motivate them to become better than me.
- 3. Myself, for completing this whole academic journey and achieving this degree in international relations. There are challenges and tough times, there are also countless of sleepless nights, a lot of complaining, or times when I feel I will break in any second since I am too tired, and times when I made some mistakes, but I have my family and

- friends that keep encouraging me, and because of those things I had gone through, I can learn more and grow more as a person. I am grateful and proud of myself for not giving up. Life is hard, but good job for surviving. よく出来ました!
- 4. Mr. Prof. Dr. Ir. Gunawan Budiyanto, M.P., ASEAN., Eng. as Chancellor of the Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) for the 2020-2024 period.
- 5. Mr. Dr. Takdir Ali Mukti, S.Sos., M.Si, as Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Relations, Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta.
- 6. Mr. Dr. Sugito, as head of the International Relations Department, Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta.
- 7. Mr. Zain Maulana, Ph.D as head of the international class of the International Relations
  Department at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta.
- 8. Mr. Muhamad Rofiq, Lc., M.A., Ph.D. as my undergraduate thesis supervisor, I am indebted to him. I never took any of Mr. Rofiq class before, and the first time we met is during the period of compiling my undergraduate thesis. Nevertheless, Mr. Rofiq believes in me and the topic I choose. He believes I could finish completing my undergraduate thesis within the timeline I desired, which is only in two months. Thus, he supported me by giving me his books and other reading materials, and despite his busy schedule he still gives me his time to review and give feedback for my undergraduate thesis. With his critical questions and detailed feedback, my undergraduate thesis could be completed. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much Mr. Rofiq, and I hope one day I can also continue my studies, just like you, in Edinburgh.
- 9. Mr. Muhammad Faris Al-Fadhat, S.IP., M.A., Ph.D and Mr. Sidiq Ahmadi, S.IP., M.A. as my thesis examiner ho has dedicated their time, knowledge, and opportunity to guide me in making this undergraduate thesis become better and meets expectations.
- 10. Mrs. Dr. Dian Azmawati, S.IP., M.A. as my academic supervisor, who consistently provides me with guidance throughout my academic journey at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY).
- 11. All UMY administrative staff of the Department of International Relations helped me in the administration process throughout my study in UMY.
- 12. My Grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, all of my extended family members.
- 13. All my friends from International Relations and other major in UMY that I cannot mention one by one.

- 14. Secretariat of Directorate General of Multilateral Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic Indonesia, especially KKOI division, Mrs. Sendi, Mr. Denny, Mr. Aris, Mr. Adib, Mrs. Risa, Mr. Agung, and Ms. Deli, who accept me as their intern. I gained a lot of useful practical experience during my internship and a lot of advice. Thank you for teaching me how to take things slowly but still responsible for it. Ngeten!
- 15. All my friends and the people I met from my student exchange program, part-time work, and internship program that I cannot mention their names one by one.
- 16. All my cats at home that I love so much, Bibi, Kuma, Kumi, Wawa, and others that I cannot mention their names one by one.
- 17. Special mention for Sousou no Frieren that give me motivation at my last year of my undergraduate program.

Once again, it would not be possible for me to finish this undergraduate thesis without the help of those individuals. I am really thankful for those individuals that helped me grow during my academic journey. May Allah SWT grant unending blessings to all the prayers, support, help, and precious things, and may they always be under His shade and grace. I hope after finishing my undergraduate degree I can be a diplomat, so that I can put into practice the knowledge that I have received during my undergraduate study period. I acknowledge that as a human, I am not perfect, and there are still some shortcomings with this thesis. Therefore, if there are any suggestions and constructive criticism, I will happily receive them, it can be submitted via email at <a href="mailto:raden.s.isip20@mail.umy.ac.id">raden.s.isip20@mail.umy.ac.id</a>.

Wassalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuh

Yogyakarta, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Raden Safinatul Aula Wiji Kinasih

## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

ENDO	DRSMENT PAGEi
STAT	TEMENT OF AUTHENCITYii
EPIG	RAPH iii
ACK	NOWLEDGMENTSiv
FORE	EWORDv
ABST	RACTviii
TABL	LE OF CONTENTSix
LIST	OF TABLESx
CHAI	PTER I1
INTR	ODUCTION1
A.	Background1
B.	Research Question
C.	Purpose of Research
D.	Theoretical Framework
1.	Faith-based Diplomacy4
2.	Secularism6
E.	Arguments7
F.	Research Method
G.	Structure of Thesis
CHAI	PTER II9
ANTI	-MUSLIM SENTIMENTS AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE EFFORTS IN
DENN	MARK9
A.	Jylland Posten Muhammad Cartoon Controversy (2005)9
B.	Danish-Arab Partnership Program (DAPP) Dialogue Project (2006 – 2013)10
C.	The 1000 Abrahamic Circle Project (2019)11
D.	Quran Burning Controversy (2023)
CHAI	PTER III14

FACT	ORS BEHIND THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE14
A.	Danish Government and The Freedom of Speech
B.	Nature of Interfaith Dialogue
C.	Different Perspective of Looking at Secularism between Danish Secular Society and
Mus	slims
CHAI	PTER IV22
CON	CLUSION22
REFE	ERENCES24
	LIST OF TABLES
Table	1. How to differentiate hate speech and free speech