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KUMBANG MOUNTAIN IN THE CULTURE OF THE JALAWASTU INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY IN BREBES DISTRICT, CENTRAL JAVA

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INTRODUCTION

- Jalawastu Indigenous Community (Jalawastu Community) is located in Ciseureuh Village, Ketanggungan District, Brebes Regency, Central Java Province.
- Distance: about 50 km from Brebes City, Central Java to the south
- Language: Sundanese
- Religion: Islam with pre-Islamic beliefs (syncretism)
- The Jalawastu community is located at the foot of Mount Kumbang (1211m above sea level), the highest mountain in Brebes district. The community treats this mountain as a sacred place.
- How does the Jalawastu indigenous community view Mount Kumbang in its culture?

LITERATURE REVIEW

There have been several writings about the Jalawastu Indigenous Community, including: Khumaeroh, et al (2022), Sunjana (2019), Wijanarto (2018), and Tahroni (2016). This paper discusses Jalawastu community and Gunung Kumbang using Lefebvre's theory (1991) "The Production of Space"

METHOD

Qualitative Method

Data collection: in-depth interview, observation, documentation



FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Regional Division of Gunung Kumbang

1. *Dayeuh Lemah Kaputihan* area

- The most sacred part of the area
- The myth of *dayeuh lemah kaputihan*, as the dwelling place of God (*Batara Windu Buana*), the Gods (*Hyang*), and the saints. This myth is also related to the ancestral story of the Jalawastu community (*Guriang Panutus*).
- Myth of Ki Kolot and Nyai Kolot. The story is related to dirty/unkind deeds that will bring disaster.
- Must not say and do dirty things
- Must not enter with clothes/equipment from animal skins
- Must not damage/take elements of the ecosystem resources

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2. Gedong Pasarean Area

- Located at the entrance/court to the *dayeuh lemah kaputihan*
- The burial place of traditional leaders and kuncen
- The place where the *Ngasa* Ritual (mountain alms) is held. This ritual also shows the acculturation between old and new beliefs (Islam).
- Not to damage/take natural resources (cutting down trees, hunting animals, damaging springs)
- Must not damage/take elements of the ecosystem resources

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3. *Padumukan* (Residential area)

- *Pamali* (forbidden) house construction
 - Walled
 - Cement/ceramic floor
 - Tile roof
- *Pamali* in agriculture: planting onions, peanuts, soybeans, beans
- *Pamali* in animal husbandry: raising geese, ducks, goats, and buffaloes
- *Pamali* in arts: performing puppets, hitting gongs

CONCLUSION

- For the Jalawastu Community, Kumbang Mountain where they live is an area that is considered sacred.
- The sacredness of Kumbang Mountain is divided into three areas in order: *Dayeuh lemah kaputihan* (most sacred), *Gedong Pasarean*, and *Padumukan* (residence). The three sacred spaces have certain taboos for those who are in them.
- The meaning of the sacred space on Gunung Kumbang can be seen as a form of respect and expression of gratitude from the community to God and their ancestors as well as an effort to maintain their cultural identity and preserve their natural environment.

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Interview:

Daryono, 67 years old, Kuncen Dayeuh Lemah Kaputihan (Gunung Kumbang)

Dastam, 60 years old, Customary Holder of Jalawastu Community



THANK YOU!