

Abstract

**The West from the View of the Chinese Diaspora: Entrepreneurship in Indonesia**

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Chinese transnationalism has become one important part of the Chinese Diaspora Studies. It includes economic, sociological, and ethnographic studies of the history of Chinese migration to all over the world. Chinese abroad, especially in South East Asia since the era of European Imperialism until Late Capitalism have played the part of Confucian Entrepreneurs.

Since the Dutch Colonial Period, Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia have had a special position as intermediary commerce agents in Indonesia. We noted that the significant period of early western modernity in Indonesia started during the Dutch Colonial Period. Ethnic Chinese also contributed to the introduction of the modernity in Indonesia. This project will examines how the images of the 'West' have been perceived by Chinese entrepreneurs in Indonesia from colonial times to the present.