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Introduction

Recently, psychology celebrated its 120th anniversary of the founding of psychology by Wilhelm Wundt in 1879. Wundt helped to establish the experimental method in psychology and emphasized the importance *Völkerpsychologie* (i.e., cultural psychology). He regarded cultural psychology to be a “more important branch of psychological science which was destined to eclipse experimental psychology” (Danziger, 1983). He devoted the latter part of his life documenting sociocultural influences in his 10 volume work, *Völkerpsychologie* (Wundt, 1916).

The goal of the First Conference is to understand people in culturally diverse contexts, continuing the legacy established by Wundt. The second goal is to examine the content of human thoughts, emotions and actions in local and cultural context. The third goal is to examine the role of agency, intentions and goals in explaining behavior. The fourth goal is to integrate arts and humanities with social sciences. The fifth goal is to contribute to development of psychological knowledge that is relevant, useful and universal.

The conference will cover the following topics:

- 1 Psychological analysis of local knowledge and indigenous concepts.
- 2 Indigenous and cultural analysis of psychological theories, concepts and knowledge.
- 3 Development of indigenous methods and research design.
- 4 Life-span development in indigenous and cultural context.
- 5 Application of psychological knowledge in family, education, organizations, and health.

- 6 Application of indigenous and cultural knowledge to promote societal development.
- 7 Cultural diversity as a source of creativity, knowledge and innovation.
- 8 Intergroup relations, intercultural contact and acculturation.
- 9 Cross-indigenous research and application.
- 10 Linkages of art, music, and humanities with scientific understanding of human behavior.

Indonesia is ideally suited to host the First International Conference on Indigenous and Cultural Psychology, with its diverse cultures, religions and way of life: Indonesia has more than 100 languages, 250 dialects and five officially recognized religions (i.e., Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Confucianism). Indigenous way of life is dominant and culture provides a basis for achieving unity in diversity.

Around 43 symposia (234 oral presentations) and 63 posters will be presented during the conference. Around 450 participants from 30 countries join the conference. During the opening ceremony of the conference, **The Asian Association of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology** will be launched and the selected presentations from the conference will be published in the *Asian Journal of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology* in 2011. Research and institutional collaborations are encouraged and will be strengthened to realize the vision of the association. The goal is to map our own features and strength which will help us to understand people in context and contribute to application of psychological knowledge to improve quality of life and enrich scientific and universal psychology.

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Dilemma of Working Women Experienced with Long Distance Marriage

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Women, who choose to participate in public sector, are often confronted with problems relating to the functions in performing that role. Patriarchal culture, patterned in the minds of Indonesian society is often being an obstacle for working mother. Negative labels always seemed to accompany, especially for women who must experienced with long distance marriage. Problems encountered are more complex. This study is aimed at exploring reasons behind the decision to live with long distance marriage and strategies in dealing with problems as a result to chose working separately from family. More specifically, the phenomenon of work-family conflict is further explored. Participants of this study are four women who work and live apart from their husbands. The four informants have different work backgrounds. Two people are managers. The other participants are the finance staff and the entrepreneur. This study uses a qualitative approach with a critical feminism paradigm. The process of data collection was done by interviews and observation. Results from this study indicate that beside to meet the needs of families, the decision to choose working separately from their husbands influenced by parenting systems adopted by the working mother, which is demanding independence. Values internalized by participants are to meet parent's expectation to succeed in work as their parents have spent effort to support them to have high level education. Parents also serve as a model of

hard worker. However, the problem often occurred is a time-based conflict. Time owned only be used to conduct activities in a particular role can not fulfill duties in other roles. Social support, particularly support from husband play vital role in the process of dealing with the problems that arise in the life of participants. In addition, the presence of a child is also an important factor to survive. Another interesting finding is that the bargaining power held by women depending on their position on the job. The higher level of job, the stronger power gained by women. They are better able to manage their life because they are used to manage subordinates, set the time and firm in making a decision related to their job. This is certainly influential in the daily life in the family, how they manage time for my husband and children. Participant with the lowest level of job has the lowest bargaining power. She tends to avoid confrontation with husband when having problems. Letting go and accepting all decisions made by her husband. Finally, well-being of working mother experienced with long distance marriage depends on how she values her life as independent women. They enjoy their roles, which can actualize their potentials and freely enjoying their time without obligation to care husband