Non-Traditional Issues among ASEAN Nations: Securitization and Policy Making in Issues of Non-Traditional Security (NTS)

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ABSTRACT

Issues dealing with security are perhaps the most profound issues since the end of the Cold War in 1990s. The idea that the security of the state is no longer can only be challenged by war but also by other factors and issues that can still threaten the wellbeing of the citizen and state. The realism paradigm in international politics deems issues on securities in a traditional way that wars and arm conflicts are the only threat to the state. This viewpoint falls under the notion of traditional security. The other notion that dictates the security of the state can be more than just arm conflicts and wars, fall under the idea and paradigm of idealism. This paper will tend to highlight a few issues that concern the paradigm of Non-Traditional Security (NTS). In the end, the objective of this concept paper is to see the awareness of ASEAN members on the issues of NTS and how do they respond to such matters. A total of 10 informants from different backgrounds but experts in the field of NTS will involve in the study. From the findings, we hope that there is a full picture of NTS during the pandemic COVID-19 can be presented. Thus, from this study, the blueprint for NTS can be suggested to help people more understand NTS.

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