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Editor's Note

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Welcome to the latest edition of the *Global South Review*, a platform dedicated to the exploration of pressing issues facing nations in the Global South. We are thrilled to present a collection of insightful articles that shed light on the multifaceted challenges and opportunities in this dynamic region. Our mission has always been to provide a space for research and thoughtful analysis, fostering a deeper understanding of the issues that shape the Global South. The common thread running through these articles is the interconnectedness of Global South concerns, transcending geographical boundaries and underscoring the region's global significance.

Our journey begins with the first article, "Democracy Assistance to Global South: A Case Study of Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Freedom Agenda in Indonesia." This study examines the influence of democracy promotion in Indonesia by the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), a German political foundation, takes center stage as an actor in Indonesia's political landscape. Indonesia, as a nation in the Global South, is a poignant illustration of the Global North's involvement in shaping democratic processes. The study scrutinizes how KAS's "Freedom Agenda" initiatives aim to instill Western democratic ideals within the Indonesian context, providing valuable insights into the intricate relationship between the Global North and the Global South in matters of governance and political transformation.

In the second article, "Whither Just Transition? A Case Study of Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM) Country Platform in Indonesia," we delve into the critical realm of energy transition. This article unveils the multifaceted web of global dynamics that intertwines with Indonesia's energy landscape. It lays bare how foreign investments and support can serve as both catalysts and challenges in the pursuit of a just transition. The implications of such external influence ripple through the Global South, raising questions about sovereignty, equity, and sustainability. The notion of a "just transition" resonates far beyond Indonesia's borders, echoing throughout the Global South, where nations grapple with the need to balance economic development with environmental responsibility. By dissecting Indonesia's experience, this article provides a lens through which we can scrutinize the broader global energy transition discourse, acknowledging that the choices made by countries in the Global South carry global consequences.

Our third article, "Not So Ambitious? Indonesia's Coal Dependence Amidst The Era of Energy Transition," explores Indonesia's coal dependence and its climate commitments. This article unravels Indonesia's intricate dance between climate commitments and the stark

reality of continued coal reliance. This dilemma encapsulates the broader struggle faced by many nations in the Global South, as they endeavor to balance environmental stewardship with developmental aspirations. The concept of “securitization” forms a crucial chapter in this narrative. This article illuminates how environmental concerns have become inseparable from broader security considerations. As the world grapples with the consequences of climate change, issues such as resource scarcity, displacement, and geopolitical tensions have emerged on the security agenda, particularly in the Global South.

In the fourth article, “Bride Trafficking from Vietnam to China: The Critique of Socialist Feminism,” we turn our attention to gender issues and politics. The focal point of this article is the harrowing phenomenon of bride trafficking, a deeply troubling issue that plagues many countries in the Global South. As we immerse ourselves in the narrative, we come to understand the profound implications of this practice, particularly for Vietnamese women forcibly transported to China for marriage. This exploration is made even more illuminating by the application of a socialist feminist perspective, a critical lens that unveils the intricate intersection of two formidable forces: patriarchy and capitalism. Through this analytical framework, the article reveals how these oppressive structures conspire to perpetuate the exploitation of women, not just in Vietnam and China but across the Global South.

Our journey concludes with the fifth article, “The Opportunity to Achieve Net Zero Emissions in Indonesia Through Green Economy Implementation to Address Climate Change.” This research engages with the pressing global issue of climate change and endeavors to elucidate Indonesia’s capacity to transition towards a green economy, a pivotal aspect of the collective global response to climate change. By examining the empirical context of Indonesia, this study provides valuable insights into the intricate interplay between environmental responsibility and sustainable economic development—a dynamic that resonates deeply with the concerns and aspirations of numerous Global South nations. The central premise of achieving net-zero emissions takes center stage in this academic discourse, serving as both an aspirational and pragmatic goal in a world confronting unprecedented ecological challenges. The study underscores Indonesia’s endeavor as emblematic of broader aspirations within the Global South, where the imperative of carbon emissions reduction harmonizes with the imperatives of economic growth and poverty alleviation.

We firmly believe that understanding and addressing the challenges faced by the Global South is paramount for progress and well-being. These articles exemplify the diversity and complexity of these challenges while highlighting the role of scholarly research in finding innovative solutions. As we continue our commitment to promoting research and facilitating dialogues on Global South matters, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated authors and peer reviewers who have enriched this issue. We hope that the insights presented here

spark further discussions, inform policies, and inspire actions aimed at creating a more equitable and sustainable Global South. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we invite you to explore this enriching collection of articles in the current edition of the *Global South Review*.

Sincerely,

Mohtar Mas'ood - Editor in Chief

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