



INHERITANCE OF CULTURAL VALUES IN THE SEKURA TRADITION AS AN IDENTITY LAMPUNG SOCIETY CULTURE

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Abstract

The inheritance of cultural values in the Lampung community faces major challenges in the era of globalization, where local traditions such as Sekura are at risk of shifting values and identities. This study aims to examine the Sekura tradition as one of the cultural heritages of West Lampung in transferring and maintaining cultural values to the younger generation. The method used is a literature study, by collecting and analyzing various written sources that discuss the Sekura tradition, the cultural values contained therein, and the process of inheriting cultural values. From the results of the literature study, it was found that the inheritance of cultural values through the Sekura tradition takes place in three main stages: socialization, internalization, and enculturation. The socialization stage involves the introduction of cultural values by parents and traditional elders through various media and narratives. Internalization occurs when individuals begin to live these values as part of their personal identity. Meanwhile, at the enculturation stage, the values that have been internalized are practiced and made part of everyday life, strengthening the cultural identity of the Lampung community. The conclusion of this study is that the Sekura tradition plays an important role in passing on cultural values and strengthening the cultural identity of the Lampung people amidst the changing times.

Keywords : sekura; values; tradition; inheritance

INTRODUCTION

The inheritance of cultural values is an important process in maintaining the continuity of a community's identity, especially in a society rich in tradition such as the Lampung community (Baihaqqi, 2017) . The Sekura tradition, which is a distinctive cultural heritage from West Lampung, has become a symbol of cultural identity that is strongly embedded in the social life of the local community. This tradition not only functions as a celebration and cultural expression, but also as a vital mechanism for transferring cultural, moral, and spiritual values to the younger generation, so that they can understand, appreciate, and continue this cultural heritage (Amalia, 2019; Ragaman et al., 2023) .

Various literature has revealed that the Sekura Tradition contains deep meaning and reflects various aspects of the lives of the Lampung people. According to research conducted by several cultural experts, Sekura is not only an annual ritual, but also an effective social communication medium among the community. This tradition teaches about the importance of togetherness, solidarity, and mutual

respect among members of society. The masks and clothing used in this tradition also have rich symbolism, representing values such as humility, protection from evil, and a symbol of collective strength (Fauzan, 2016).

On the other hand, the literature also shows that Sekura is a form of local cultural resistance to the penetration of foreign cultures and globalization. Globalization often brings changes that can threaten the sustainability of local traditions and values. However, through Sekura, the Lampung people have shown their ability to adapt while maintaining the essence of their culture. This tradition is an important tool for preserving cultural identity amidst the current of modernization that often homogenizes local culture (Mutiara, 2023).

The process of cultural value inheritance through Sekura is carried out through three main stages: socialization, internalization, and enculturation. The socialization stage involves the introduction of cultural values by the older generation to the younger generation through active participation in traditional activities. Internalization occurs when these values begin to be lived and absorbed as part of the individual's personal identity. Meanwhile, at the enculturation stage, the values that have been internalized are practiced in everyday life, which ultimately strengthens the cultural identity of the Lampung people (Kusherdyan, 2020).

Existing research also emphasizes the importance of the role of families and traditional communities in this inheritance process. The family as the smallest unit of society plays an important role in instilling cultural values from an early age. Meanwhile, traditional communities act as guardians of tradition, ensuring that these values are not only taught but also lived in everyday life (Puspitasari, 2022).

Therefore, this study focuses on an in-depth analysis of the process of cultural value inheritance through the Sekura tradition as part of the cultural identity of the Lampung community. By using a literature study approach, this study aims to explore and further understand how the Sekura tradition plays a role in maintaining and transferring cultural values amidst the challenges of modernization and globalization. This study is expected to provide comprehensive insight into the importance of preserving local traditions in maintaining the cultural identity of a community.

The inheritance of cultural values is an essential process in maintaining the sustainability and integrity of a community's identity, especially in facing the challenges of modernization and globalization. The Sekura tradition in West Lampung is one concrete example of how cultural values can be inherited from one generation to the next through profound and meaningful cultural practices. This literature review will discuss various perspectives and findings from previous studies on the process of inheriting cultural values through the Sekura tradition as the cultural identity of the Lampung community.

1. Sekura as a Medium for Cultural Inheritance

The Sekura tradition has been identified as one of the main media in the inheritance of cultural values in Lampung society. Sekura is not only a form of entertainment, but also a cultural ritual that is full of moral and social messages. Sekura involves various symbolisms, such as the use of masks and traditional clothing, each of which has a specific meaning in the context of Lampung culture.

Masks, for example, often symbolize protection and anonymity, which teach the values of humility and equality in society (Erwansah, 2022; Rachman et al., 2024; Simona et al., 2024; Uzakiyah, 2019).

2. The Process of Inheriting Cultural Values

The process of cultural value inheritance through the Sekura tradition can be divided into three main stages: socialization, internalization, and enculturation. Socialization is the initial stage where cultural values are introduced to the younger generation, usually through direct participation in traditional activities and guidance from parents and traditional elders. At the internalization stage, the values obtained during socialization begin to be internalized and integrated into the individual as part of their identity. Enculturation is the stage where the internalized values are practiced in everyday life, so that they become an inseparable part of the cultural identity of the community (Mutiara, 2023; Simona et al., 2024; Syifa & Evadiani, 2024; Uzakiyah, 2019; Yuli, 2023).

3. Sekura and Cultural Identity of the Lampung Community

The cultural identity of a society is often reflected in the local traditions they practice. The Sekura tradition plays an important role in maintaining the cultural identity of the Lampung people amidst the changing times. In fact, amidst the changing times, the Lampung people are able to maintain and strengthen their sense of togetherness, solidarity, and pride in their cultural heritage. In addition, this tradition also functions as a tool to strengthen social ties among members of society and as a medium to affirm the noble values inherited from their ancestors (Amalia, 2019; Rachman et al., 2024; Sihombing & Da Silva, 2023; Simona et al., 2024; Susantri, 2019; Uzakiyah, 2019).

4. Challenges in the Inheritance of Cultural Values

Although Sekura serves as an effective tool for passing on cultural values, this tradition is not free from challenges. Modernization and globalization have brought significant changes in people's ways of life, which sometimes conflict with traditional values. The influence of foreign cultures, technology, and changes in the mindset of the younger generation pose a threat to the sustainability of the Sekura tradition. To overcome this, it is important for indigenous communities and cultural stakeholders to continue to innovate in the way they pass on cultural values, while maintaining the essence of the tradition (Brata & Wartha, 2020; Budiningtyas & Sirod, 2021; Candrika, 2019; Pudjiastuti et al., 2023; Rakhmat, 2013).

5. The Role of Families and Indigenous Communities

The literature also emphasizes the importance of the role of families and indigenous communities in the inheritance of cultural values. The family, as the smallest social unit, acts as the first place where cultural values are taught and applied (Suharto, 2016). Indigenous communities, on the other hand, act as guardians of traditions and prevailing cultural norms. Cooperation between families and indigenous communities is very important to ensure that the values contained in the Sekura tradition can continue to be preserved and passed on to the next generation (Runalan & Aan, 2019; Siregar & Nadiroh, 2016; Soedarmo & Suryana, 2019; Subianto, 2013; Warada et al., 2021).

6. Conclusion of the Literature Review

Literature review shows that the Sekura tradition serves as an effective mechanism for the inheritance of cultural values in Lampung society. Through the process of socialization, internalization, and enculturation, this tradition not only helps transfer moral, social, and spiritual values, but also strengthens local cultural identity. However, amidst the challenges of globalization, there needs to be a more systematic effort to ensure that this tradition remains relevant and can continue to be carried out by the younger generation. Collaboration between families, indigenous communities, and the government is key to preserving the Sekura tradition as part of the cultural identity of the Lampung people in the future.

METHOD

This study uses a literature study method to explore the process of cultural value inheritance through the Sekura tradition as part of the cultural identity of the Lampung community. This method involves collecting, analyzing, and synthesizing various relevant written sources, including journal articles, books, dissertations, research reports, and other sources that discuss aspects of the Sekura tradition and the inheritance of cultural values in the Lampung community (Abraham & Supriyati, 2022; Andriani, 2021; Cahyono et al., 2019; Harmoko et al., 2022; Ismayani, 2019; Ridwan et al., 2021; Sahir, 2021).

1. Literature Collection

The first step in this method is to identify and collect relevant literature. Literature searches were conducted through academic databases such as Google Scholar, JSTOR, and ProQuest, as well as university libraries that provide access to journal and book collections. Keywords used in the search included "Sekura tradition," "inheritance of cultural values," "Lampung cultural identity," and "cultural enculturation." In addition, previous studies that have been published in cultural and anthropology journals were also used as primary reference sources.

2. Selection and Inclusion Criteria

After the literature has been collected, the next step is to select the sources to be analyzed. The inclusion criteria for the selected literature are sources that directly discuss the Sekura tradition in West Lampung, sources that include analysis of the inheritance of cultural values in the context of other local traditions or cultures. Research conducted in the context of Lampung society or that is relevant to the study of cultural inheritance in Indonesia. Literature published in the last 10 years to ensure the relevance and recency of the data.

3. Data Analysis and Synthesis

After the relevant literature has been selected, the next stage is analysis and synthesis. Analysis is carried out by reading and reviewing each source in depth to understand how the Sekura tradition is explained in the context of cultural value inheritance. This process includes identifying key themes such as the process of socialization, internalization, and enculturation in cultural inheritance, as well as the role of the Sekura tradition in strengthening the cultural identity of the Lampung community. Furthermore, data synthesis is carried out to integrate findings from various sources and compile a comprehensive narrative about the process of cultural value inheritance through the Sekura tradition. Sources that have thematic

similarities are combined, while differences and variations in views are analyzed to provide a more complete picture.

4. Validity and Reliability

To ensure the validity and reliability of the results of the literature study, cross-referencing was carried out between various sources. Literature that has high academic quality and is peer-reviewed is a top priority to ensure the accuracy and credibility of the data used. In addition, interpretations of the literature are also critically evaluated to avoid bias and provide an objective assessment of the Sekura tradition.

5. Reporting Results

The results of the literature analysis are arranged in the form of a narrative that describes how cultural values in the Sekura tradition are inherited and how this tradition contributes to the formation and maintenance of the cultural identity of the Lampung community. These findings are then used as a basis for drawing conclusions about the importance of preserving the Sekura tradition in maintaining the sustainability of local culture amidst the flow of globalization. This literature study method allows researchers to gather broad and in-depth insights from various academic perspectives, and provides a strong basis for understanding the complexity of the process of inheriting cultural values through the Sekura tradition.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This study aims to reveal how cultural values are inherited through the Sekura tradition and its role in strengthening the cultural identity of the Lampung community. Based on the results of the literature study conducted, there are several key findings that support the understanding of this inheritance process and its implications for the sustainability of local cultural identity.

1. The Process of Inheriting Cultural Values Through the Sekura Tradition

The Sekura tradition in West Lampung serves as an important mechanism in the inheritance of cultural values. This inheritance occurs through three main stages: socialization, internalization, and enculturation. The socialization stage is the initial stage in which cultural values are introduced to the younger generation. In the context of the Sekura tradition, this process usually occurs through direct participation in traditional activities, such as mask making, costume selection, and involvement in rituals and ceremonies. Parents and traditional elders play an important role in teaching the symbolic meaning of elements in the Sekura tradition, such as the meaning of the masks and clothing used. Through this participation, children and adolescents are introduced to values such as togetherness, solidarity, and respect for tradition. At the internalization stage, the cultural values that have been introduced through socialization begin to be internalized by individuals as part of their personal identity. This internalization process occurs gradually and is influenced by the individual's experience in following the Sekura tradition. Individuals begin to understand the importance of these values in everyday life, such as the importance of maintaining harmonious social relations in the community, respecting ancestors, and preserving traditions. The enculturation stage is the stage where the internalized values are consistently practiced in everyday life.

In this case, individuals not only understand and appreciate cultural values, but also apply them in real actions. For example, the values of solidarity taught through the Sekura tradition are applied in the form of mutual cooperation, helping each other between community members, and maintaining social harmony. This enculturation ensures that cultural values are not only passively inherited but also lived and strengthened by each generation.

2. The Role of Sekura Tradition in Strengthening Cultural Identity

The Sekura tradition plays an important role in strengthening the cultural identity of the Lampung people. This cultural identity is built through understanding and experiencing the values contained in the tradition, as well as the application of these values in everyday life. The Sekura tradition is rich in symbolism that reflects the cultural values of Lampung. The masks used in Sekura, for example, not only function as physical attributes, but also as symbols of humility and disguise. This teaches the importance of togetherness and equality among community members. The traditional clothing used in Sekura also symbolizes the unity and collective identity of the Lampung people. Through Sekura, the Lampung people can strengthen social ties among themselves. This tradition teaches the importance of togetherness, mutual cooperation, and mutual support among community members. This is especially important in the context of modernization, where social and economic changes can lead to the erosion of social solidarity. Sekura, with all its rituals and activities, serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining social cohesion and cultural identity. In facing the currents of globalization that often bring foreign cultural influences, the Sekura tradition acts as a fortress that protects local cultural identity. Globalization, with all its easy access to information and technology, can threaten the sustainability of local traditions and values. However, Sekura shows that the Lampung community is able to maintain and adapt their traditions without losing their cultural essence. By continuing to involve the younger generation in this tradition, the Lampung community is trying to ensure that their cultural values remain relevant and appreciated amidst changing times.

3. Challenges and Conservation Efforts

Although the Sekura tradition plays an important role in the inheritance of cultural values, there are a number of challenges faced in efforts to preserve it. One of the main challenges is the changing mindset of the younger generation who are increasingly influenced by global culture. Technology and social media are also factors that change the perspective and lifestyle of the younger generation, which may reduce their interest in local traditions. To overcome this challenge, various preservation efforts have been carried out, both by indigenous communities and local governments. Education about the importance of tradition and cultural identity, as well as innovation in organizing Sekura events to make them more attractive to the younger generation, are some of the steps taken. For example, integrating modern technology in organizing Sekura or promoting this tradition through social media can be an effective way to attract the interest of the younger generation and ensure the sustainability of the tradition.

CONCLUSION

The results of this study indicate that the Sekura tradition plays an important role in the inheritance of cultural values in Lampung society. Through the process of socialization, internalization, and enculturation, this tradition not only transfers cultural values to the next generation but also strengthens the cultural identity of the community amidst the challenges of globalization. Despite facing various challenges, the Sekura tradition remains relevant and serves as an effective mechanism in maintaining the sustainability of local culture. Innovative and educational preservation efforts are key to ensuring that this tradition remains alive and continues to be passed on to future generations.

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