

STATE-SOCIETY RELATIONS: AN ANALYSIS OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT'S BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS HAZE ISSUE

Lee Pei May

**Faculty of Social Sciences
UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SARAWAK**

Abstract

This paper compare and analyse Singapore government's commitments towards the past haze phenomenon with the latest haze attack on 2013. For the past decades, Singapore seems to be quite willing to tolerate hazy skies and choking smog caused by the haze but this time around, Singapore has taken an assertive stance when dealing with haze issue. So, the changing behavior of Singapore from being half-hearted to fully commit in resolving the haze issue is the center of this discussion. In the recent 2013 haze episode, Singapore has been pressing Indonesian government to name those companies involved in illegal clearing of lands regardless of ownership. Singapore government has also considered extending extra-territorial jurisdiction, which has yet to be testified. There are many scholarships available that look into the haze issue in Southeast Asia but only a limited number of studies that focus on states' behaviour on this matter. This paper intends to examine Singapore's approach to this catastrophe especially during 2013 prolonged smog.

Keywords: haze, Singapore, illegal, behavior