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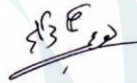
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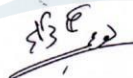
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This study aims to examine China's strategy for achieving its national interests through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Kazakhstan. The primary focus of the research is to analyze China's national interests and the strategies employed through the Belt and Road Initiative. This research utilizes a qualitative methodology with a case study approach that emphasizes observation and analysis of the occurring phenomena. Data is gathered through a literature review and analysis of secondary sources, including government documents, academic articles, and publications from research organizations. The findings reveal that key variables of national interest play an important role. The strategies implemented by China include: (1) Investment in infrastructure, (2) strengthening economic cooperation in infrastructure and natural resources, and (3) enhancing market access through infrastructure. The strategies involve diplomacy, long-term economic agreements, and strengthening cross-border connectivity through rail networks and energy sector investments. Data collection techniques include literature studies, analysis of official documents, and secondary data from policy reports and academic journals. The results indicate that China has applied various strategies. The analysis in this study shows that while the BRI brings economic benefits to Kazakhstan, there are risks of dependency that could influence the country's domestic policies. This study also discusses how China's strategies in the BRI not only impact the economic aspect but also have political and diplomatic implications for the stability of Central Asia.

Keywords: China's Interests, China's Strategy, Belt and Road Initiative, Kazakhstan

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ABSTRAK
STRATEGI CHINA UNTUK MENCAPAI KEPENTINGAN NASIONAL DI
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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk meneliti terkait dengan strategi China untuk mencapai kepentingan nasionalnya melalui Belt and Road Initiative di Kazakhstan. Fokus utama penelitian adalah menganalisis kepentingan nasional China dengan strategi yang digunakan melalui Belt and Road Initiative. Penelitian ini menggunakan metodologi kualitatif dengan pendekatan studi kasus yang menekankan pada pengamatan dan analisis fenomena yang terjadi. Data diperoleh melalui tinjauan literatur dan analisis sumber-sumber sekunder, termasuk dokumen pemerintah, artikel akademis, dan publikasi dari organisasi penelitian. Temuan-temuan tersebut menggambarkan bahwa variable-variable utama dari kepentingan nasionalnya memainkan peran penting. Strategi yang diterapkan China yaitu: (1) Keamanan energi dan akses sumber daya alam (2) penguatan kerjasama ekonomi dalam pembangunan infrastruktur (3) Stabilitas wilayah perbatasan China (4) Ekspansi pasar dan integrasi ekonomi regional. Strategi yang diterapkan melibatkan diplomasi, perjanjian ekonomi jangka panjang, serta penguatan konektivitas lintas batas melalui jalur kereta dan investasi sektor energi. Teknik pengumpulan data dilakukan melalui studi literatur, analisis dokumen resmi, serta data sekunder dari laporan kebijakan dan jurnal akademik. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa China menerapkan berbagai strategi. Analisis dalam penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa meskipun BRI memberikan manfaat ekonomi bagi Kazakhstan, terdapat risiko ketergantungan yang dapat memengaruhi kebijakan domestik negara tersebut. Studi ini juga membahas bagaimana strategi China dalam BRI tidak hanya berdampak pada aspek ekonomi, tetapi juga memiliki implikasi politik dan diplomatik bagi stabilitas kawasan Asia Tengah.

Kata Kunci: Kepentingan China, Strategi China, Belt and Road Initiative, Kazakhstan

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CNPC: China National Petroleum Corporation

CBD: China Development Bank

Exim Bank : China Export-Import Bank

SCO : Shanghai Cooperation Organization

GDI : Global Development Initiative

GSI : Global Security Initiative

IMF : International Monetary Fund

AIIB : Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

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