

# The Pyramid of Political Power as Mataraman Community Identity in Kediri Indonesia

**Taufik Alamin**

Brawijaya University Malang  
[taufikalamin25@gmail.com](mailto:taufikalamin25@gmail.com)

**Darsono Wisadirana**

Brawijaya University Malang  
[darsono\\_wisa@ub.ac.id](mailto:darsono_wisa@ub.ac.id)

**Sanggar Kanto**

Brawijaya University Malang  
[sanggar.fisip@ub.ac.id](mailto:sanggar.fisip@ub.ac.id)

**Hilmy Mochtar**

Brawijaya University Malang  
[mochtarhilmy@gmail.com](mailto:mochtarhilmy@gmail.com)

**Wawan Sobari**

Brawijaya University Malang  
[wawansobari@ub.ac.id](mailto:wawansobari@ub.ac.id)

## Abstract

At the beginning of the reformation, the political upheaval led to the formation of parties that were no longer monopolized by the political elites during the New Order era. Political culture development at the regional level is more dominated by political thoughts and behavior based on a mature political culture. The strengthening of the local political culture's penetration is increasingly unstoppable after the enactment of the era of decentralization or regional autonomy. The Mataraman community has a special characteristic in their political choices. The way the people are elected depends on their historical past patterns. This research is a descriptive qualitative case study, using the interview method and document analysis as a reference source. The subject of the study of political sociology includes the relationship between political issues and society, between social structures and political structures, and between social behavior and political behavior. The research results are that the people of Mataraman Kediri have a political synergy style known as the pyramid of political power, where the religious elite, entrepreneurs, and the government have the political synergy that can form a political map in the Mataraman Kediri area. This is because these three elements in the history of Mataraman are a manifestation of Javanese culture, where society is divided into three characteristics: santri with their religious-political paradigm, abangan, and priyai. They support political patterns that tend to be political elites and businessmen, so that the characteristic of Mataraman Kediri is pyramid politics.

## Keywords

Pyramid of Political Power, Religious Elite, Entrepreneur, Mataraman Kediri, Political Elite