

## **The Emergence of LGBT Human Rights and the Use of Discourse Analysis for Understanding LGBT State Inclusion**

### **ABSTRACT**

This paper argues for the importance of state inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights. It begins with a narrative on the existing forms of LGBT discrimination, exclusion, and violence. It goes on to trace the historically ingrained basis of LGBT social exclusion, as well as the birth of human rights and the rise of social movements for LGBT state inclusion. The key milestones that assert and support the call for LGBT rights as human rights at both the global and national level is then presented.

This paper also argues for the use of discourse for policy analysis. It provides a conceptual understanding of discourse, a historical background on discourse theory, and emphasizes the value of discourse for policy analysis with examples of dominant discourses that support and oppose LGBT human rights. Two country cases that have applied discourse analysis, namely in Indonesia and Singapore, is then presented. This is followed by an argument for the use of discourse-as-policy for examining the debates on LGBT state inclusion in the Philippines, towards an enabling policy environment for a national law that would recognize and protect LGBT human rights.

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