

## BOOK REVIEW

**Resistance and Change in West Kalimantan  
THE KINGDOM OF SINTANG (1822-1942)**  
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The presence of the book written by Helius Sjamsuddin shows the important of the studies of history in the academic atmosphere, not only global history but also local history in the studies of global history. By publishing the book entitled **Resistance and Change in West Kalimantan THE KINGDOM OF SINTANG (1822-1942)** the author tries to tell the world that such a remote area in the middle of the Borneo jungle has something very important to learn and share, the history of the Kingdom of Sintang in the context of Indonesian history of colonial time. The support by the Toyota Foundation that the author got for the very important research project also indicates that the history of the Kingdom of Sintang has a significant influence in the Indonesian history, especially on the issue of resistance to the colonialism and social change within the Indonesian society. The author has provided a very interesting analysis and data collection supporting the book publication.

As mentioned by the author in Chapter One page 3, the book is intended to provide studies on understanding social and political changes happening in the long history of the Kingdom of Sintang. It is important to provide the history of the Kingdom of Sintang without neglecting the existence of the neighboring kingdoms in the area since they must have had very important influences of the social and political changes. The author also mention in his book that the book is intended to get a more visible historiography of the Kingdom of Sintang based on a serious research project. The author tries to employ the descriptive-narrative approach in collecting the data and providing historical analysis.

This 467 page book, despite its richness with historical data, is a very readable book for those who have interests in history studies in relation with the struggle of people who have religious background in doing struggle for their independent. This book is also based on socio-political perspective research

project that emphasizes on the participation of local people to the dynamics of political movement in Indonesia. As an important note, tThis book is part of a writer's perspective (Helius Sjamsuddin), a scholar who as a strong interest in local history in Indonesia from the perspective of political sciences.