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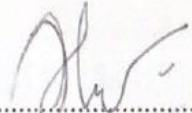
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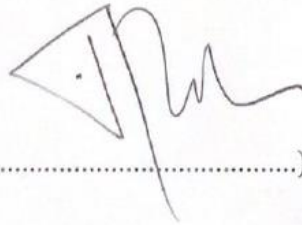
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## ABSTRACT

**Title** : **Understanding The Communication Experiences of Indonesian Female Exchange Students In The Romantic Development Process That is Formed by Using Tinder Abroad**

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This study delves into the experiences of Indonesian female exchange students navigating the world of romantic relationships via Tinder. The study investigates how these women develop and attribute meaning to their relationships at various stages, focusing on the interplay of intercultural exchanges. The study intends to capture the richness and uniqueness of each individual's journey by employing a narrative analysis method. With matches coming from all over the world, the intercultural context shapes the trajectory of these relationships significantly. Cultural differences and exchanges become critical factors influencing the development and meaning-making processes. This study sheds light on the complexities and dynamics inherent in intercultural romantic relationships formed through online platforms by closely examining the narratives and experiences shared by the female exchange students. The findings of the study shed light on the many facets of these relationships, revealing the challenges, joys, and transformative moments encountered along the way. Additionally, this thesis has discovered that building relationships using online media as the primary means of getting to know one another is in fact trickier than starting with an in-person meeting. It is also more difficult to establish a sincere relationship with someone who has the same intentions and intensity level because the medium's system allows users to connect with multiple people at once. Making sense of a relationship depends on how people think, which is influenced by the environment they are frequently exposed to. A person's culture, habits, and customs seem to have an impact on how they perceive relationships because it is not uncommon to find that two individuals give different meaning to their relationship due to how differently they think. Cultural differences can also have a significant impact on a couple's relationship, but again, it all depends on how each person views the differences. This thesis contributes to a broader understanding of the diverse ways in which individuals construct and navigate intimate relationships in a globalized and technologically driven world by understanding the nuances of intercultural exchanges within the context of romantic connections.

**Keywords:** **intercultural romantic relationships, Tinder, narrative analysis, meaning-making**



## PREAMBLE

We give thanks to the presence of God Almighty for his endless blessings through the process of writing this thesis that is titled, **“Understanding The Communication Experiences of Indonesian Female Exchange Students In The Romantic Development Process That is Formed by Using Tinder Abroad”**. This thesis is written to fulfill the requirement needed to received the title of Bachelor of Communication in the Communication Department, Faculty of Social and Political Studies, Diponegoro University.

This thesis consists of five chapters, the first chapter is the breakdown regarding the topic of the research, such as background, formulation of the problem, purpose of the research, significance of the research, theory base, operational concept, as well as the methodology of the research. The second chapter consists of the general description of the research that will be conducted. The third chapter consists of the narratives and stages based on the interview done by the writer. The fourth chapter consists of findings of the research found in the previous chapter as well as theoretical discussion. The last chapter consists of the conclusion that is drawn and the results of the research, alongside with limitations faced while writing this research and implications for the next research.

The results found on this research is hoped to contribute in the study of the communication field and benefits to Indonesian female exchange student that wants to try Tinder while being abroad. The writer is aware that this research is far from the word perfect, and is open to receive some suggestions also critics, in order to build evaluation for future references so it will give more benefits to the reader.

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