EXPLORATION OF PANOPTICISM IN ARCHITECTURE
WITH CASE STUDY INTERIOR SPACE OF CATHOLIC’S
CHURCHES IN SURABAYA

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ABSTRACT

Discipline by Michel Foucault is a mechanism of power to regulate the behavior of individuals within a community agency. Michel Foucault introduces a mechanism to increase surveillance powers through architectural arrangement, referred to as panopticism. The connection between architecture and panopticism this is the main problem of this research. The second problem of this research is the connection between panopticism and control architecture in the Catholic Church. The purpose of this study was to determine the panopticism in architectural field, examine the relationship between principles of panopticism with architectural theory, especially the theory of the architecture control, to produce a benchmark that can be used as to analize the regulation in Catholic Church and its case study in Surabaya.

Through descriptive analysis and critique interpretive method, the results obtained that panopticon and panopticism are also part of the architecture especially the architecture control. From the theory, there are six elements of panopticism (segmenting, grouping, control activities, orientation, hierarchy and control system); the most influential element in the architecture is the element of Control System. To analyze the church, we are using normative and interpretive criticism methods. The results is that the Catholic Church has a system of controlling and regulating the discipline panopticism (especially panopticism supervision from the supervised vision) using the general guidance of Roman Missale as the catholic standard rules. Using the comparative method, this result is reinforced by the case study on Catholic churches in Surabaya. As the result of these comparative studies, there is application of panopticism in Catholic Church. As the conclusion, the relationship between panopticism, the architecture of control and building design in Catholic churches are very strong.

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