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THE INTERNATIONAL HAND**

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ABSTRACT

This thesis examines the making of administrative and economic development plans for Malaysia following the legal, formal and monetary authority of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and its agencies in the period 1945-65. This period saw the collapse of colonial and local authority at the hands of the IBRD, the "international authority", that emerged at Bretton Woods in July 1944, which shaped the future administrative and economic development plans for Malaysia.

The research premise of this thesis questions the political science theory of "authoritative allocation of value" that nation-states independently determined their administrative and economic affairs. The "*ahistorical political science*" approach confined states within their own bounds and hid the mechanisms by which they functioned. It was the Bretton Woods Global Order that organized New States such as Malaysia.

Explaining the processes and scope by which the "International Authority" decided Malaysia's strategies is not a debate with the "authoritative allocation of value". It is a critical inquiry into the purpose and trends of the Bretton Woods' Global Order that determined Malaysia's internal state system. The historical enquiry into "international authority" of the Bretton Woods system revealed that the international administrative and financial infrastructure is well-entrenched in the internal structures (administrative

machineries) of New States which decided national goals pertinent to economic development plans. It is the Bretton Woods Global Order that required Malaysia and other developing nations in Asia, Latin America and Africa to draw strategies and finances by interacting with Global resource structures where the IBRD and its agencies are the architects and providers.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
BMA	British Military Administration
CDC	Colonial Development Corporation
CO	CO Colonial Office
ECAFE	Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
EPU	Economic Planning Unit
ESCAP	Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GATT	General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross National Product
GNP	Gross Domestic Product
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITO	International Trade Organization
MU	Malayan Union
NDPC	National Development Committee
PSD	Public Service Division
RM	Ringgit Malaysia
RP	Reconstruction Policy
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization

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