

Turning Time

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- Important Groups in Jakarta (prior to 1998):
 - A. Central and local governments + the military = Governmental strategic group
 - B. The business community (the banks, industry and large developers)

A + B determined the “development” of Jakarta

- C. The common people: “The migrants who settle on empty space (and) they are not organized and do not promote common plans.”

(Manasse Malo and Peter Nas, 1996)

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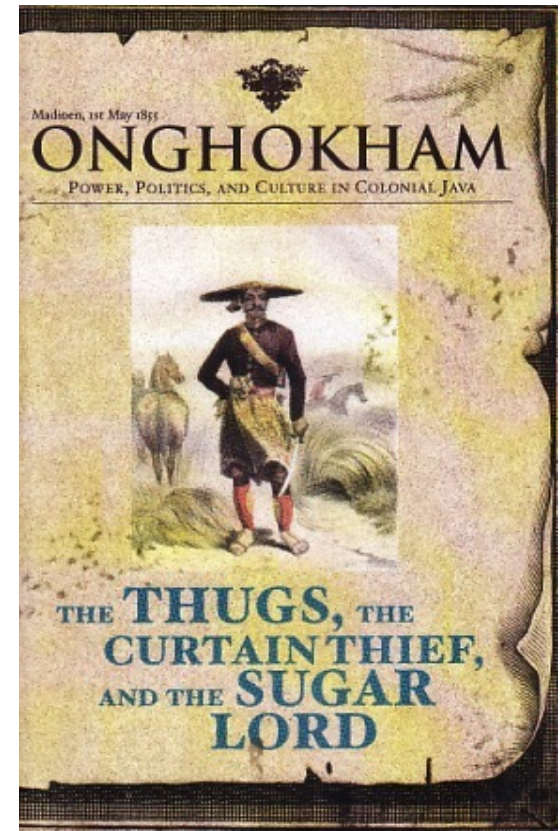


Sub-contracting power

- ... but the city was not really run from the top.
- There can be many players, many “middlemen,” many deals with or without the center’s acknowledgement.

Unruly in-between terms:

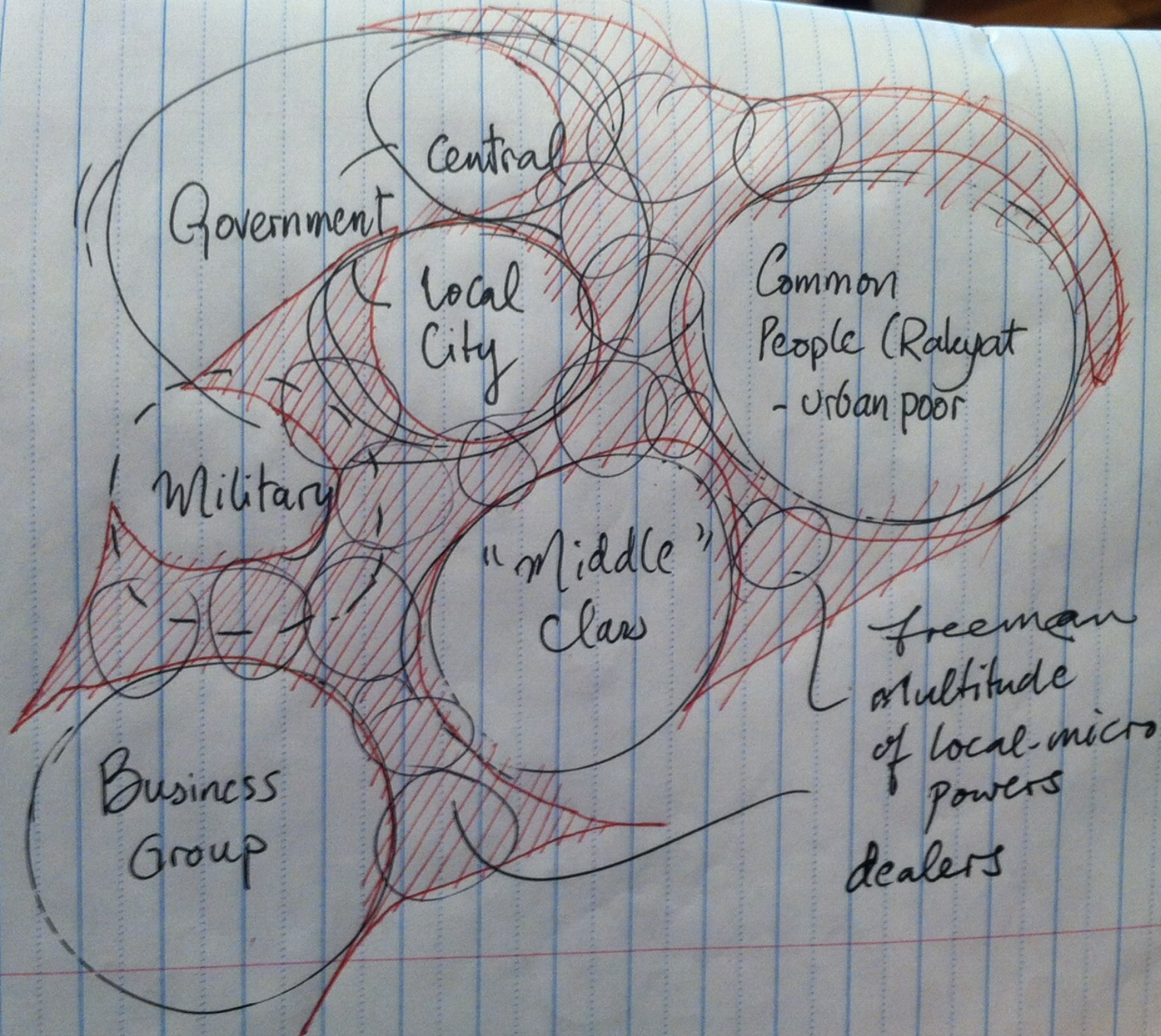
- perantara; preman; oknum ; pemuda



For sale without “perantara” (middleman) – The House of “rakyat” (People):
Contact rakyat directly

Kompas: Don’ t let “preman politik” destroy the Indonesian state”





Post-Authoritarian Jakarta – after 1998

- Decentralization – “looseness in the centre” (withdrawal of the state and the rise of local government)
- The splintering of local power
- The floating signifier of “rakyat”
- The rise of the “urban middle class”

