The question of hygiene in Netherlands Indies, 1830-1942

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Hygiene and colonialism

- The conditions or practices conducive to maintaining health and preventing disease through cleanliness
- Human body as the main resource for working
- Maintaining the health of the Europeans in the tropics and the health of the indigenous population for the economic reason
Scientific argument of hygiene

- Paradigm of Neo Hippocratic
  - The nature of the winds, the quality of the soil and the waters determine the health, together with the personal constitution and humoral balance, determine the state of health.

- Paradigm of bacteriology
  - The state of health is determined by micro-organism

- Tropical medicine
  - The disease in the tropical region is different from the temperate region
Champs of combats

- Plantation

- Urban space
  (H. F. Tillema, "Kromoblanda": over 't vraagstuk van "het wonen" in Kromo's groote land, 's-Gravenhage: Uden Masman etc, 6 volumes 1915-1923)

- Kampong (indigenous and unplanned urban space)
  (P. C. Flu, *Keséhatan didalam kampoeng*, Weltevreden: Drukkerij Volkslectuur, 1922)

- Village
  (J. L. Hydrick, *Intensive rural hygiene work and public health education of the Public health service of Netherlands Indie*, Batavia: Public Health Service of Netherlands Indie, 1937)
Action of hygienists

- Vaccination of the population and the work of medical statistic
- Combat against the tropical diseases
- Assuring the salubrious environment
  - Purifying the prison and chasing the polluted air
  - Housing problem and the construction of toilet
  - Combat against prostitution, alcohol and criminality (including the nationalist movement)
Assuring the health of the State

- Eradicating the threat to the development of the economics
- Moralization of the hygiene: being hygiene, being good, being modern
- Hygienization of everyday life
Fig. 20.
Cabane de Malais.

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Remarks

- To picture the history of Indonesian colonialism from the eyes of the health officers
- To picture the organization of public health in colonial period
- Introduction of the new science and technology
Past and Present

✧ Enriching the perspective in Indonesian historiographies and documentation of the sources concerning the health question in colonial period

✧ To understand the medicalization of the present
Terima kasih