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**A CONSTRUCTIVIST ANALYSIS OF CHINA'S NATIONAL  
INTERESTS IN THE DISPUTED SPRATLY ISLANDS:  
THE REALIGNMENT OF CHINA'S LEADERSHIP AND  
DOMESTIC CALCULUS OF CHINA**

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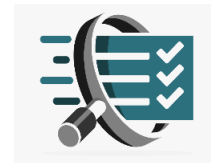
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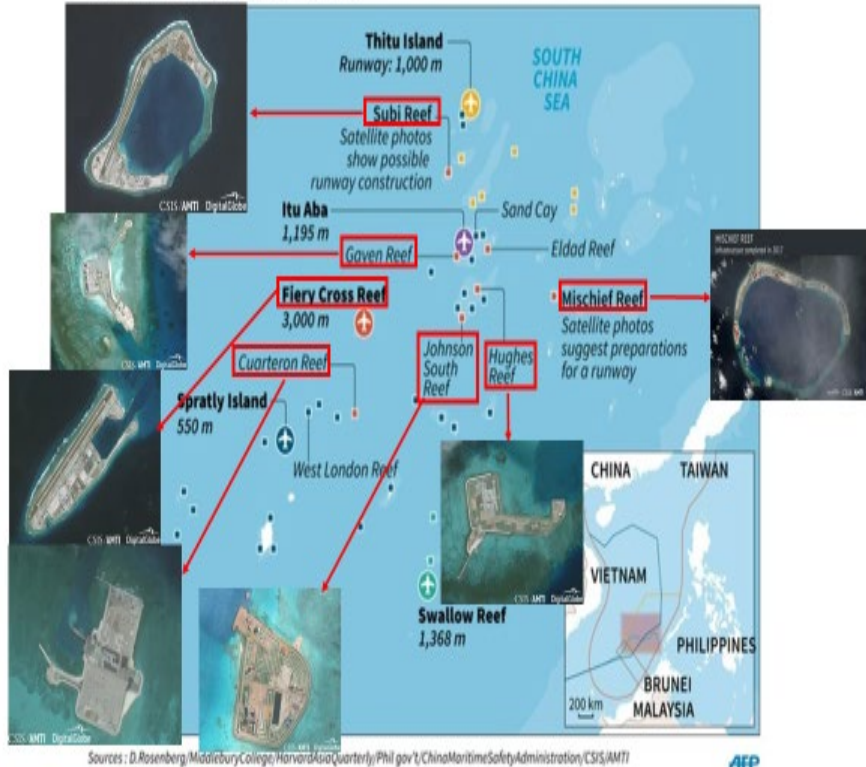


# 1. PENYATAAN MASALAH

## Problem Statement



### Disputed Spratly Islands



### Scarborough Shoal Standoff

- 2012 incident between Chinese and Filipino.
- Fishermen to military stands.



### The Hague Rule

12 July 2016

- Case favoured to the Philippines.
- Decisions not about sovereignty.



### Intangible elements of power

- China's leadership style on the state system and structure.

# 2. OBJEKTIF KAJIAN

## Research Objective



To analyse the role and style of China's leadership.

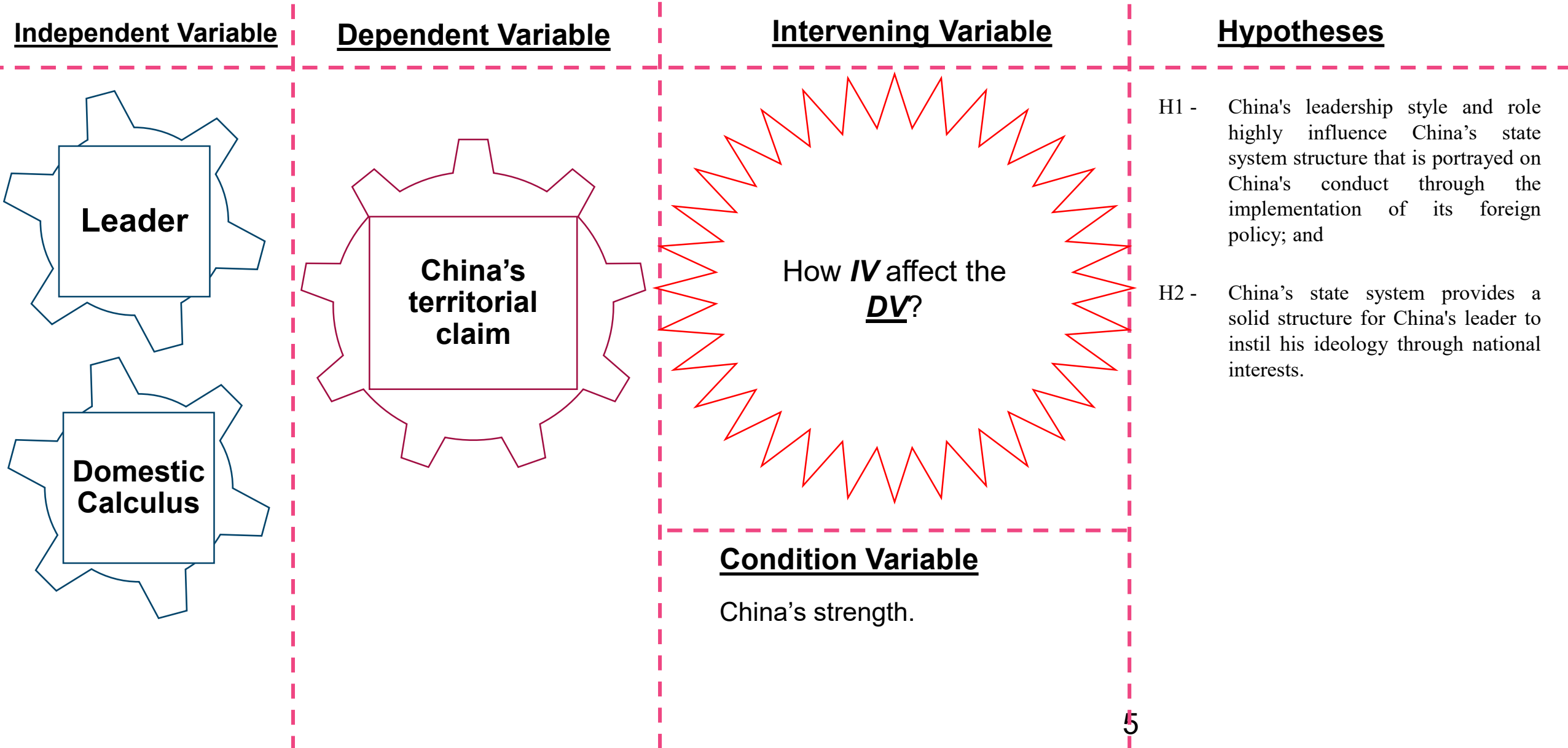


To examine the dynamic and continuity of China's domestic calculus in facilitating China's territorial claim in South China Sea.



# 3. KERANGKA KONSEPTUAL/ ANALITIK

## ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK



# 4. KAEDAH PENYELIDIKAN

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

### Data Collection

- Analysts [China Experts]
- Academicians [UKM, UM & USIM]
  
- NCP Observer



**Primary:** semi-structured interviews with experts & academicians



**Secondary:** government official statement, documents, speeches, news, books, journals & dissertations.

# 5. DAPATAN

## Findings



### Leadership Style

Hermann works: "challenged the constraints, closed to incoming information and problem-focused and a top-down decision making leader"



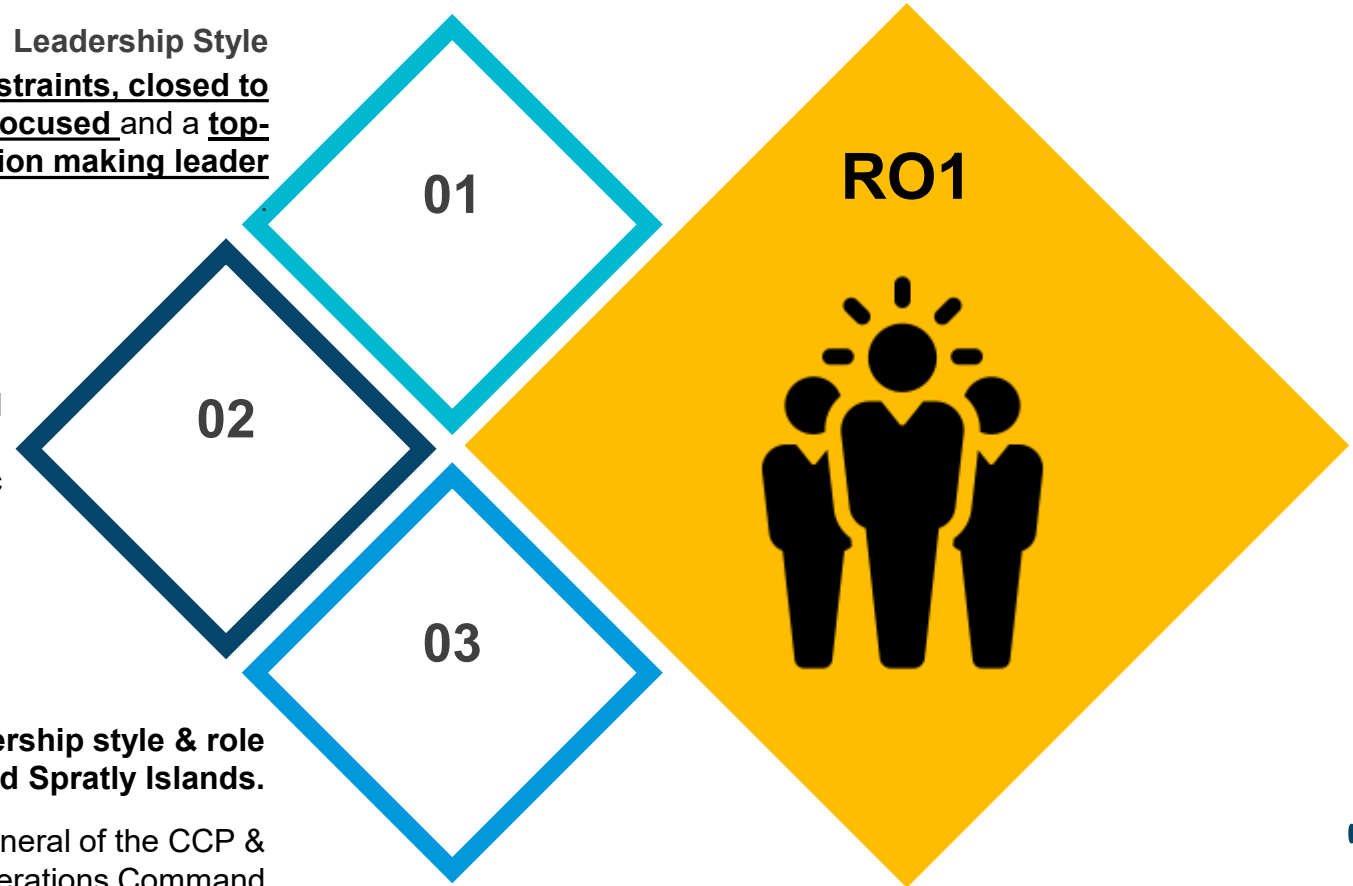
### Leaders & national interests

- ✓ Steady continuity of China's national interests and national identities;
- ✓ Priority always at home (domestic issues).



### Xi Jinping's leadership style & role in the disputed Spratly Islands.

Xi = President of China, Secretary-General of the CCP & Commander in Chief of the Military Joint Operations Command Centre ~> China in the disputed Spratly Islands.



# 5. DAPATAN (cont.)

## Findings



### China state system as the material condition

- China is a modern Communist-Capitalist state with the label of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics.
- Chinese power structure:
  - (i) National administrative structure & (ii) ruling political party.



### Xi Jinping as the influence factor (ideology) to China's national interests & identities

- Strong leader, great ideas.
- China Dreams & Maritime Power.



### Recent development in China domestic calculus

- ✓ Reorganization of the Chinese Military Commission (CMC) (2016)
- ✓ Restructuring of the NPC and CCP (2018)
- ✓ The amendment of The Constitution Law of PRC- March 11, 2018 & The Constitution of CCP- October 24, 2017;
- ✓ China current structure/state organs, the CCP is above administrative structure; &
- ✓ New National Security Law 2015.

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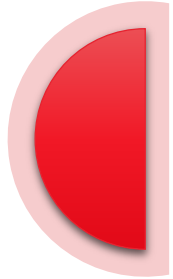
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## 6. BATASAN KAJIAN



### Dokumen:

- ~ Terperingkat/ Sulit/ Rahsia;
- ~ Bahasa; &
- ~ Masa & komitmen (Sektor Kerajaan).

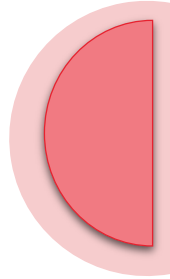
### Atasi:

- ~ Triangulasi sumber (*source triangulation*)

Limitations

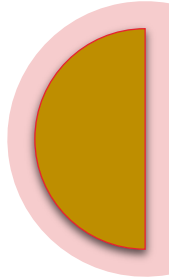
# 7. KEPENTINGAN KAJIAN

## The Importance of Research



- Mengisi jurang kajian (*study gap*); dan
- Menambah nilai (*value added*) ke atas kajian sedia ada.

## 8. IMPLIKASI KE ATAS DASAR-DASAR SEDIA ADA



### Implications

- Ruang gambaran umum dan hujah asas berkenaan China;
- Sedikit pengetahuan dan panduan asas kepada mana-mana pegawai Kerajaan.



TERIMA KASIH