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Pathways to Tackle Regional Disparities Across the Archipelago

**Sub-Theme :
Regional Growth Centres: What Works Best?**





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UNDERSTANDING THE ROOTS OF INDONESIA'S REGIONAL DISPARITIES: TOWARDS BETTER GROWTH CENTER BASED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

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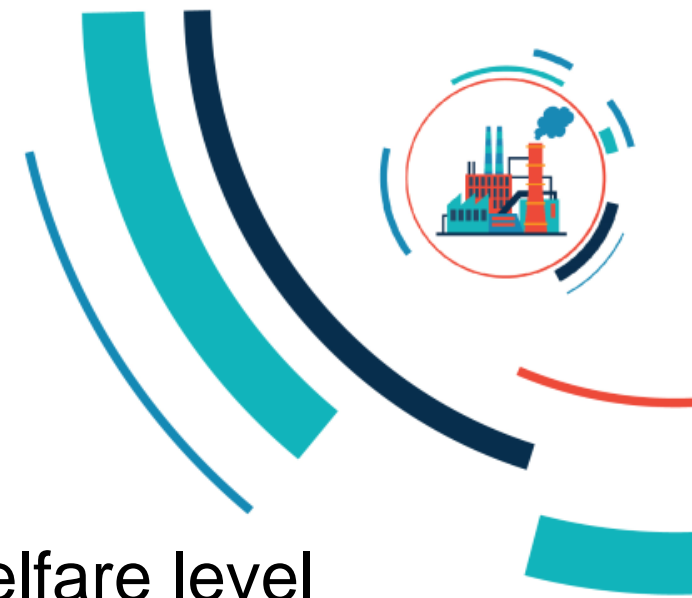




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DEBATES ON REGIONAL DISPARITIES AND THE ROLES OF GROWTH CENTERS

1. Disparities in economic concentration vs. average welfare level
2. Convergence vs. Divergence
3. Colonial intervention → Changing spatial structure (History vs. Geography vs. Institution)
4. Core vs. Periphery (+ Semi Periphery)
5. Backwash effects vs. Spread effects

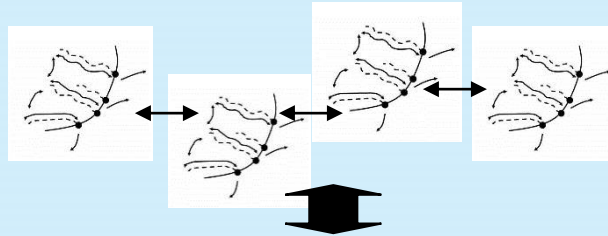




HOW INDONESIA REGIONAL DISPARITIES ARE FORMED

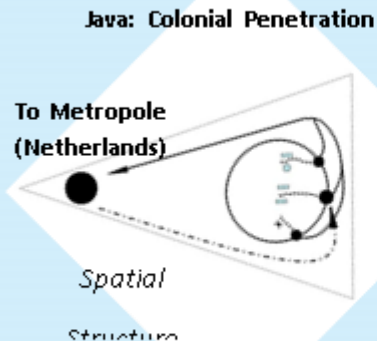


Pre-Colonial
Spatial Structure

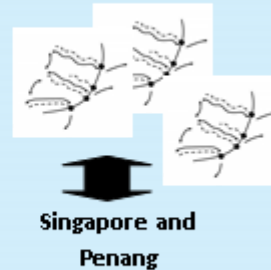


India, China, Japan, Europe

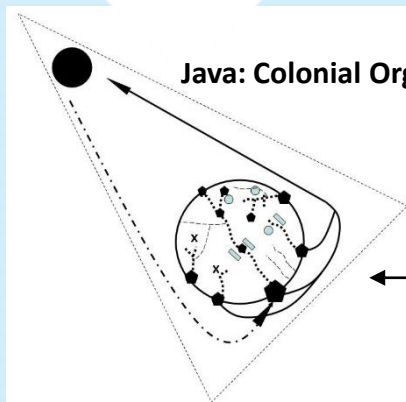
Colonial
Penetration in
Java (Cultivation
System Period
1830-1870)



Outer Islands: Pre-Colonial
Spatial Structure



Colonial
Organization in Java
& Colonial
Penetration in Outer
Islands (Liberalism &
Ethical Policy 1870-
1942)

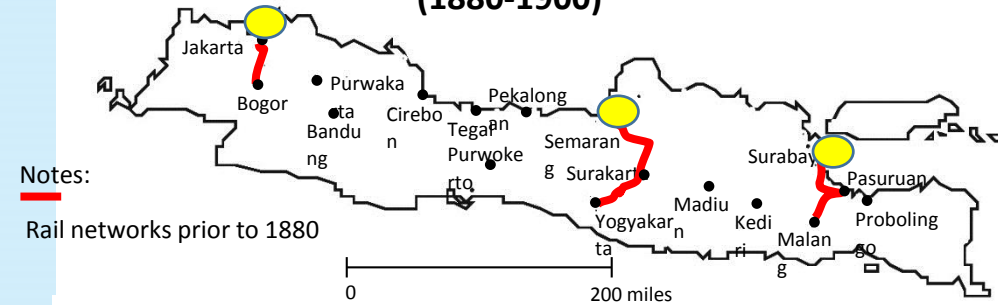


To World Market

Outer Islands:
Penetration

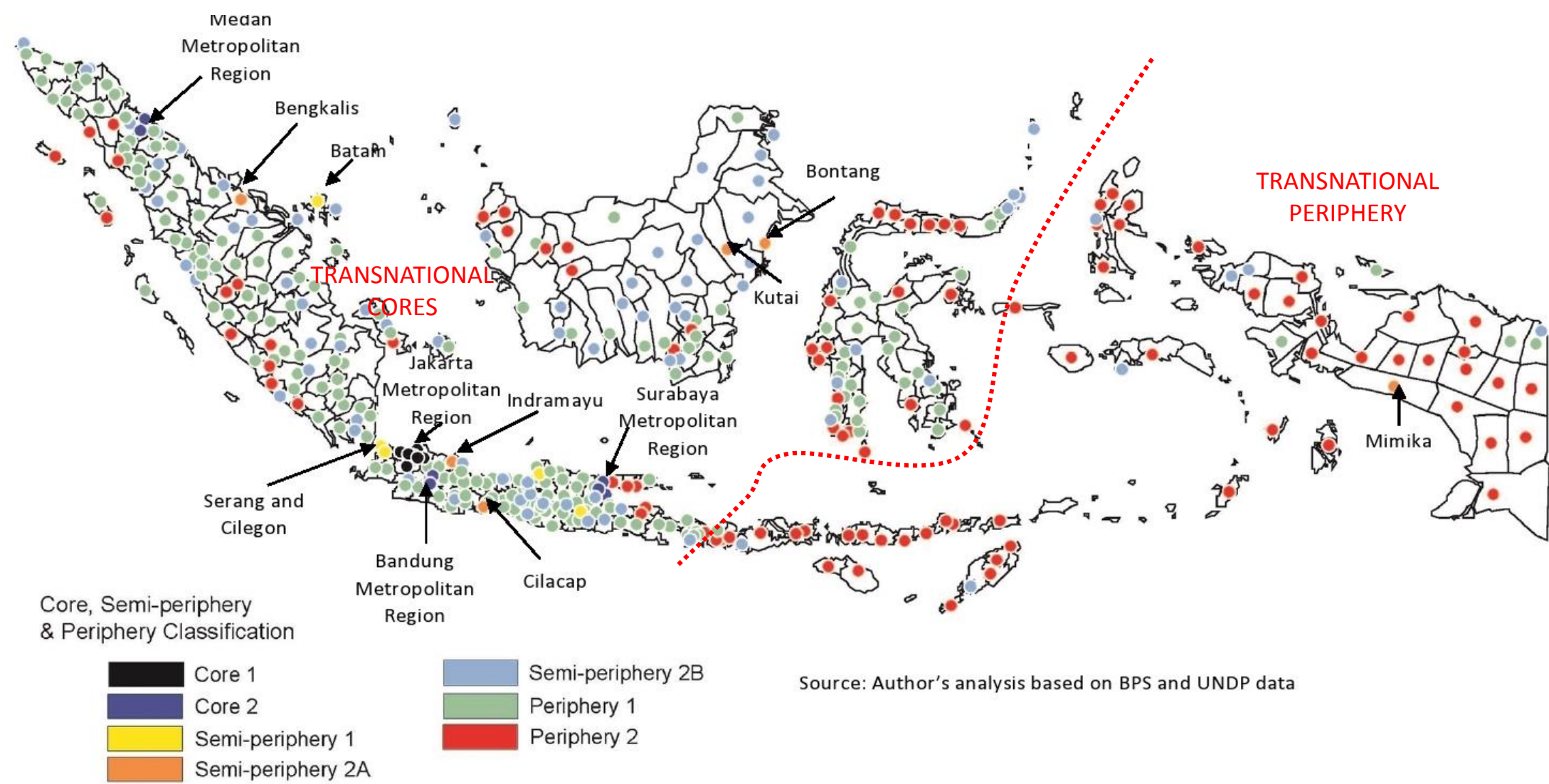
Development of railways in Java during the colonial period

(1880-1900)

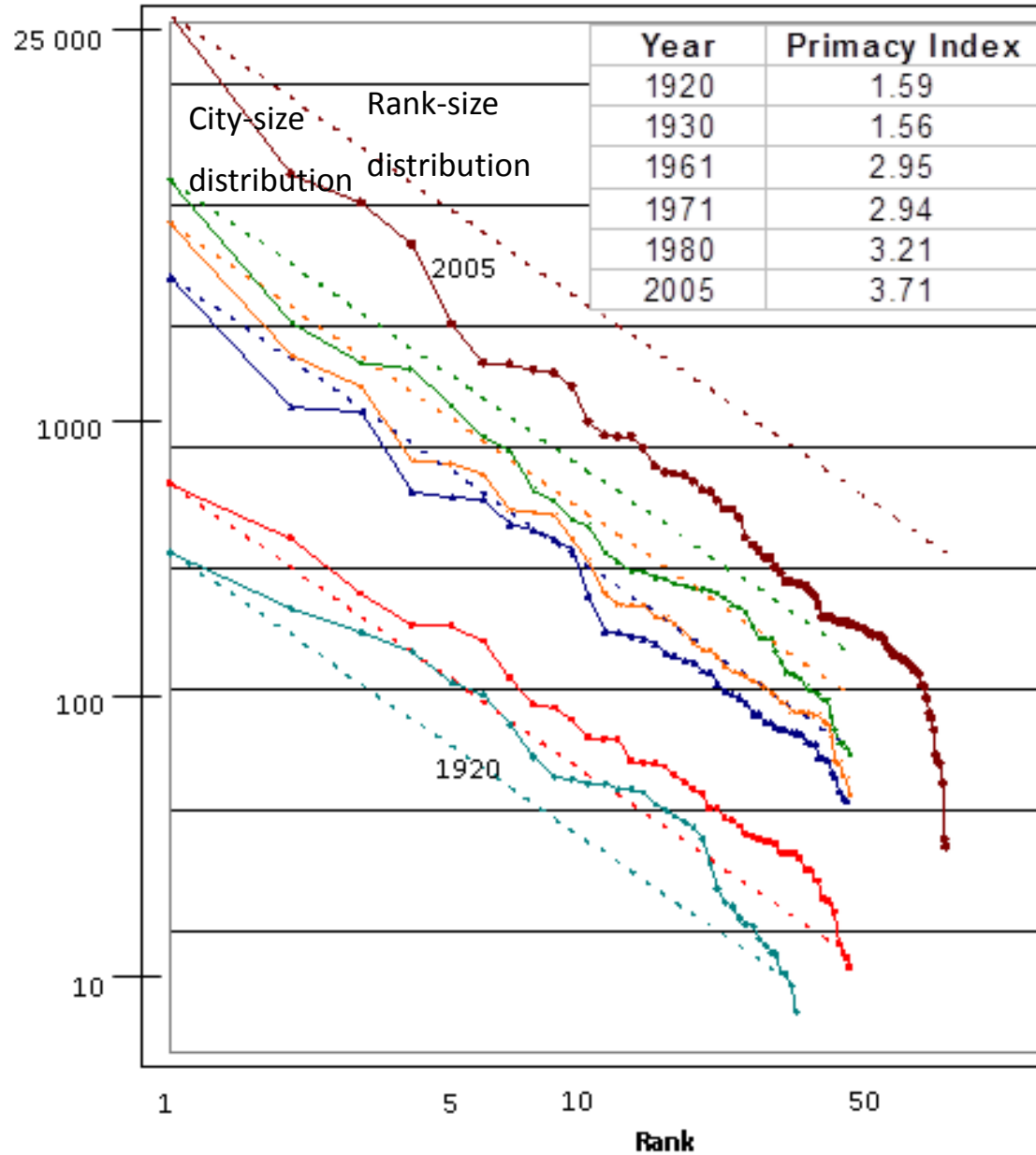


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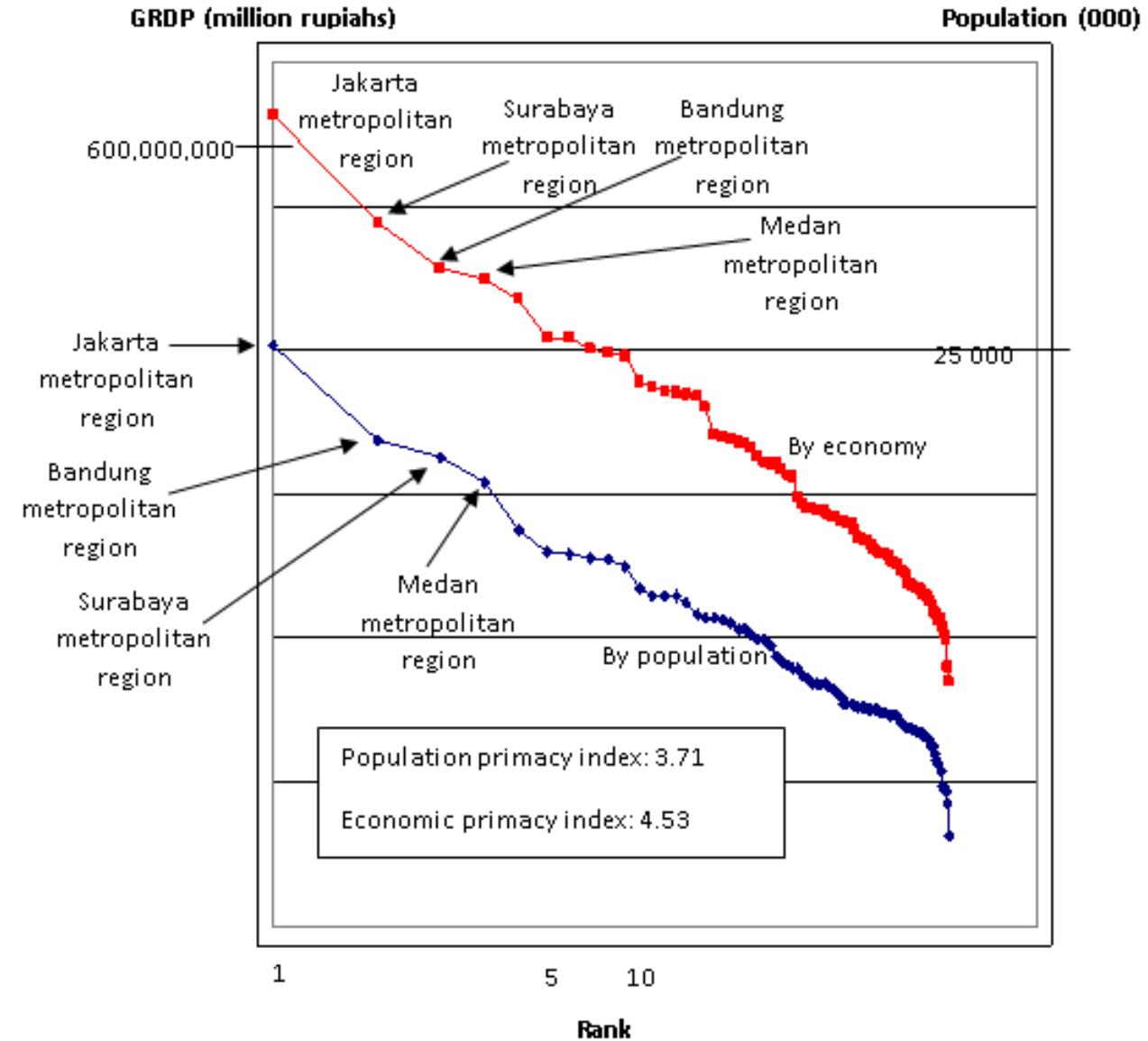
INDONESIAN CORE-PERIPHERY MODEL, 2005



Population (000)



HOW JAKARTA GROWS FAST LEAVING OTHERS BEHIND





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LEARNING FROM INDONESIAN HISTO- GEOGRAPHY: WHAT MAKES GROWTH CENTERS WORKING



1. City's role in regional development: Central Place vs. Growth Center
2. Growth center by design (supply driven) vs. by nature (demand driven)
3. Cities grow together with hinterlands: growth center's hinterlands, and relations between them (backwash/spread?), need to be well defined
4. Disruption to history, geographical solution, institutional re-arrangement

