

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE APPLICATION OF SASAK'S LOCAL WISDOM-BASED LEARNING AND STUDENTS' CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

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Abstract

This research examines the correlation between the utilization of Sasak's indigenous knowledge in the learning process and the development of critical thinking abilities among students of Islamic education in the region of West Nusa Tenggara. The present study employed a quantitative research approach, utilizing a survey design methodology to gather data. The primary instrument employed for data collection was a critical thinking abilities questionnaire. The data underwent analysis by the application of a regression test, employing a significance threshold of .05. The findings indicate that there exists a statistically significant correlation between the implementation of learning based on Sasak's local wisdom and the development of critical thinking abilities among Islamic education students in West Nusa Tenggara. Furthermore, the study demonstrates that the utilization of Sasak's local wisdom-based learning contributes to a 30% improvement in critical thinking skills. Therefore, it is imperative for higher institutions to promote the integration of local wisdom-based learning approaches in order to effectively attain the learning objectives associated with 21st-century capabilities.

Keywords: Local Wisdom-Based Learning; critical thinking skills; Islamic education students;

INTRODUCTION

The learning objectives of the Islamic Education Study program in tertiary institutions refer to achieving 21st-century education goals. The achievement of 21st-century skills includes creative thinking skills, critical thinking skills, and communication and collaboration skills (Irwanto et al., 2021; Tanti et al., 2020; van Peppen et al., 2021; Wahyudiati & Ningrat, 2019). Critical thinking skills, one of the characteristics of achieving Islamic education study programs in tertiary institutions, are reflected in the application of student-centered learning activities. Emphasizing student activity determines the achievement of learning objectives through developing student soft skills.

However, previous research proved that learning activities tend to be teacher-centered and prioritize understanding lecture material compared to developing students' critical thinking skills (Isnaeni et al., 2021; 2019; Wahyudiat & Qurniati, 2022). Thus, a learning process oriented towards Islamic education students' critical thinking skills development must be nurtured in tertiary institutions' learning.

Learning activities in tertiary institutions by combining students' daily experiences can make learning more exciting and meaningful; they are motivated to be actively involved so they will be more competent in their fields (Oliver-Hoyo, 2003; Suardana et al., 2018; Verawati et al., 2021; Fadli & Irwanto, 2020; Sumardi et al., 2020). It is believed that applying the learning method of problem-solving activities could train students to develop their critical thinking skills (Irwanto et al., 2018; Valdez & Bungihan, 2019; Wahyudiat et al., 2020). Integrating learning with students' local wisdom is an implementation of a contextual learning approach that refers to students' daily experiences (Bulkani et al., 2022; Setiawan et al., 2017; Toharudin & Kurniawan, 2017; Wahyudiat, 2022b). Applying a learning approach based on local wisdom could train students to develop critical thinking skills and problem-solving. It will make it easier for students to understand concepts to achieve learning objectives optimally. One is integrating Sasak's local wisdom into learning (Abonyi et al., 2014; Sutrisno et al., 2020; Wahyudiat & Ningrat, 2019).

Applying local wisdom-based learning, such as Sasak's local wisdom, improves students' critical thinking skills (Siregar & Nadiroh, 2017; Wahyudiat, 2021b; Zulfa, 2017). Nevertheless, prior studies have indicated that the learning activities implemented within higher institutions prioritize the attainment of cognitive learning outcomes over the development of students' critical thinking abilities (Abonyi et al., 2014; Fadli, 2019; Fadli & Zaki, 2014). In addition, the implementation of local wisdom-based learning approaches in tertiary institutions still tends to be limited, which leads to less

attractive and less meaningful learning (Dewi et al., 2017; Fadli & Irwanto, 2020; Siregar & Nadiroh, 2017; Sumardi et al., 2020; Wahyudiat, 2021b, 2021a; Wahyudiat & Ningrat, 2019; Z et al., 2018; Zulfa, 2017). Therefore, it needs to examine the relationship between applying Sasak's local wisdom-based learning in tertiary institutions and Islamic Education students' critical thinking skills.

Critical thinking abilities refer to an individual's capacity to engage in analytical processes and resolve complex issues by employing scientific methodologies. The cultivation of students' critical thinking abilities can be achieved by employing the scientific method, which encompasses activities such as problem analysis, hypothesis formulation, logical problem identification, systematic problem-solving, and drawing evidence-based conclusions (Duran & Dökme, 2016; Isnaeni et al., 2021; Kaur, 2013; Oliver-Hoyo, 2003; Patonah et al., 2021; Rahmawati, 2018; Ramdani et al., 2021; Suardana et al., 2018; Verawati et al., 2021; Wahyudiat & Qurniati, 2022).

Furthermore, the cultivation of critical thinking skills can be facilitated by engaging in educational endeavors that emphasize discourse, scientific inquiry, and the dissemination of research findings as a means to address and resolve complex issues (Iyamuremye et al., 2022; Wahyudiat et al., 2020a; Wahyudiat & Qurniati, 2022; Yuliana et al., 2021). Thus, there is relevance between applying local wisdom-based learning and students' critical thinking skills. The development of student's critical thinking skills, which include analytical skills, attitudes towards scientific investigations, application of scientific attitudes, and learning experiences, are not only influenced by the application of contextual approaches but are also by learning experiences that utilize the potential of local wisdom relevant to learning materials (Rahmawati et al. al., 2017; Sumardi & Wahyudiat, 2021). Problem-solving-based learning experiences allow students to actively formulate and prove problems to make learning more exciting and enjoyable (Fadli, 2022; Turpin & Cage, 2004). In addition, the results of previous studies also showed that

students' critical thinking skills could be reflected in their interest, tenacity, and curiosity in learning activities to achieve the learning objectives (Ramdani et al., 2021; Wahyudiati, 2022b; Zhu, 2007).

METHOD

This quantitative study employed a cross-sectional questionnaire design. Choosing a cross-sectional survey seeks to determine whether or not there is a significant relationship between two or more variables when describing field-based situations and conditions (Creswell, 2000). In the Department of Islamic Education at Mataram State Islamic University, a total of 80 students were selected for the research sample using a technique of systematic random sampling.

The data was obtained by administering a questionnaire designed to assess critical thinking skills. The measurement tool for assessing critical thinking abilities is based on Oliver Hoyo (2003) rubric, which encompasses four key indicators: (1) analytical skills, (2) attitudes towards scientific inquiry, (3) application of scientific attitudes, and (4) learning experiences. The researchers developed the Sasak culture-based learning questionnaire instrument used in this study, and its validity and reliability were tested by obtaining a Cronbach alpha coefficient value of $\alpha = .85 > .70$. The value indicated the research instrument met the reliability requirements (Hair et al. al., 2006). Finally, the data were analyzed using a regression test to determine the relationship between the application of learning based on Sasak's local wisdom and the Islamic Education students' critical thinking skills.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Before the linear regression test, a prerequisite test consisted of a normality test through Box's M test and a homogeneity test by the Levene test was performed. The normality and homogeneity test results are shown

in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. Normality Test Results

Box's M	F	df1	Sig.
15,068	0,413	36	0,356

The normality test showed the data were distributed normally since the significance value was higher than 0.05, 0.356.

Table 2. Homogeneity Test Results

Aspect	F	df1	Sig.
Critical Thinking Skills	3,696	1	0,453

The homogeneity test results showed the data was homogeneous because the significance value was higher than 0.05, that is, 0.453 for critical thinking skills. Thus, because the data were normally distributed and homogeneous, a parametric statistical analysis test of a simple linear regression test was performed, with the results summarized in Table 3.

Table 3. Regression Test Result

Aspect	R	R Square	F	Sig.
Critical Thinking Skills	0,534	0,300	758,473	0,000

Based on the regression test results, a significance value of 0.000 was obtained, less than 0.05, which means a significant relationship exists between the application of Sasak local wisdom-based learning and the critical thinking skills of Islamic Education students. In addition, based on the results of data analysis, a correlation or relationship (R) value was also obtained, 0.534, with a coefficient of determination (R Square) of 0.300. It means the influence of the independent variable (learning based on Sasak local wisdom) on the dependent variable (critical thinking skills) by 30%. Therefore, the research findings prove a significant relationship between the application of

Sasak local wisdom-based learning and the critical thinking skills of Islamic education students, with a percentage of 30%.

The findings indicated a statistically significant correlation between the implementation of Sasak local wisdom-based learning and the development of critical thinking abilities among students in the field of Islamic Education. The results of the study provided confirmation that the incorporation of Sasak's local wisdom-based learning had a good effect on the development of students' critical thinking abilities (Fadli & Irwanto, 2020; Wahyudiat, 2022c; Wahyudiat & Ningrat, 2019). This study measures critical thinking abilities based on a number of indicators, including analytical skills, attitudes toward scientific investigations, the implementation of scientific attitudes, and learning experiences. It revealed that the ability to analyze, scientific inquiry skills, and learning experiences employed in postsecondary institutions based on local knowledge have a positive effect on the development of students' critical thinking skills (Irwanto et al., 2018; Piraksa et al., 2014; Sumarni & Kadarwati, 2020; Wahyudiat, 2022a; Wahyudiat & Qurniati, 2022). These are supported by prior research indicating that involving students in learning activities and employing a contextual approach coupled with scientific methodologies could enhance students' critical thinking skills (Suardana et al., 2018; Sumarni & Kadarwati, 2020; Yusuf & Adeoye, 2012).

Additionally, the current research found a significant relationship between culture-based learning experiences and students' critical thinking skills. It is because local wisdom-based learning is implemented by integrating learning material with local wisdom to create more significant learning (Sumarni & Kadarwati, 2020). Similarly, prior studies have revealed that the incorporation of culture into educational practices can facilitate students' ability to connect academic content with their everyday life experiences. Consequently, this integration can enhance students' motivation to cultivate essential soft skills, including problem-solving abilities, as well as

fostering their interest, motivation, and critical thinking skills (Patonah et al., 2021; Rahmawati et al., 2017; Wahyudiat, 2022a; Wahyudiat & Ningrat, 2019). Moreover, various previous research results also showed a learning environment based on a contextual approach, one of which is local culture-based learning, provides interesting and fun learning (Fadli & Acim, 2007; Wahyudiat et al., 2021).

Providing learning experiences based on local wisdom by emphasizing the development of student's critical thinking skills also positively impacts learning outcomes. The research backed the results that critical thinking skills and learning experiences based on local wisdom can increase student interest and motivation to be actively involved in constructing their knowledge and learning skills to improve student academic achievement (Valdez & Bungihan, 2019; Yuliana et al. al., 2021). Thus, applying an integrated learning approach with local wisdom is essential. Learning experiences that are oriented to students' daily experiences can be a stimulus to be actively involved in constructing knowledge and experience, even being one of the factors that can influence the development of students' critical thinking skills. In this way, lecturers are expected to design and apply innovative based on local wisdom approaches or learning models.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the study, it can be concluded: 1) there is a significant relationship between the application of Sasak local wisdom-based learning and the Islamic Education students' critical thinking skills in West Nusa Tenggara, and 2) there is an influence of the application of Sasak's local wisdom-based learning on the Islamic Education students' critical thinking skills by 30%. Thus, implementing learning based on local wisdom needs to be encouraged in tertiary institutions to achieve 21st-century skills learning objectives. In addition, lecturers are expected to be able to design and apply innovative approaches or learning models based on local wisdom.

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