

# **Thinking Back on Ethiopia Field School:**

## **Aiming for Area Studies**

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### **Research Topic**

This research aims to clarify the influence of studying in the Middle East in the field of Islamic higher education in contemporary Indonesia. With this aim, the research first focuses on Indonesian al-Azharite students in contemporary Cairo as a fragment of their ethnography. The analysis is on the basis of the various aspects of students' extracurricular activities. Next, on the basis of the narratives of al-Azharite alumni—which stem from their experience while they were in al-Azhar University— in institutions of Islamic higher education in Indonesia, their recognition of their experience in Cairo has been analyzed.

As far as I have been studying the research, two distinguish points had clarified. First, Indonesian students discover and find various Indonesian Islam in Cairo, not in Indonesia, with contacting with many students from all over the Indonesia. Second, after they go back to Indonesia, they integrate Indonesian Islam in diverse into their point of view.



On site lecture



Children in certain village



woman in famous village for pottery