

ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe the struggle movement of S.K. Trimurti in her efforts to advocate for the rights of female workers in Indonesia during the period of 1946–1965, encompassing her life background and the beginning of her political career, the organizations she utilized as platforms for her struggle, as well as the impact produced by her efforts. This research was conducted using the historical method with stages consisting of topic selection, heuristics, source criticism, interpretation, and historiography. Data were obtained through literature studies and document studies, subsequently analyzed through internal and external source criticism. The findings reveal that S.K. Trimurti consistently championed the rights of female workers through her involvement in labor organizations, namely the Barisan Buruh Wanita, her writings in mass media, and her role as Minister of Labor, in which she held the authority to formulate policies promoting legislation that protected the rights of female workers. She successfully established legal regulations capable of supporting justice for female workers, such as provisions for menstrual and maternity leave, working hours, as well as awareness regarding the importance of wage equality between female and male workers. S.K. Trimurti's struggle bears a correlation with the current condition of female workers, particularly in terms of wages, as various regulations on wage equality for female workers now exist. The impact she delivered remains continuously relevant alongside social, economic, and political developments in Indonesia, as regulations governing the rights and justice of female workers continue to be developed to this day. This research serves as a source of historical knowledge and demonstrates the significance of women's roles as agents of change. S.K. Trimurti's role can be understood as part of political history and as a representation of women's struggle in shaping social justice, particularly for female workers.

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