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Abstract	<p>This study aims to identify the women's contribution to the development of a peripheral Javanese community, Bagalen. This research is vital due to relatively scarce information about women's contribution in this area. So far, knowledge of community development is predominantly occupied by men or noblewomen. Library research develops this study. Hence, the authors collect data via research books and theoretical construction that are derived from relevant historical documents. The results reveal that peripheral Javanese women instead of central Javanese significantly contribute to preserving tradition and religion. In the past, the area was once led by a woman, namely Nyai Bagalen. However, the existence of women's leadership in the past didn't inspire the progress of women today. Then, the contribution of Bagalen women in preserving dolalak dance, upholding religious verses through Islamic verses and songs, is almost acknowledged by the public as a woman's effort in standing up for tradition and upholding their religion due to the prevailing hegemony. Hence, the knowledge should provide space to prove that the women's contribution is significant to the resources of the community so that community development is persistently inspired by its localities.</p>
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