

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Research

Many people in the world state that almost of economic theories are famous from western economic thinker, such as Adam Smith who is popular with his book with the title “The Wealth of Nation”, Thomas Robert Malthus which is famous with many books as his magnum opus but the most popular book is “Principles of Population”.¹ There is also the economic thinker namely David Ricardo with his book by the title is “The Principles of Political Economy and Taxation”, John Stuarde Mill who is famous with the book “Principles of Political Economy With Some of Their Applications to Social Philosophy”. They are the thinkers of capitalism side.

Beside that there is also the thinker of socialism side, namely Karl Marx who wrote the book with the title *Manifesto Komunis*. It has been known that the economic system in the world is powered by the two systems, capitalism system and socialism system.

Let us see to the phenomenon of economics system that ever implemented in the world. There are capitalism system which appreciate more to the free labor with the spirit of individual competition between the capital owner without care to the

¹Deliarnov, *Perkembangan Pemikiran Ekonomi* (Jakarta: PT. Raja Grafindo Persada, 2007), p. 48.

accumulate wealth, accumulate capital, and it does not care to the financing for something useless or does not give the social values any more. The capitalism views are freedom of doing economic activities, freedom of using the nature resource without the supervision of the country and the government, because there will the invisible hands to bring the balance.² Then the impact of implementing this capitalism system is unjustifiable for the poor, because the wealth is around the capital owner or rich people. So, there is unbalancing life in the world.

Beside the capitalism system, there is also the socialism system which was born because of the poverty of laborer and farmer as the effect of industry revolution in Europe. The socialism system invites every people to leave the individual own of the production tools which support the capitalism system and argue that there should has the community powered lead by the country in economics activities, then the prosperity of every people is relatively same.³

So, the big question is about the position of Islamic economics today. As the prophet's teaching, Islamic economics should be moderate system between the capitalism which will give more benefits to rich people and pressure the poor people, or socialism economical concept which will pressure the economic access of rich people and will give more benefit to the government.

²Aam Slamet Rusydiana, dkk, *Ekonomi Islam Subtantif* (Bogor: Gaung Persada Press, 2009), p. 38.

³Aam Slamet, dkk, *Ekonomi Islam*, p. 39.

Then, Islamic economics rises as the solution with the four concepts. The prohibition of interest, the implementation of *zakat*, *shadaqah*, and *waqaf*, the production and consuming allowed (*halâl*) things, and forbidding of wasting.

The fundamental concepts below are increased as well as the increasing of Islamic economics concepts in classical era which designed by the classical moslem thinkers, such as Abu Yusuf, Ibn Taimiyah, Al- Syaibani, Ibn Khaldûn , etc.

The Islamic economic concept is developing today, there are so many Islamic economic product that rise in the world. Beginning from sharia banking system, Islamic insurance system, Islamic guarantee system, etc. Actually, all of the products are some parts of Islamic economics developing in the modern era. But, the reality said that Islamic economics development is still live around the capitalism, because the practice shows that actually the improvement of Islamic economics just effect to some aspects, such as banking system, insurance system, guarantee system that actually just keep the wealth around the capital owner. How about the distribution of prosperity aspect which should be reached by Islam. It is still becomes the big problem of Islamic word nowadays. Then, the researcher assumed that if Muslim wants to improve the Islamic economics system, Muslim and all of people should understand about the Islamic economics concept which arranged in their history.

In the beginning of this part, the writer has told about some of the pioneer of western economics concept. Then, the people in the world should know that there are

many Islamic thinkers who expert in economic and created many economics theories such as Abu Yusuf, Ibn Taimiyah, Al- Syaibani, Ibn Khaldûn ,etc.

Abu Yusuf is famous with the book *Kitab al- Kharaj* (the book about the taxation). Ibn Taimiyah is famous with his magnum opus *Majmu' Fatâwâ Syaikh al- Islam*. Al- Syaibani wrote *al- Kasb* which explains about the production activity in Islam. Beside that there was Ibn Khaldûn who is popular with his book namely *Muqaddimah*. This thesis would like to explain about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn , especially on his book *Muqaddimah*.

With understanding about the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn as the classical moslem economics thinker, hopefully the improvement of Islamic economics will run well and it spreads out around the world.

The economic perspective develops day by day, so the increasing of that should be observed. Before knowing about the shape of perspective, we should know where the perspective comes from and who is the founder of the perspective.

The perspective of Ibn Khaldûn builds the economic perspective in the world. It also becomes the reference of another concept that born from other thinkers. In the social side, this research will develop the understanding about the existence of Islamic value written in *Muqaddimah* book as a shape of the economic perspective from Ibn Khaldûn .

It also proves the Islamic economic value has developed in Ibn Khadun's era and it should be progressed by the modern economic thinker, hopefully with the developing of Ibn Khaldûn 's economic perspective, the Islamic economic value will be implemented in the world economic system.

In this thesis the writer researches specifically about equilibrium price depend on Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective which is written in *Muqaddimah* book and happened in his era. There are also some factors which has influenced the equilibrium price. It explained by Ibn Khaldûn in *Muqaddimah* book.

The perspective of Ibn Khaldûn about equilibrium price proves that classical Muslim scholars had assumed the economic concept which will be developed in modern era. By understanding to his background as a Muslim, he became one of many scholars in classical era which gave the influence to the development of economy in the world.

B. Statement of Problem

1. How about Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective about the equilibrium price in his era and what are the factors influenced the equilibrium of price in his era?
2. What are the similarities and the differences between Ibn Khaldûn 's equilibrium of price and contempore equilibrium of price ?

C. Objective of Research

1. To understand about Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective about the equilibrium of price in his era and about the factors which influence equilibrium of price
2. To know about the similarities and the differences between Ibn Khaldûn 's equilibrium of price and contempore equilibrium of price.

D. Significance of Research

There are two benefits of this research:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This research will give many benefits for developing the knowledge about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book, especially about equilibrium price. As we know that there are many economic thinkers in this era, but actually the Islamic economic thinkers in the past era also has produced many theories and concepts of economic.

Their opus also becomes the references today, but a little person who want to research and study it deeply their concept which there are so many Islamic values they adopted.

2. Practical Benefit

a. The academic side

Actually this research will give much knowledge for the students or lecturers. Because it will lead the readers to understand about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book, especially about equilibrium price. Then, hopefully this research will improve the knowledge of academic side about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book, especially about the equilibrium price.

b. The researcher

With this research, the researcher can understand more about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book, especially about the equilibrium price. From this research, the researcher can improve the capability on doing research.

c. The readers (general society)

This research also give many knowledge to the readers as general society, especially understanding about the Islamic economic perspective depend on Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective, especially about the equilibrium price.

E. Research Method

Research method is the way to do something with using the think seriously to get the purpose by implementing some ways such as searching, writing, arranging, analyzing until writing the report.⁴

1. The Kind of Research

This kind of this research is literary study, because this research focuses to explain and understand about Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective especially about equilibrium price in his book. Depend on the research method, this research is qualitative research. Qualitative research is the research which has the meaning to understand the equilibrium done by the subject of research, for example based on the behavior, perspective, motivation, the action holistically. It uses the description way in word phrases and language, in the special context with some methods.⁵ Then, the research focuses to librarian study.

2. Research Approach

This research uses conceptual approach because it will understand about the concept which build from the perspective about equilibrium price which assumed by Ibn Khaldûn in *Muqaddimah* book. This research also uses the philosophical approach which focus on economic concept by Ibn Khaldûn from philosophy side.

⁴ Cholid Narbuko dan Abu Achmadi, *Metodologi Penelitian* (Jakarta : PT. Bumi Aksara, 2003), p. 1.

⁵ Lexy J. Moleong, *Metodologi Penelitian Kualitatif* (Bandung: PT Remaja Rosdakarya, 2011), p. 6.

This philosophical approach does not go far from the history which was built by Ibn Khaldûn in his writing *Muqaddimah* book, because almost of the explanation in *Muqaddimah* arranged by the story which is completed by many aspects of life, such as economics aspect, sociological aspect, political aspect, society aspect, and historical aspect.

3. The Kind of Data

This research uses secondary data. In the literary research, the data used is secondary data, it is the data which is gotten from the written documents, the books which have related to the research's object, some results of research, such as thesis or another research report,⁶ especially for this research is the material in *Muqaddimah* book. Beside that the writer will use the complementary books which discuss about the economic perspective from another thinkers.

Actually in secondary data, there are primary materials and the secondary materials. The primary material which is used in this research is *Muqaddimah* book written by Ibn Khaldûn . The secondary material which is used in this research is the books which explain about the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn and it related to the theme of this research. The books which explain about the other thinkers which write about Ibn Khaldûn are the books about the bibliography of Ibn Khaldûn , etc.

⁶Zainuddin Ali, *Metode Penelitian Hukum* (Jakarta: Sinar Grafika, 2011), p. 106.

4. Data Collecting Method

The method of collecting data in this research is documentation. Documentation comes from the word document which has the meaning as the written goods such as the related books, or the written data which has the relation with the research's problems. The data which is gotten from documentation is the primary data for this research.

The steps of documentation are making sure the materials will be used, invention of the material which is relevant, and the discussion of material which has relevance.

5. Managing of Data

Managing of data is the process which is the writer will manage all of data collected with the collecting data method before. Usually this process is done by some steps. Editing, classifying, verifying, analyzing, and the last is concluding.

The first step is editing process which is done to recheck the data gotten from completing side. Besides that this step is done to know about the clear meaning in the data gotten, the suitability and the relevance of data gotten with the theme of research. It should be done by the researcher to know the quality of data which are gotten to solve the problems researched. Besides that, this step should be done to minimize the error that happens in the research process and to increase the quality of data gotten.

After editing process, the researcher should classify the data gotten. This step is done by the reduction of some data with arranging and classifying the data gotten to some certain group of problems to make easy the reading and explaining which is suitable to the necessary of research.

The next step is verifying process. This step is done after the data gotten has been classified before. Actually the purpose of this step is to make sure about the validity of data collected. This process is done by matching up a data with other data gotten. It should be done to recheck the validity of data used with the other data to avoid the unbalancing data in the explanation.

The important process in this step is analyzing step. Analyzing data depend on Patton is the process to manage the arrangement of data, it also should done to organize the data to a shape of category.⁷ This step is to explain widely to get the true meaning and understanding to solve the problems of the research clearly.

After doing the three steps before, editing, classifying, verifying, and analyzing. The researcher should do concluding step. The concluding step is the process which the researcher should conclude all of the data gotten become the result of the research, so it make easy in reading and understanding for the reader to know about the result of the research.

⁷ Moleong, *Metode Penelitian* , p. 161.

6. Method of Data Analyzing

This method uses to make sure the way of analyzing which is show about the data analyzed and the benefit of data collected to solve the problems. The method of analyzing in this research is descriptive analyzing which have the beginning from making group of data and the relevance information to make the interpretation in giving the meaning and making understanding in every aspects which are related to the problems to get the complete explanation.⁸ Actually, the purpose of descriptive analyzing method is to give renewing, opinion, and solution to solve the problems happen in the research.

F. Previous Research

1. Research by Ali Mahmudi

There was the thesis under title *Konsep Ekonomi Politik Dalam Perspektif Ibn Khaldûn dan Karl Marx*. this thesis was written by Ali Mahmudi (NIM. 05510053) He was the student of Kalijaga State Islamic University. The main purpose of previous research is to analyze the thinking of both thinkers about economical politic. Although both of Ibn Khaldûn and Karl Marx have different culture in the background of perspective, but the researcher analyze their perspective especially in economical politic.

⁸ Bahder Johan Nasution, *Metode Penelitian Ilmu Hukum* (Bandung: Mandar Maju, 2008), p. 124.

The main difference of this research and the previous research is the focus discussion. Because the previous research provides the analyzing of two thinkers in the same theme, then the discussion are not too specific for each thinkers. The previous research also uses perspective analyzing and historical analyzing. Then the conclusion of the previous research is both of Ibn Khaldûn and Karl Marx agree that the economical factors become the basic structure of all of social phenomenon.

2. Research by Khoirul Taqwim

There was the thesis entitled *Relevansi Pemikiran Ibn Khaldûn Dengan Ekonomi Islam*. This thesis was written by Khoirul Taqwim (0123053), a student of Islamic society development program of *dakwah* faculty of State Islamic University, Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta. The main goals of his research are to know about the Islamic economic values and to understand about philosophically of Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective in economic society and take the relevance between Islamic economic perspective and Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective about economy.

Whereas my research are to understand about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book, and To know about the influence of the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book. The researcher will dig up more specific information about the construct of economic perspective from Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimmah* book especially about equilibrium price.

The previous research explained about the relevance between Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective with the economic perspective in Islam. While the writer's research will explain about the construct of economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimah* book, especially about equilibrium price. So, the difference between them is about the explanation focus. The focus explanation in the previous research is about the relevance between two perspective which are related each other. So, the focuses of research are the economic perspective of *Ibn Khaldûn* and the economic perspective in Islam. In the previous research the writer analyzes about the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn in economic, beside that the writer also analyzes about the economic perspective in Islam. Then, the writer uses the comparative analyze method to analyze it and find the relevance between Ibn Khaldûn 's perspective in economic and the economic perspective in Islam. The bibliography of the previous research just write the translation of *Muqaddimah* as one of the sources of that research. It shows that actually the researcher did not explain the material from the original *Muqaddimah* book deeply.

In the writer's research the object focus is just the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn . Because of it just to know about the construct of economic perspective based on *Muqaddimah* book about equilibrium price. So, it shows the difference between them. Beside that, the researcher also explain more about the economic perspective of Ibn Khaldûn based on the original book of *Muqaddimah*. The

conclusion as the result of the previous research stated that actually the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn has relevance with Islamic economic concept.

3. Research by Irfan Syauqi Beik and Laily Dwi Arsyianti

There was a journal entitled Ibn Khaldûn 's Contribution on Modern Economics Development: An Analysis Based on Selected Economic Issues. This journal was written by Irfan Syauqi Beik, a student of Dept. of Economics in Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia and PhD (Economics) candidate at the International University, Malaysia. In writing this journal he in collection with his partner Laily Dwi Arsyianti, a student of Student of MSc (Finance) at the International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Actually the focuses of this journal are Khaldun has laid down the formulation of Gross Domestic Products and international trade analysis. He has identified agriculture, trade, and industry as the most important sources of livelihood. Trade between two countries takes place when there is demand difference in both countries market. Because of the writer of this journal were the student of Bogor Agricultural University and the student of Student of MSc (Finance) at the International Islamic University the explanation is not far from the economic agricultural side. It is different with this research, this research will explore more about the concept of equilibrium price from Ibn Khaldûn based on *Muqaddimah* which did not explore yet.

Beside that, the bibliography of this journal just write the translation of *Muqaddimah* as one of the sources of that research. It shows that actually the researcher did not explain the material from the original *Muqaddimah* book. It also difference with this research, because this research will use the original *Muqaddimah*

book as one of the sources. Actually, the very fundamental difference between this research and the previous research is the shape of the research. The previous research is an article which is published in a journal, but it is not the report of research so it does not have the research method.⁹ Then, it shows the differences between both of them because this research writes the research method in it. Then, the conclusion of this journal state that Ibn Khaldûn has built very fundamental analysis for modern economics development. However, in many mainstream economics literature, his contributions are often neglected. The issues that explained by Ibn Khaldûn are about Gross Domestic Product Concept, and International Trade.

4. Research by Ahmad Fauzi,

There was the thesis with the title *Peran Ekonomi Islam Dalam Pengetasan Kemiskinan Menurut Pemikiran Ibn Khaldûn*. This thesis was written by Ahmad Fauzi (NIM 102046125279). He was the student of Syarif Hidayatullah Islamic State University in the Muamalah Study Department of Law and Sharia Faculty. This main purpose of this research is to understand about the concept of Islamic economic based on Ibn Khaldûn for resolving the poverty problems. The method which is used in this research is analytic descriptive. The focus discussion of this research is the concept of Islamic economic based on Ibn Khaldûn for resolving the poverty problems. Then, the differences between both of the research in the focus discussion, although the main discussion object for both is the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn.

⁹ Tim Penyusun Pedoman Penulisan Karya Ilmiah Fakultas Syariah UIN Malang, *Pedoman Penulisan Karya Ilmiah 2012* (Malang: UIN Malang Press, 2012), p. 7

No.	The Reasercher	The Title	Formal object	Material object
1	Ali Mahmudi	Konsep Ekonomi Politik Dalam Perspektif Ibn Khaldûn dan Karl Marx	Ibn Khaldûn's Perspective and Karl Marx's Perspective	Economy Political Concept
2	Khoirul Taqwim	Relevansi Pemikiran Ibn Khaldûn Dengan Ekonomi Islam	Ibn Khaldûn's Perspective	The Relevance Between Ibn Khaldûn's Perspective with Islamic Economy Concept
3	Irfan Syauqi Beik and Laily Dwi Arsyianti	Ibn Khaldûn 's Contribution on Modern Economics Development: An Analysis Based on Selected Economic Issues	Ibn Khaldûn's Perspective	Ibn Khaldûn 's Contribution on Modern Economics Development
4	Ahmad Fauzi	Peran Ekonomi Islam Dalam Pengetasan Kemiskinan Menurut Pemikiran Ibn Khaldûn	Ibn Khaldûn's Perspective	The Action of Islamic Economy in Pushing the Poverty

G. Structure of Discussion

The research will be written with the composition bellows:

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

In this chapter there are the description about the background research which explains about the reason of choosing the title. There also the statement of problem which gives the understanding about the main problems of the research. The objective of research explains about the purpose of doing the research. There also the

significance of research which explains about the benefits of research theoretically or practically.

There also the operational definition which explains about the meaning of the title from each words. Then, there is the research method which tell about the method used in the research. In this chapter also, there is the explanation about related previous research. It can be a book, or thesis, or journal, etc. there also the discussion structure which explains what the discussion about.

CHAPTER II: REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

In this chapter, there is the explanation about literatures which are related to the title. From that literatures the researcher can explore about the materials which are related to the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn , especially about equilibrium price. In this chapter the writer also explain about some theories and concepts which are related to the theme.

Then, the theories and the concepts explained can be a fundamental of analyzing process in the research. This chapter also show about the increasing of data gotten, both of substantially or about relevance methods. But the writing of the sub title is suitable to the theme which explained in this thesis.

CHAPTER III: FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The chapter will explain about the data gotten from literature research, then it must be an editing, and classifying, and verifying, and analyzing to get the answer of the statement of problem decided about the perspective of Ibn Khaldûn , especially about equilibrium price. Then, actually this chapter explain about the result of research clearly, especially about equilibrium price as the answer of the statements of problem which written in the beginning of thesis.

CHAPTER IV: CONCLUSSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter, the researcher would give the conclusion of the research about the construction of Islamic economics perspective of Ibn Khaldûn on *Muqaddimah* book, especially about equilibrium price. After that, the researcher will give some suggestions which are related to the title. Hopefully from the conclusion and suggestion written, the reader can understand about the point of view in this thesis.