

## ***ABSTRACT***

*The methodology of science is part of the discourse on the philosophy of science. Mohammad Hatta's thoughts on social sciences such as economics and politics have potential as contributors to the methodology of science. Through the eyes of the Science methodology of Imre Lakatos' scientific research program, this study aims to explain the concept of Mohammad Hatta's thought in the social sciences, then create a new understanding of Mohammad Hatta's social science within the scope of Imre Lakatos's methodology.*

*This research is historical-factual research on the character using a literature study of Mohammad Hatta's thoughts as a material object and its correlation with Lakatos's view of the methodology of science as a formal object. The analysis is carried out using philosophical methodical steps, namely Interpretation, Internal Coherence, Historical Continuity, Heuristics, Reflection, and Description.*

*The main finding of the study is that Mohammad Hatta's thoughts on "people's sovereignty" are a contribution to the formation of norms in the sustainable development of social science in Indonesia. The results of this study include: First, popular sovereignty is the basis of the concepts of economic democracy and political democracy. Second, people's sovereignty is placed as hard core in social science scientific research programs. Third, Hatta's positive social science heuristic emphasizes pluralism in economics and politics. Fourth, negative heuristics refer to restrictions on political totalitarianism and economic capitalism. Finally, the future of Mohammad Hatta's social science lies in how to predict the role of the state and society as an Auto-Activity.*

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