Obtaining Factors Affecting Innovative Work Behavior (IWB) of a Local Bank Employees under Islamic Leadership: Application of Partial Least Squares Method

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ABSTRACT

This study aims were: 1) to know the direct effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance, 2) to know the direct effect of Empowerment on Innovative Work Behavior, 3) to test the role of Empowerment as mediation the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance, 4) to test the role of Innovative Work Behavior as mediation the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. The population was all employees of Bank Jatim Syariah at Surabaya Center Office. It was consisted of Bank Jatim Syariah at Surabaya Branch Office and Kediri Branch Office. Samples were selected by proportional random sampling and data was analyzed by PLS (Partial Least Square). The study had four findings. First, Islamic Leadership has a significant effect on Islamic Performance. Second, Empowerment has a significant effect on Innovative Work Behavior. Third, Empowerment mediates the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. This condition illustrates that employees must be empowered and involved in all organizational processes to improve performance. Forth, Innovative Work Behavior cannot mediate the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. Innovative Work Behavior arises from the individual. It was the individuals desire to introduce their ideas to a group or organization where they work.

Keywords: Empowerment, Innovative Work Behavior, Organizational Efficiency, Islamic Leadership, Partial Least Squares Regression, Proportional Random Sampling

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1. INTRODUCTION

Leadership has become the research object for long time. It was based on various leadership advance in organizations. Therefore, leadership practice has continued to develop from the past to present and will certainly continue to develop in future.

Leadership was analyzed as one of most complicated social processes (Fry and Kriger, 2009). Leaders give di-

rection to followers, set goals, then motivate subordinates to work, utilize their business together in same direction. Therefore, leaders can get the desired organizational goals and minimize the gap between the achieved goals and desired goals (Sani *et al.*, 2018; Novikova *et al.*, 2018).

1.1 Literature Review

Global economy creates full competition in all in-

dustries. It was important to have the right managerial skills in an organization. This was evident with the majority companies investing in leadership programs due to various challenges at their leadership level (Olutade *et al.*, 2015; Maurice, 2013; Chidoko and Mashavira, 2014; Yuliansyah, 2015; Kadasala *et al.*, 2016; Abiodun, 2014; Sabri and Sweis, 2015; Elkhayat and ElBannan, 2018; Jenaabad and Mostafaei 2014; Forgha et al., 2018). Gentry *et al.* (2014) identified six possible leadership challenges namely: developing managerial effectiveness; inspire others; develop employees; lead team; guiding change and managing internal and political stakeholders.

Several studies on spiritual leadership have been carried out (Fry. 2003; Duchon and Plowman, 2005) to show that spiritual leadership affects on productivity and organizational performance. Daud et al. (2007) stated that quality of Islamic Leadership can improve employee performance. Milliman et al. (2003) stated that leadership correlates with job satisfaction, work involvement, organizational commitment, employee involvement. Leadership has the desired impact on job satisfaction, communication and perceptions of work environment (Morrow, 1997). Thus, leadership success was highly dependent on motivation, skills, commitment, and extra behavior roles of people involved in an organization (Guimaraes, 1997). Whereas Elbaz and Haddoud (2017) states that spiritual leadership has no effect on performance but through job satisfaction.

Many leadership researches has been done but rarely review the religious perspective (Kamil *et al.*, 2011). Islamic Leadership was very important to increase organizational effectiveness, but in reality there were still differences between theory and practice (Ather and Sobbani, 2007; Nze *et al.*, 2016; Hang *et al.*, 2016; Owusu-Antwi *et al.*, 2017; Ahmed *et al.*, 2018; Dinesh *et al.*, 2017; Obodo, 2018). The empirical tests of spiritual leadership in relation with Empowerment and Innovative Work Behavior were still rarely done.

Many of previous studies on banking leadership examined transformative and transactional leadership styles (Bass et al., 2003). Islamic banking should be a competitive banking environment and become a strong partner for conventional banking. It needs to rely on their employees as an intermediary between the banking sector and customers to achieve a large market share. Therefore, banks must strive to create positive attitudes from employees, motivating employees to be more committed, empowering employees. It ultimately should have positive contribution on organization. One way to do was to develop Innovative Work Behavior (IWB). This behavior describes the added value of employees as one form of prosocial behavior, namely positive, constructive and meaningful social behavior. IWB could change the formal atmosphere of organization to become more relax, full cooperation, reduce the tension of employees to create a

supportive atmosphere to increase employee productivity. It would have an impact to achieve organizational effectiveness and efficiency (Purmamisari, 2012). IWB can improve organizational efficiency (Podsakoff *et al.*, 2009; Chiang and Tsung, 2012; Gumel, 2017); performance (Dorner, 2016). Organ *et al.* (2005) stated that without employee involvement, organization will become a fragile social system and will be crushed by competition. Employee involvement was demonstrated through acceptance and strong belief in values and organization goals (Ali and Haseeb, 2019; Haseeb *et al.*, 2018; Haseeb *et al.*, 2019; Suryanto *et al.*, 2018; Farzadnia *et al.*, 2017).

The study to examine relationship between leadership and IWB were still limited and having contradictions. This study seeks to explain leadership from an Islamic perspective, proposing a framework for Islamic Leadership with Empowerment and IWB mediation using the model from Dorner (2016), Alkhodary (2016) and previous empirical studies. This was intended to integrate spirituality leadership, empowerment and IWB in a model that can be used by researchers to better understand IWB. This model should add to scarcity of literature regarding the relation of spirituality and Islamic Performance through Empowerment and IWB. This will help the organization to understand the leadership role to increase employee IWB which ultimately will improve organizational performance.

1.2 Theoretical Review

1.2.1 Relations of Islamic Leadership and Islamic Performance.

Islamic Leadership was based on concept of Prophet Muhammad. This leadership offers a leadership model to develop a strategy to achieve success in a balanced manner in business, family, social and spiritual, based on example of leadership and management of Prophet Muhammad and spirit of Asmaul Husna (Syafi'i, 2010).

Hakim (2012) stated that Islamic Leadership can improve Islamic Performance. Islamic Performance was the manifestation of someone work who not only orient to the world but also hereafter. The performance was always based on Islamic values. Islamic Performance was manifested in a balance of life between the world and hereafter, working hard, doing the work as well as possible and giving some portion of income to others who need it (Hakim, 2012).

Daud *et al.* (2007) stated that quality of Islamic Leadership could improve employee performance. Wijayanti and Wajni (2012) examined the effect of Islamic Leadership, motivation and job satisfaction on employee performance. The results showed that Islamic Leadership had a significant positive effect on employee performance. Based on empirical studies, research hypothesis was:

H1: Islamic Leadership affects on Islamic Performance.

1.2.2 Relations of Empowerment and Innovative Work Behavior

Empowerment was defined as the extent of employees' involvement in a company in various management activities. Participation in management activities give employees new knowledge, more disciplined, involved in decision-making process, and have the opportunity to solve problems faced by organizations (Juran and Gryna, 1993). Employee participation was exemplified by teamwork, involvement in organizational activities and employee commitment (Zhang, 2000).

IWB was a behavior with aim to introduce new ideas, use new ideas as a set of tools for organizational progress (De Jong and Den Hartog, 2007). Axtell *et al.* (2000) define Innovative Work Behavior as the capability improvement in new ideas relating to the jobs within organization.

Empowerment has relations with Innovative Work Behavior. Alkhodary (2016) showed the relationship between Empowerment and IWB (originality, ideas, sensitivity to problems). Based on empirical studies, research hypothesis was:

H2: Empowerment affects on the Innovative Work Behavior.

1.2.3 The Effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance Mediated by Empowerment.

Leadership in Islam view was a mandate and responsibility that was not only accountable to members they lead, but also will be accountable before Allah SWT (Hakim, 2012). Islamic Performance was the manifestation of someone work who was not only oriented to world but also hereafter. Islamic Performance was manifested in five indicators, namely quantity, accuracy in work, quality, willingness to help others, and charity (Hakim, 2012).

Empowerment was a process to encourage organiza-

tional members individually and collectively to make decisions to affect their work environment (Ivancevich *et al.*, 2006). Theory of X and Y explained a very important role between individuals and managers. Managers play a role to improve performance through individual Empowerment practices (Bourini *et al.*, 2018). Based on empirical and theoretical studies, research hypothesis was:

H3: Empowerment mediates the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance.

1.2.4 The Effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance Mediated by Innovative Work Behavior

West and Farr (1990) defined Innovative Work Behavior (IWB) as a behavior with aim to introduce and implement new ideas into work in order to improve performance. Islamic Performance was the manifestation of someone work oriented to world and also afterlife (Hakim, 2012).

The relationship between Islamic Leadership, Innovative Work Behavior and Islamic Performance was shown De Jong and Den Hartog (2007) that leaders affect employees' innovative behavior through deliberate actions aimed to stimulate behavior that was manifested in application of new ideas to support performance. Dorner (2016) examined IWB in relation to employee expectations and employee performance. The results showed that IWB could improve employee performance; and but did not affect employees' expectations. Based on empirical studies, the research hypothesis was:

H4: Innovative Work Behavior mediate the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance.

1.3 Hypotheses Model

The hypotheses model of this research is shown in Figure 1.

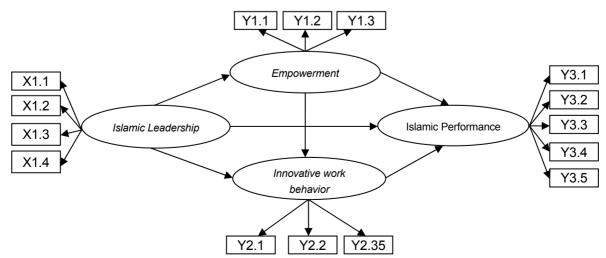


Figure 1. The effect of islamic leadership, empowerment, innovative work behavior on islamic performance.

2. METHODOLOGY

The population was all employees of Bank Jatim Syariah at Surabaya Center Office, totalling employees. The samples were selected by Slovin formula at 7% precision, Samples in this study were all permanent employees including leadership elements who have a minimum work period of 1 year at Bank Jatim Syariah at Surabaya Center Office, totalling 115 employees. Data was collected by questionnaires, measured with five-point Likert scales.

2.1 Data Analysis Techniques

Descriptive statistical analysis was used to determine the frequency distribution of respondents' answers from questionnaire and to describe in depth the studied variables. Data was analyzed by Partial Least Square (PLS). This model was developed as an alternative to situations where the weak theoretical basis to design a model and / or the available indicators did not meet the reflective measurement model (Solimun, 2012). Mediation testing with a procedure developed by Sobel known as the Sobel test (Sobel test) using Free Statistic Calculation for Sobel Test version 4.0.

3. RESEARCH RESULTS

The Goodness of Fit testing of structural model for inner model uses predictive-relevance (Q2) to measure the observation value generated by the model. The Q2 has a magnitude range values of 0 < Q2 < 1, closer to 1 means the model was better. The results of Goodness of Fit Test is shown in Table 1.

The calculation results show a predictive-relevance value of 0.7841 or 78.41%. It indicates that diversity of data that can be explained by the model at 78.41%, in other words the 78.41% information content in data can be explained by the model. The remaining 21.59% was explained by other variables outside the model and errors. It means the PLS model was good, because it can explain 78.41% of overall information.

3.1 Hypotheses Testing (Inner Model)

Hypotheses test for inner model is shown in Table 2. The hypothesis testing for the direct effect can be seen in Figure 2.

Structural Model	Endogenous Variables	R - Square
1	Empowerment (Y1)	0.491
2	Innovative work Behavior (Y2)	0.270
3	Islamic Performance (Y3)	0.419

Table 1. Goodness of fit test results

Independent Variables	Dependent Variables	Path Coefficients	t statistic	p-value	Description
Empowerment	Innovative Work Behavior	0.442	3.506	0.000	Significant
Empowerment	Islamic Performance	0.281	2.056	0.042	Significant
Islamic Leadership	Empowerment	0.539	9.116	0.000	Significant
Islamic Leadership	Innovative Work Behavior	0.062	0.577	0.565	Insignificant
Islamic Leadership	Islamic Performance	0.268	2.405	0.000	Significant
Innovative Work Behavior	Islamic Performance	0.043	0.382	0.703	Insignificant

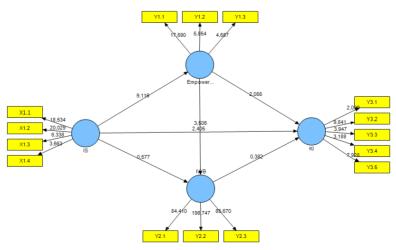


Figure 2. Path diagram of structural model in PLS.

Path	A	В	SEA	SEB	t count	sig	Description
IS-EMP-KI	0.539	0.268	0.059	0.112	2.315	0.020	Sig
IS-IWB-KI	0.061	0.043	0.107	0.113	0.316	0.752	Non sig

Table 3. The results of sobel test analysis

3.2 Hypothesis Testing and Coefficients of Mediation Path

The mediation hypothesis test was needed to detect the position of intervening variable in the model. Testing can be done with a procedure developed by Sobel and was known as the Sobel test (Sobel Test). The Sobel test was done by examining the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance through Empowerment and Innovative Work Behavior. The Sobel test was done by free Sobel test calculator for the significance of mediation version 4.0. Table 3 shows the results of Sobel Test analysis.

Sobel test showed that the relationship of Islamic Leadership, Empowerment and Islamic Performance has value of 2.315 > 1.96 and significance of 0.020 < 0.05. It means that Empowerment mediates the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. The test results showed the t count > t table and sig < 0.05; so Empowerment mediates the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance.

Sobel test showed that the relationship of Islamic Leadership, Innovative Work Behavior and Islamic Performance has value of 0.316 < 1.96 and significance was 0.752 > 0.05. It means Innovative Work Behavior does not mediate the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. The test results show t count < t table and sig> 0.05; so, the Innovative Work Behavior does not mediate the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance

Inner model path analysis showed that Islamic Leadership has a significant effect on Islamic Performance. It was consistent with Fry (2003) that spiritual leadership affects on productivity and organizational performance. It was also consistent with the findings of Duchon and Plowman (2005) that spiritual leadership affects on performance. The study results also consistent with the Gadenne and Sharma (2009) that performance was affected by TQM Practices. Soft TQM practices contribute to performance, these include leadership, training and supplier relations. Hard TQM practices contribute to performance. These include continuous improvement, benchmarking, increased efficiency, and quality measurement.

The research results also support the research results of Daud *et al.* (2007) that quality of Islamic Leadership could improve employee performance. Wijayanti and Wajni (2012) also supported that Islamic Leadership has a significant positive effect on employee performance. Adversely, the study results inconsistent with Whereas Elbaz and Haddoud (2017) that spiritual leadership has no effect on performance.

The research results support the opinion of Maharani (2017) that leadership patterns were considered successful when guided by corporate culture of five *akhlaqul karimah* (good morality) attitudes. The application of most ideal and appropriate Islamic Leadership style was a leadership style to include attitudes of *akhlaqul karimah*, namely *shidiq*, *istiqamah*, *fathonah*, *amanah*, *and tabligh* (Maharani, 2017; Mulyono *et al.*, 2018).

Leaders who adopt a spiritual leadership style will create a spiritual work environment. It generates benefits not only for individuals but also for organization. Spiritual leadership creates positive effects on employees, especially comfort, psychological impact, increased organizational commitment, increased productivity and even organizational performance (Fry, 2003; Martins *et al.*, 2018).

4.2 Effect of Empowerment on Innovative Work Behavior

The path analysis result for inner model shows that Empowerment has a significant effect on Innovative Work Behavior. It is consistent with Alkhodary (2016) who examines the effect of Empowerment on IWB. The results showed that Empowerment has significant relationship on Innovative Work Behavior. The study results also supported the opinion of Organ *et al.* (2005) that without employee involvement, organization will become a fragile social system and will be crushed by competition. Employee involvement was demonstrated through the attitude of acceptance, strong belief in values and goals of organization.

Empowerment was defined as the employee involvement level in a company in various management activities. Participation in management activities give employees new knowledge, more disciplined, involved in decision-making process, and have the opportunity to solve problems faced by organizations (Juran and Gryna, 1993). Employee participation was exemplified by teamwork, involvement in organizational activities and employee commitment (Zhang, 2000; Muhammad, 2018).

Robbins (2006) defines employee involvement as a

participation process that uses all employee capacities designed to increase commitment to organizational success. Involving employees in making decisions process can increase autonomy and control over their working lives, employees will be more motivated and more committed to organization, and more productive.

IWB was a behavior with aim to introduce new ideas, use new ideas as a set of tools for organizational progress (De Jong and Den Hartog, 2007). Axtell *et al.* (2000) defined Innovative Work Behavior as higher capacity for a number of new ideas relating to a number of jobs within organization. IWB was not only triggered by high motivation, but can be part of a strategy to reduce the negative effects of high job design (Janssen, 2000). Therefore, IWB arises as a result of employee involvement for challenging jobs. On other hand, they were also involved in innovation strategies when they have low motivation and high pressure. The combination of high work levels and low leadership control, varied work designs require employees to behave innovatively through work involvement.

4.3 Empowerment as Mediation the Effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance

The path analysis result for inner model shows that Islamic Leadership has a significant affect on Empowerment. Empowerment also affects on Islamic Performance. These study results complement the research of Wijayanti and Wajni (2012) that Islamic Leadership has a significant positive effect on employee performance. These study results support Hakim (2012) that Islamic Leadership could improve Islamic Performance. These study results also Bari *et al.* (2016) that soft TQM viewed from leadership affects on employee performance through psychological contracts.

The field research results also support Bourini *et al.* (2018) that there was a very important role between individuals and managers, where managers have a role to improve performance through individual empowerment practices. This condition illustrates that a leader was not only required to set a good example, but also must have an awareness that subordinates were valuable. They must be empowered and involved in all organizational processes.

4.4 Innovative Work Behavior as Mediation the Effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance.

The path analysis result for inner model shows that Islamic Leadership does not have a significant effect on Innovative Work Behavior. Likewise, Innovative Work Behavior does not affect on Islamic Performance. Because the two paths were not significant, it can be concluded that Innovative Work Behavior was not a media-

tion the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. These study results inconsistent with Elbaz and Haddoud (2017) study that spiritual leadership affect on performance with job satisfaction as mediation variable.

Innovative Work Behavior cannot mediate the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance, because innovation emphasizes creativity and implementation of ideas to improve performance. Furthermore, Innovative Work Behavior is explained as individual behavior with aim to achieve intentional initiation and recognition (in role of work, group or organization) regarding ideas, processes and products. The IWB was developed to encourage creative ideas. Purba (2009) suggests that innovative behavior emphasizes on the existence of a creative attitude, there was a process to change attitudes from traditional to modern, or from not progressed to an advanced attitude.

Leadership did not affect on Innovative Work Behavior because this behavior arises from the individual to introduce ideas to a group or organization where they work. Janssen (2000) said that Innovative Work Behavior consists of idea generation, it refers to development and usage of ideas that very useful for company

Innovative Work Behavior arises when employees were respected, they were willing to reciprocate with higher innovative behavior, whereas when they see their work was less valued, they tend to limit the IWB. Based on social exchange theory, it can be concluded that managerial behavior has an effect on employee behavior. De Jong and Den Hartog (2007) stated that employees vary in how to do work or show their IWB. Every employee always innovates to do his job properly. And when their performance was considered good, they don't need IWB behavior anymore.

4.1 Contribution

These research results accommodate two previous studies. Alkhodary (2016) found that Empowerment had an effect on IWB. While Dorner (2016) stated that quality of Islamic Leadership could improve employee performance. These research results combine the research of Dorner (2016) and Alkhodary (2016) that quality of Islamic Leadership could improve employee performance when employees engage in innovative behavior moderated by Empowerment.

These research results show several factors that can improve Islamic Performance, including leadership, empowerment and innovative behavior of employees. The managerial parties should increase these three factors in order to improve employee performance.

The empirical evidence shows a need for management to apply Islamic values in daily activities. The application of Islamic values must be supported by both leaders and employees. Leaders determine the right poli-

cies relating to implementation of Islamic values, while employees were required to participate in implementation of Islamic values.

5. CONCLUSION

Islamic Leadership has a significant effect on Islamic Performance. The leadership practice will create the mindset for subordinates to always responsible to their work, always carry out the mandate in their work activities. The stronger Islamic Leadership can increase Innovative Work Behavior.

Empowerment has a direct effect on Innovative Work Behavior. Without employee involvement, organization will become a fragile social system and will be crushed by competition. Employee involvement was demonstrated by the attitude of acceptance, strong belief in values and goals of organization.

Empowerment mediates the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance. This condition illustrates that a leader was not only required to set a good example, but also must have an awareness that employees were valuable. They must be empowered and involved in all organizational processes to improve performance.

Innovative Work Behavior was not mediation the effect of Islamic Leadership on Islamic Performance, because innovation places more emphasis on creativity and implementation of ideas. Innovative Work Behavior arises from the individual to introduce ideas he made to a group or organization where they work.

5.1 Limitations

This study design still cannot completely eliminate the possibility of a common method bias because all the data was collected by self-reports of respondents. Differences in managerial scores between managers and employees can also cause bias. Future research should recommend managers to provide an assessment to employees. It can be used as cross checks of employee data with leaders.

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