

ABSTRACT

Ira Kusmawati: *Katherine's Struggle to Break the Marriage Institution To Get Equal Education in Mike Newell's Film "Mona Lisa Smile"*

Every woman has dream in her life. Marriage and education are parts of her dreams, it makes her become perfect, and sometimes marriage becomes obstacle for women to get high education. Thus, when women married, they only focus on their family and do not care their education. One of woman told in this paper is Katherine. Katherine breaks the marriage institution to get equal education, and she assumes that marriage is not an obstacle for women to get high education.

Based on background above, the researcher focus on problems those are; (1) what is marriage concept according to Katherine in Mike Newell's "*Mona Lisa Smile*". (2) How does Katherine's struggle to break the marriage institution to get the equal education in Mike Newell's "*Mona Lisa Smile*". In this case the researcher used the descriptive method. Descriptive method is research method which gives the illustration or explanation on clearly situation without the existing of treatment toward object research. Then, the researcher took the data from narrations in the film script "*Mona Lisa Smile*" and the researcher got the data resource from the film script of *Mona Lisa Smile* that was produced by Revolution Studios and Columbia Pictures, directed by Mike Newell in 2003 published.

In the technique of analyzing data, the researcher explained the data through of kinds of steps, such as: categorization, classification and comprehension. The researcher should have categorized and it consists of identification, classification, interpretation, analysis based on feminist theory and conclusion

Finally, the researcher finds the result of this research those are; *first*, there are four of marriage concepts according to Katherine, such as; marriage as to make difference, marriage as a proof women's position, marriage not as obstacle and marriage as special relationship. *Second*, there are two of Katherine's struggles to break the marriage institution to get equal education, such as; urge to get education, it means that Katherine as teacher urges to her students to get education, because education important for their lives and make them become career women. Furthermore, give the choice, it means that women have the right to choose. They can be lawyers if they want, they can be housewives if they want. It is their choice, not somebody else's.