

PREFACE

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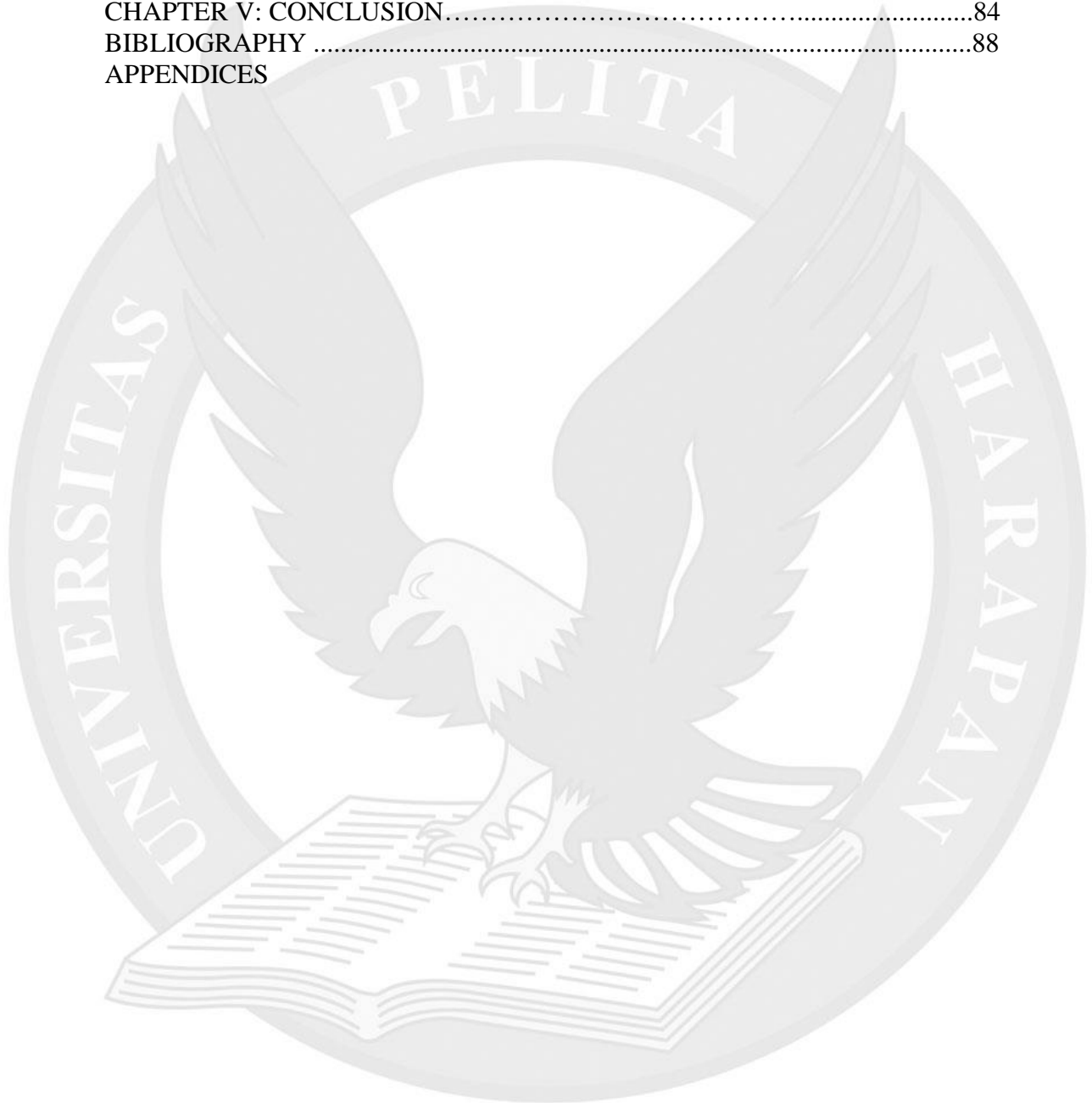
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS



ADMM	- ASEAN Defense Minister Meeting
AEC	- ASEAN Economic Community
AMM	- ASEAN Ministerial Meeting
AOIP	- ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific
APSC	- ASEAN Political Security Community
ARF	- ASEAN Regional Forum
ASC	- ASEAN Security Community
ASCC	- ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
ASEAN	- Association of Southeast Asian Nation
BRI	- Belt and Road Initiative
BUILD	- Better Utilization of Investment Leading to Development
CBM	- Confidence building Measures
CCE	- China Central Eastern Europe
CHEC	- China Harbor Engineering Company
CITIC	- China International Trust Investment Corporation
COPH	- China Overseas Port Holding Company
CSCCEC	- China State Construction Engineering Corporation
CSCE	- Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
EAC	- East Asia Community
EAS	- East Asia Summit
EASG	- East Asia Study Group



EAVG	- East Asia Vision Group
EPQI	- Expanded Partnership for Quality Infrastructure
FOIP	- Free and Open Indo-Pacific
FONOP	-Freedom of Navigation Operation
GMF	- Global Maritime Fulcrum
IDFC	- International Development Finance Corporation
INDOPACOM-	Indo-Pacific Command
ISIS	- Institutes of Strategic and International Studies
IUU	- Illegal Unregulated Unreported
MPAC	- Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity
NAFTA	- North America Free Trade Agreement
PACOM	- Pacific Command
RCEP	- Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
SCO	- Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SDG	- Sustainable Development Goals
SEAGIF	- Southeast Asia Economic Governance and Infrastructure Initiative
SEATO	- Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SLOC	-Sea Lanes of Communication
SOE	- State Owned Enterprise
TAC	- Treaty of Amity and Cooperation
UCDP	- Uppsala Conflict Data Program Database
UNCLOS	- UN Convention on the Law of the Sea



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