

## ABSTRACT

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This study has two objectives: to study the philosophy and political idea in Sam Kok literature and to investigate how the author of this novel reflected the strategy and political gaming of the key characters in the novel.

It could be concluded that Sam Kok very well reflected the philosophical and political aspect of power. The plot of the novel clearly manifested the exploitation of various strategies and technique of the key characters so that power could be sought and maintained. Besides, the author has shown that besides direct confrontation through the use of force, each character also resorted to the use of political and diplomatic technique.