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Nyoto Nugroho, 2021, Coffee Shop Politics: Community Discussion About Policies for Handling the Covid-19 Outbreak at the Lamongan Berlian Café Coffee Shop. Thesis of the Government Science Study Program, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Darul 'Ulum Lamongan Islamic University.

The background of the problem in this thesis is the Berlian Cafe Coffee Shop which experienced a shift in function, from just chatting and drinking coffee and then being able to carry out activities to discuss with each other and provide perspective ideas. The associations at Kedai Kopi Berlian Cafe include the Community, Students, Academics, Political Actors, and other Communities. The activities carried out by them are usually enjoying coffee and talking and discussing government policies regarding the handling of Covid-19 which are confusing, so that not a few of the results of the discussion make criticism of the Government which is constructive. Departing from a Habermas assumption, "Public Sphere" is one of the democratic spaces for freedom of citizens to express opinions, interests and needs discursively.

The method used to research is using a qualitative descriptive approach. Data collection techniques using documentation, interviews, observation. Data analysis techniques are data reduction, data

presentation, and drawing conclusions. The purpose of this study is to explain how the concept of Public Space and what issues are discussed at the Lamongan Berlian Cafe Coffee Shop.

The results of this study indicate that the renewal of a Habermas Public Space theory in the past entered the present, namely the digital era. In the current Digital era, the form of political discussion studies that exist at Kedai Kopi Berlian Cafe can be disseminated through online media such as Instagram, Facebook, and other online news, in the Public Sphere a public opinion will be formed, where usually this public opinion affects the policies of the state. Public opinion refers to criticism or control exercised by the public. The personal opinions of individuals will become public opinion through participation in free and fair public debate that is open to all. One of the containers used is the Lamongan Berlian Cafe coffee shop.

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