

Left Periphery of Indonesian

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This thesis aims to present a linguistic analysis and description on different constructions on the left periphery of Indonesian. The constructions that will be analysed and described in this thesis are topicalization, focalization, question construction, and relativization in the language.

Chapter one will be dedicated to describe the speaker of the language and the language itself. It is then followed by a brief syntactical introduction on the language. Chapter two will elaborate some important theoretical backgrounds that play a huge role in the process of writing the thesis. Chapter three will explain various aspects on question constructions and focalizations in Indonesian. Chapter four will demonstrate the relativization process in Indonesian and try to compare it to English. Chapter five will discuss the topicalization process in Indonesian and its behaviour compared to other languages like English and Italian

The method that is used in writing this thesis is mainly empirical observation. The primary source of the data being some examples that are spontaneous from the writer. The other source of the data being constructions in different languages that are prompted by the supervisor to see how such constructions take place in the language and compare it with similar constructions in other languages. The importance of the study is that it may open a gate for linguistic research on Indonesian or other Austronesian languages in Indonesia. Furthermore, this thesis may attract attention from linguists around the world on Indonesian, or other Austronesian languages in Indonesia, and hopefully more research on these languages will be done in the future. Lastly, this thesis may contribute to the collective work on the already vast linguistic research of cartographic studies, among many frameworks and lines of research in the linguistic field.

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