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ABSTRACT

Key words: Terms of Address, Uncle, Aunt, Caste

Sociolinguistics concerns with the topic about language and society because language cannot be separated from society. This study concerns many aspects of social and language variation such as address term, code switching, kinship system. In details, the topic of the study is the Balinese address term addressing uncle and aunt based on their caste.

The study under report investigates the following research questions: (1) What are the terms used by Balinese to address uncle and aunt?, (2) What are the underlying reasons and the social factors the Balinese have for using the address terms?

The relevant underlying theories of this study are: Language Variation, Social Dialect, Kinship Term of Address, Caste System and Caste in Bali. Besides, this study relied heavily on the previous studies done by Linda (1995), Halim (1996), Gusviati (1998), and Kurniati (1998).

This study is a qualitative study since it deals with the subjective description of the researcher, it has natural setting, and it involves the researcher in the observation. The informants of the study are Balinese whom live in Tabanan and comes from different caste. The data of the study were obtained from the recorded interview between the informants and the researcher.

The findings of the study showed that there are many various terms used by Balinese to address their uncle. The terms are: Pak, Wo, Aji (for Brahmana), Gung aji, Aji, Ji, Ajung, Jung (for Ksatria), Bapa, and Aji (for Weisya) and the terms Pak, Bapa, Om and Maman (for Shudra). While the address term for aunt are: Wo, Biyang Klu, and Biyang for Brahmana, Wo, Wo Agung, Wo Ratu, Gung Wo, Ajung, Ibu and Bujung for Ksatria; Wo and Utik for Weisya; and for Shudra they use the terms Bibi, Wo and Tante. The reason for them to used the address terms are to show respect and familiarity, to show one's caste and to keep the heredity line and social status exist.

The writer suggest that other researcher improve this study by using more informants, analyze other address terms for example the address term when marriage across caste happen