

# The Historicity of The New Bali Lexicon and Formation Projection of Unda-Usuk Bahasa

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## ABSTRACT

This research aims to find out the Balinese language evolution in the lexicology field. The Balinese language has grown and improved since the Old Bali, Middle Bali, and New Bali periods. Within the period, the Balinese language absorbed vocabularies from other languages, particularly Javanese, such as Old Javanese (kawi) and Middle Javanese. By using the linguistic framework of historical comparison, it is found that the number of the vocabularies absorbed gained one-third of the dictionary vocabularies - *Anggah Ungguling Basa Bali* dictionary. It is about 2.500 vocabularies [1]. The absorption period started happening in the XII century when the Bali conquest occurred by the Majapahit troops. While Bali was occupied by the Majapahit people, the Bali social-cultural life was automatically based on the Majapahit kingdom. Since then, a new social system was issued, which is the presence of caste, colour, or dynasty system known as four castes consisting of *Brahmana, Ksatria, Waisya, and Sudra*. The social stratification affects the system of Balinese language which is the existence of *Unda Usuk Bahasa Bali* system. The *unda usuk Bahasa Bali* contains (1) *bahasa alus (Singgih, Madya, Sor)*, and (2) vocabulary (*Alus, Mider, Kepara*). This language is used by *Bali Dataran* society (Majapahit people), meanwhile, *Bali Aga* (native) society do not know the system. The examples of the language are the words ‘funeral’: *aben (andap), aben (alus sor), lebon (alus singgih)* or ‘father’: *bapa (andap), bapa (alus sor), aji, agug (alus singgih)*. The form and meaning similarity in the language aims to provide references about social stratification in the system of culture.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

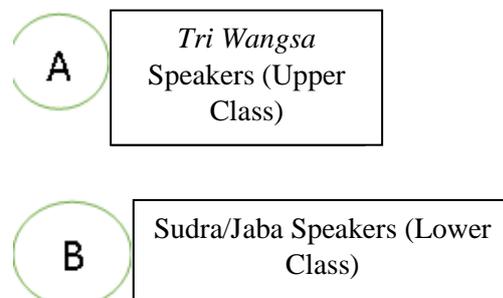
The growth and improvement of the Balinese language (BL) are strongly related to the historical process, starting from proto-Austronesian language to ancient, middle, new, and going to modern Balinese language.

On the other hand, the improvement of the Balinese Language is strongly affected by the political and cultural history of a nation [2]), which begins from the military expedition of Majapahit led by Gajah Mada in 1343 AD. The previous traditional social stratification system was based on colour or caste-like in India. However, the system changed into *wangsa* system (lineage) since the Majapahit empire. From this system, several vocabularies were issued, namely *soroh, treh* or *warih*, and kinship group which means genus or species.

Majapahit’s power in Bali was started since a regent named Sri Kresna Kepakisan was appointed as a Majapahit deputy king followed by 15 *Aryans*, 3 *Wesias*, a *Brahmin* named Danghyang Nirartha and a hundred of soldiers. From this group, the term *Wong*

*Majapahit* was born, meanwhile, native Balinese is known as *Wong Bali Aga*.

The system of *Unda Usuk Bahasa Bali* refers to each other between social system (culture) and language system and is constructive. The BL speakers functionally have to know well the presence of social or *wangsa* system in using *Unda-Usuk Bahasa* so that the vocabulary choice is not false communicate systematically. The system of *Unda Usuk Bahasa Bali* as follow:



**Figure 1.** The speaker of Upper Class and Lower Class.

In general, the speakers of Tri Wangsa communicate with each other by using *Bahasa Alus* (a language used to respect the interlocutor and someone who talked about it) as the identity of *Tri Wangsa*. Likewise, the speakers of *Sudra/Jaba* communicate with each other by using 'general' *Bahasa Bali Kepara*. These illustrations show the language system horizontally at the same level of speaker stratification. Majapahit people created a traditional social stratification system called as *Catur Wangsa* system, including:

- *Wangsa Brahmana*
- *Wangsa Ksatria*
- *Wangsa Waisya*
- *Wangsa Sudra*

Then, the four *Wangsa* is simplified into two groups keempat, such as:

- Class of *Tri Wangsa (Brahmana, Ksatria, and Waisya)*
- Class of *Sudra*

The birth of *Wangsa* system created the presence of language system called *Unda-Usuk bahasa* that has many terms in BL as follow:

- *Anggah - Ungguhing Basa*
- *Masor - Singgih Basa*
- *Warna- Warna Bahasa*
- *Anggah - Ungguh Basa*
- Polite Form

Vertically, the system of language between *Tri Wangsa* speakers and *Sudra/Jaba* speakers or vice versa has many variations. Generally, *Tri Wangsa* speakers group (upper class) are allowed to use a coarse (general/kepara) language choice (vocabulary) to communicate with *Sudra/Jaba* class (lower class). The language tradition does not lead to offence or abuse. However, *Jaba/Sudra* class have to speak respectfully (*alus*) to *Tri Wangsa* class (*Brahmana, Ksatria, Waisya*). If the language used to communicate is wrong in this relation, cultural matters will occur (considered as do not have manners). Hence, *Sudra/Jaba* class have to ask before about the status or the identity of the people that they have just met or known and that they have not known yet the social-cultural background when they want to communicate with those people. They can begin with the sentence: "*Nawegang antuk linggih*" (Please tell your status/identity). Surely, the people will answer honestly.

- (1) *Titiang Ida Bagus / I am Brahmana Ida Bagus*
- (2) *Titiang Gusti / I am Ksatria Gusti*
- (3) *Titiang Dewa / I am Dewa*
- (4) *Titiang Jaba / I am an ordinary person (Sudra)*

By knowing the status or identity of the addressee, the communication by using *Unda-Usuk bahasa* will get along in harmony and respect each other.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

This research is library research by adopting the qualitative descriptive method as the research method. The data collection method used is the observation method which means observing the lexicon forms in books and BL discretionary. The data processing is conducted with the procedure: identification, classification, and categorization. The data analysis applied is comparison method and analysis presentation by using informal and deductive methods.

## 3. ANALYSIS

### 3.1. Historicity of Balinese Language Lexicon

Cultural acculturation caused by the political process cannot be prevented. The strongest impact of sociolinguistic is the presence of cultural acculturation in language. Moreover, there is a language kinship between the two languages. Even though the two languages are not kinship languages, the adaption of language will happen due to the intensity of the speaker interaction naturally. The interaction of the speaker of two languages or more is one of the sources of vocabulary in BL. Javanese people (Majapahit) are Javanese speakers (old and middle/kawi Javanese).

The existence of the social stratification system of Majapahit in Bali automatically creates language acculturation, which is BL with Javanese. It begins from the borrowing process, leads into adoption, and finally is claimed as vocabulary in BL.

Before the social stratification comes in the Balinese language, the social of *Catur Wangsa* does not know *Unda-Usuk Bahasa*. The vocabularies in BL dictionary are general: (1) *andap*, (2) *kepara*, (3) *lumrah* or a language for general society / mostly "Destitute People". The numbers of the vocabularies gain 7.000s entries. After the Majapahit stratification social (*Catur Wangsa*) is constructed, there are new additional vocabularies in the polite form that has a higher meaning called *Bahasa Alus*. The numbers of these vocabularies gain 2.000s Suwija, [1].

### 3.2. Vocabulary of Unda - Usuk Bahasa Bali

The terminology of *Unda Usuk Bahasa* is a term referring to *Unda Usuk Kosa Kata*. *Unda Usuk Kosa Kata* is a basic concept regarding semantics, that is 'synonym', which has a different form, but the meaning is the same. In *Unda - Usuk* perception, the meaning is emphasized culturally called the distinction of language "Feeling". Here are the examples of *Unda-Usuk Kosa Kata* regarding several concepts.

Table 1. The vocabulary of unda usuk

Concept	For most people (Sudra/Jaba)	For Tri Wangsa class
Home	Umah	1. Goria 2. Puri 3. Jero
Makan	Madaar	1. Ngajeng 2. Ngarayunan
Water	Yeh	1. Banyu 2. Toya 3. Tirta

The table above explains about: 1). The vocabulary of *andap/kepara* that has only one form is used by 'destitute people', 2). The vocabularies used by *Tri Wangsa* (upper class) have more than one form based on the social stratification to call.

Semantically, the meaning in *andap/kepara* and *bahasa alus* is same as well as the reference. The distinction is only in cultural factor known as "Language Feeling" that means a kind of perception level in the opposition between:

- \* Rude - Soft
- \* Low - High
- \* Bad - Good
- \* Impolite - Polite

**3.3. Classification of Unda-Usuk Kosa Kata BB**

Based on the form, the vocabulary in *Unda-Usuk BB* can be depicted as:

1. Vocabulary that has two forms: (1) *andap / kepara / lumrah* and (2) *bentuk Alus*. The *andap* form is called *Andap/Kepera* vocabulary, Meanwhile, another one is called *Alus Mider* vocabulary. These forms are illustrated in the following table:

Table 2. Kosa Kata Andap & Alus Mider

Vocabulary of Andap / Kepera	Vocabulary of Alus Mider
- Suba 'sudah'	- sampun
- Uli 'dari'	- saking
- adu 'lomba'	- centok
- adeng 'pelan'	- alon
- ajak 'diajak'	- iring

In the table above, there are two categories of vocabulary, which are the vocabulary of *andap/kepara* and *Alus Mider*. The vocabulary of *andap* is only used by the speakers of *Sudra / Jaba* (lower class). While, the vocabulary of *Alus Mider* is used in greeting the *Tri Wangsa* speakers (*Tri Wangsa Brahmama, Ksatria, and Waisya*). The word "*Mider*" means to everywhere or to all directions. It belongs to the addresser (lower class).

2. Vocabulary that has more than two forms: (1) *andap / kepara*, (2) *Alus Singgih*, (3) *Alus Sor*, and (4) *Bahasa Kasar*.

Table 3. Vocabulary more than 2 forms

Concept	Kepera / andap	Alus Singgih	Alus Sor	Kasar
Die	mati	seda lobar lina newata	padem nunas	bangka ngamah
Eat	madaar	ngajeng ngarayunan ngiyun		
Hear	ningeh	mireng	miragi	-

Based on the table above and according to Antropocentric view (human as the centre point), there is vocabulary level in general of the language level of *Unda Usuk BB*.

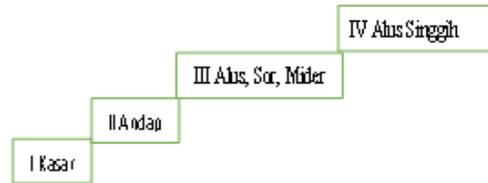


Figure 2. Vocabulary Level in General

**3.4. Formation Projection of Unda Usuk BB**

In the linguistic field, there is a form known as 'meaning changing' which is in this context interpreted as 'feeling' (cultural meaning). The projection in this research is meaning changing from the vocabulary of *andap / kepara* as basic vocabulary (primary) to the culture of *Alus* as secondary vocabulary (synonymy), [3]. From a linguistic perspective (Educational Linguistic), there is also a projection term known as 'change prediction' Utama [4].

In this change of *Unda Usuk BB*, meaning changing of culture is understandable from projection perspective to facilitate the understanding of cultural meaning changing from the vocabulary of *andap / kepara* to the vocabulary of *bahasa Alus*. By using a projection parameter, the presence of the change can be formulated more simply.

**3.4.1. Linear Projection**

In *Unda - Usuk BB*, some vocabularies have only two forms/meanings: (1) *Andap/ Kepera*, and (2) *Alus Mider*. The correlation between these two meanings is called the language of *Alus Mider*. The formation of *Alus Mider* language can be formulated as a linear projection since there is only one form of *Kepera* and

