

Title: The System of Tense and Aspect in the Bantik Language

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Abstract:

The Bantik language belongs to Sangiric micro-group (cf. Sneddon 1993), which in turn belongs to Philippine group. Bantik has two tenses; non-past tense and past tense. In addition, there are several aspects which include progressive, habitual, and iterative aspects.

This presentation aims, first, to present the overview of the tense and aspect system in the Bantik language. Second, I would like to focus on the classification of Bantik verbs with respect to the meanings they express by their tense forms. In short, stative verbs express a current event by using the non-past tense, while achievement verbs express a future event by the non-past tense. Activity verbs are categorized into two groups; the first group expresses a current event by the non-past tense, and the other expresses a future event. Ability verbs, in contrast to the other verbs, use non-past form to refer to a past event.