

Deixis and Spatial Reference in Makassarese

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Abstract:

Makassarese (South Sulawesi, 2 million speakers) has a three-way deictic contrast exemplified by the demonstrative set *anne* 'near speaker' *antu* 'near hearer' and *anjo* 'far from both' and the corresponding deictic adverbs *anrinni*, *antureng*, and *anjoreng*. They are pervasive in discourse. This paper will discuss the morphosyntactic properties of these terms, and examine their semantic and pragmatic features according to Levinson's (2006) framework.

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