On theoretically-informed fieldwork: A case study on the modal system in Javanese. Jozina Vander Klok University of British Columbia

Abstract:

Through a case study on the modal system of a Javanese dialect spoken in Paciran, East Java, Indonesia, I discuss the predictive power of theoretically-informed fieldwork on understudied languages. In order to establish how the modal system is carved in Javanese, my fieldwork on modality hinges on what the theoretical literature identifies as two fundamental properties: MODAL FORCE (e.g. *possibility*, *necessity*) and MODAL FLAVOUR (e.g.