

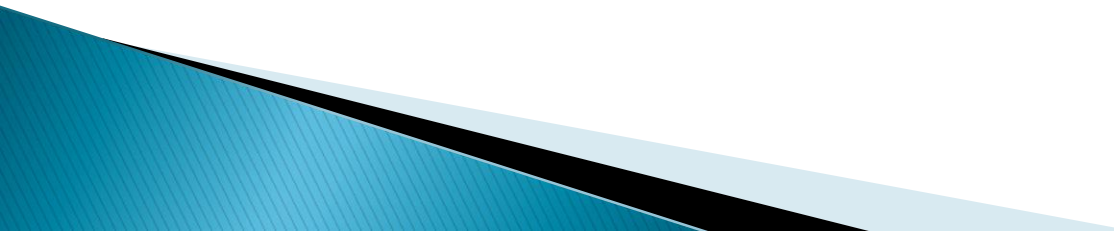
The scope of linguistics and language studies: Some contemporary issues

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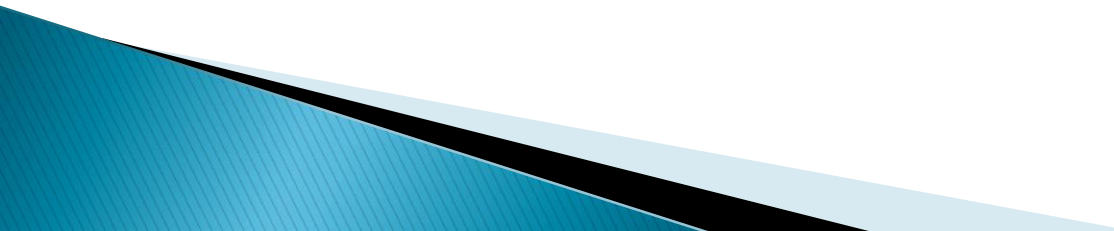
Definitions

- ▶ **Linguistics** is “the **scientific study** of language” (Todd, 1987, p.5). #Longman York Press
- ▶ Also defined as “the **systematic study** of the structure and development of language or of particular languages” (Cambridge Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, 3rd Edition)
- ▶ **Language** is “a set of signals by which we **communicate**” (Todd, 1987, p.6). #Longman York Press
- ▶ Also defined as “**system of communication** consisting of sounds, words and grammar” (Cambridge Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, 3rd Edition)
- ▶ And Other legitimate definitions

Do they have an obvious boundary?

- ▶ See the following example:
 - ▶ “The study of language” (Yule, 2010). CUP.
 - ▶ “A concise introduction to linguistics” (Rowe & Levine, 2016). #Routledge.
 - ▶ No.
 - ▶ They might be considered as two faces of the same coin and they do have some overlapping domains e.g. both books discuss Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology etc
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The scope of linguistics

- ▶ Phonetics
 - ▶ Phonology
 - ▶ Morphology
 - ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ Semantics
 - ▶ Pragmatics
 - ▶ Psycholinguistics
 - ▶ Historical linguistics
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The scope of linguistics: continued...

- ▶ Discourse Analysis (DA)
 - ▶ Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA)
 - ▶ Sociolinguistics
 - ▶ Corpus Linguistics e.g. BNC, COCA, ACE
 - ▶ Forensic Linguistics
 - ▶ English Language Teaching (ELT)
 - ▶ English as a Lingua Franca
 - ▶ World Englishes
 - ▶ Neoliberalism and Applied Linguistics etc
- # Those are constructed as pure versus applied,
micro versus macro etc #Emerging due to
interdisciplinary contacts
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What are contemporary issues?

- ▶ The answers are contingent on disciplinary areas.
No single answer: Here are some examples:

Phonetics:

“L1–L2 interactions of vowel systems in young bilingual Mandarin–English children” (Jin Yang & Robert A Fox, 2017) # Journal of Phonetics – Elsevier.

Genre Analysis – Discourse

“The generic structure of the call for papers of predatory journals: A social semiotic perspective” (Ribut Wahyudi, 2017) #Palgrave Macmillan

Some contemporary issues continued...

Pragmatics:

- ▶ “When metaphor becomes a joke: Metaphor journeys from political ads to internet memes”
(Anna Piata, 2016) #Journal of Pragmatics – Elsevier

Sociolinguistics

“He's more katakana than kanji: Indexing identity and self-presentation through script selection in Japanese manga (comics)” (Wesley C Robertson, 2017) #Journal of Sociolinguistics – Wiley

Some contemporary issues continued...

English as a Lingua Franca (ELF)

- ▶ “Using stimulated recall to explore the use of communication strategies in English lingua franca interactions” (Sara Kennedy, 2017) # Journal of English as a Lingua Franca – Mouton De Gruyter

World Englishes

- ▶ “Translocal English in the linguascape of Mongolian popular music” (Sender Dovchin, 2016) #World Englishes (Journal) - Wiley

Other current issues: Examples from our past projects...

- ▶ “Advertising language: A pragmatic approach to cigarette advertisements in Indonesia” (Qadafi & Wahyudi, 2014) # Issues in Language Studies, Universiti Malaysia Serawak
- ▶ “Politeness: Front Counter Staff in “X” Mini Market” (Djayanti & Wahyudi, 2015) # International Journal of Indonesian Studies, Monash University, Australia
- ▶ “Appraisal Devices on the “X FACTOR INDONESIA” Commentaries” (Chusna & Wahyudi, 2015) # Language Discourse & Society

Other current issues: Examples from our past projects...

- ▶ “EFL Students' Uses of UM as Fillers In Classroom Presentations” (Mukti & Wahyudi, 2015) #Journal of Language & Communication, Universiti Putra Malaysia.
- ▶ “How it starts and ends: A study of Indonesian stand-up comedy” (Afidah & Wahyudi, 2014), Jurnal Pendidikan Bahasa & Sastra UPI Bandung.
- ▶ And other current issues...

=Thank You=

