

Revisiting the typology of Philippine determiners

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Genetic Classification & Typology

- The Philippine subgroup
- The Philippine-type languages

Determiners

(Reid, 2002)

- Dependents of nouns
- Agree with the features of their nouns
- Case markers

The typology of determiners

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Tag

t<um>awa

<ACTFOC.PERF>laugh

‘The girl laughed.’

ang dalaga

DET girl

The typology of determiners

Png (Benton, 1971 in Reid & Liao, 2004: 443)

i-batik

nen Pedro

CONT-run away with

DET Pedro

may manok

DET chicken

‘Pedro will run away with the chickens.’

Case-marking function

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- Nominative

Tag

s<um>ayaw

<ACTFOC.PERF>dance

‘The man danced.’

ang

NOM

lalaki

man

Case-marking function

- Topic

Case-marking function

- Genitive

Tag

g<in>awa-n

ni Ely

<PATFOC.PERF>make-PATFOC GEN Ely

ng kanta si Tina

GEN song NOM Tina

‘Ely made Tina a song.’

Case-marking function

- Locative

Tag

k<um>ain si Tina **sa** canteen
<ACTFOC.PERF>eat NOM Tina LOC canteen
‘Tina ate at the canteen.’

Case-marking function

- Oblique

lvt

mang-amomo o tao
<ACTFOC.IPFV>frighten NOM man

so motdeh no boday do vahay
OBL child GEN snake LOC house

‘The man is frightening a child with a snake in the house’



Semantic features

Re-examining the typology

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Guinaang Bontok (Reid & Liao, 2004: 468)

as	ilaek si	Degyem
CONT	see NOM	Chegyem

as	wakas	as	ili
LOC	tomorrow	LOC	village

‘I’ll see Chegyem in the village tomorrow.’

Re-examining the typology

Tag

b<in>igya-n ng bata
<PATFOC.PERF>give-PATFOC GEN child

ng pagkain ang pulubi
GEN food NOM beggar

‘The child gave the beggar food.’

Re-examining the typology

Cebuano

na-ngaun **ug** mangga
ACTFOC.PERF-eat GEN mango

ang bata
NOM child

‘The child ate a mango.’

Re-examining the typology

Cebuano

gi-kaun **sa** bata
PATFOC.PERF-eat GEN child

ang mangga
NOM mango

‘The child ate the mango.’

Re-examining the typology



Redefining the paradigm



Nominative

Topic

lvt

naj-teknek
ACTFOC.PERF-sta
‘The child stood.’

nu mutdeh naj-teknek
TOP child ACTFOC.PERF-stand
‘The child stood.’

Case notions/theta roles

- Agent
- Patient
- Theme
- Possessor
- Source
- Goal
- Location
- Cause
- Time
- Beneficiary

Redefining the paradigm

NOM	TOP	GEN & OBLIQUE	LOCATIVE								
Nominative	Tonic	Agent	Patient	Theme	Possessor	Source	Goal	Location	Cause	Time	Beneficiary

Semantic features

- Common vs Personal
- Definite vs Indefinite
- Proximate vs Remote
- Specific vs Non-Specific
- Plural vs Singular

Conclusion



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