



Afro-Linguistics and the Structured Study of African Languages in South Africa: A Review

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Abstract

Afro-Linguistics is a field within linguistics that focuses on African languages, emphasising their unique structures and historical development. The methodology involves a comprehensive literature review, analysing studies published over the last decade. A key finding is the predominance of thematic analysis in current research, with themes such as phonological patterns and syntactic structures being extensively studied. Current Afro-Linguistics research in South Africa predominantly employs thematic analysis to explore language structure features. Further studies should consider a broader range of analytical methods to provide more comprehensive insights into African languages.

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