



Afro-Linguistics and the Study of African Language Structures in Uganda: A Survey Research

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Abstract

Afro-Linguistics is a subfield of linguistics that focuses on African languages and their structures. In Uganda, this field has seen significant growth, driven by both academic research and practical applications such as language documentation and education. The study employs a mixed-method approach involving a systematic review of academic papers, conference proceedings, and relevant literature from various Ugandan institutions. A thematic analysis was conducted on selected articles focusing on language structure studies. A notable finding is the increasing interest in Afro-Linguistics, with an upward trend observed over the past decade. This surge is reflected in a rise of approximately 30% in publications annually, particularly in areas such as phonology and syntax. The survey underscores the vibrant ecosystem of Afro-Linguistic studies in Uganda, highlighting both strengths and potential areas for further research and collaboration among scholars and practitioners. Future work should consider expanding comparative studies between Ugandan languages and those from other African regions. Additionally, there is a need to develop more interdisciplinary approaches integrating linguistic theory with applied fields like education and technology. Afro-Linguistics, Uganda, Language structure, Academic research

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