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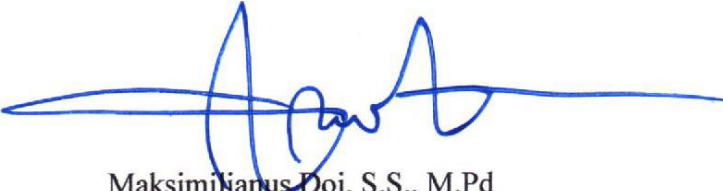
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ABSTRAK

Daso, Yanuarius 2026. Ungkapan Metafora yang ditemukan dalam Upacara Kematian Masyarakat di Desa Mulakoli Kecamatan Boawae Kabupaten Nagekeo. Skripsi. Program Studi Sastra Inggris. Fakultas Hukum dan Sosial Humaniora. Universitas Flores. Pembimbing: Dr. Drs. Rambut Kanisius, M.Hum. & Maksimilianus Doi, S.S., M.Pd.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji bentuk, makna, dan fungsi metafora yang digunakan dalam ungkapan adat pada upacara kematian masyarakat Mulakoli. Penelitian ini menerapkan pendekatan kualitatif dengan metode deskriptif. Data penelitian berupa tuturan adat yang dikumpulkan melalui teknik wawancara. Analisis data dilakukan dengan cara mengidentifikasi ungkapan metaforis, mengelompokkan jenis-jenis metafora, serta menafsirkan makna dan fungsinya berdasarkan konteks budaya masyarakat Mulakoli.

Temuan penelitian menunjukkan bahwa metafora dalam ujaran adat kematian berperan sebagai media penyampaian nilai-nilai budaya, pandangan kosmologis, serta relasi antara manusia dan leluhur. Penggunaan metafora tersebut merepresentasikan pemahaman masyarakat Mulakoli tentang kematian sebagai bagian dari siklus kehidupan yang bersifat sakral. Oleh karena itu, metafora dalam ujaran adat tidak hanya berfungsi sebagai unsur kebahasaan, tetapi juga memiliki peranan penting dalam pelestarian dan pewarisan nilai-nilai budaya masyarakat Mulakoli.

Kata kunci: *metafora, ungkapan adat, upacara kematian.*

ABSTRACT

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This study aimed to examine the type, meaning, and function of metaphors used in traditional expression at death ceremony among the Mulakoli people. This study applied a qualitative approach using descriptive methods. The research data consists of traditional speech collected through interviews. Data analysis was conducted by identifying metaphorical expressions, grouping types of metaphors, and interpreting their meanings and functions based on the cultural context of the Mulakoli community.

The findings show that metaphors in traditional death speech serve as a medium for conveying cultural values, cosmological views, and the relationship between humans and their ancestors. The use of these metaphors represents the Mulakoli community's understanding of death as part of a sacred cycle of life. Therefore, metaphors in traditional speech not only function as linguistic elements but also play an important role in the preservation and inheritance of the cultural values of the Mulakoli community.

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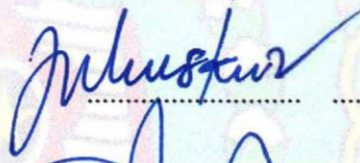
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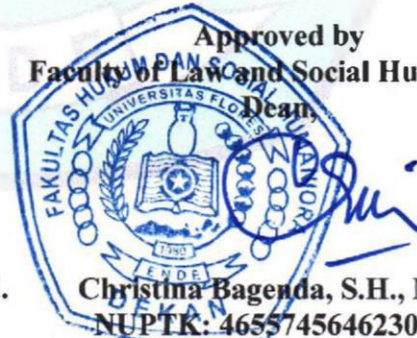


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