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# PERSIAN INFLUENCE IN INDONESIA

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## **ABOUT ARTICLE**

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In first paragraph we analyzed the Perpresence in Indonesia. Iranian influence occurre Indonesian culture, also language and beliefs  $\mathfrak{s}$  the period islamization.

To study two languages specific per comparatively will effect fruitful result of research as well as can be a good manual for the learners.

We analyzed the Persian loanw semantically. In result it is obvious that many o Persian loanwords are used widely, actively Indonesian society, whereas few of them are use limited spheres, as Indonesian society mostly us equivalent or synonym of those words. We obse semantic changes on Persian loanwords suc semantic expansion, restriction as well as sema amelioration.

Persian culture and language influenced not only in culture or language of Indonesia, but in literature life also. As we studied, there are some scholars, poets who wrote their works, novels, poems inspired by Persian literature.

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ΜΑΟΟ	LA HAQIDA
Kalit soʻzlar: Fors, Indonezi	-
Loanwords, Semantika, nasr, poetika	Indoneziyadagi madaniyat, til va adabiyot
Loanwords, Semantika, nasi, poetika	sohasidagi ta'sirini o'rganishga qaratilgan
	bo'lib, tadqiqot qiyosiy metodga asoslangan.
	Birinchi xatboshida biz Indoneziyadagi
	forslarning mavjudligini tahlil qildik. Eron
	ta'siri Indoneziya madaniyatida, shuningdek,
	islomlashuv davridan boshlab til va e'tiqodda
	paydo bo'ldi.
	Ikki tilning o'ziga xos nuqtalarini qiyosiy
	o'rganish tadqiqotning samarali natijalarini
	beradi va yangi o'rganuvchilar uchun yaxshi
	qo'llanma bo'lishi mumkin.
	Biz fors tilidan olingan soʻzlarni semantik
	jihatdan tahlil qildik. Natijada, ko'rinib
	turibdiki, fors tilidan olingan so'zlarning
	ko'pchiligi Indoneziya jamiyati tomonidan
	keng, faol qo'llaniladi, lekin ularning bir
	nechtasi cheklangan sohalarda qo'llaniladi,
	chunki Indoneziya jamiyati asosan bu
	so'zlarning ekvivalenti yoki sinonimidan
	foydalanadi. Biz fors tilidan oʻzlashma
	soʻzlarda semantik kengayish, cheklash hamda
	semantik melioratsiya kabi semantik
	oʻzgarishlarni kuzatdik.
	Fors madaniyati va tili nafaqat Indoneziya
	madaniyati yoki tiliga, balki adabiyot hayotiga
	ham ta'sir ko'rsatdi. Biz oʻrganganimizdek, oʻz
	asarlarini, romanlarini, she'rlarini fors
	adabiyotidan ilhomlanib yozgan allomalar,
	shoirlar bor.

## ПЕРСИДСКОЕ ВЛИЯНИЕ В ИНДОНЕЗИИ

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О СТАТЬЕ			
Ключевые слова: Персидси	кий, Аннотация: Исследование		
индонезийский, заимствованные сле	ова, сосредоточено на изучении иранского		
семантика, проза, поэтика	влияния в Индонезии в области культуры,		
	языка и литературы и основано на		
	сравнительном методе.		
	В первом параграфе мы		
	проанализировали персидское присутствие		
	в Индонезии. Иранское влияние		
	проявилось в индонезийской культуре, а		
	также языке и верованиях после периода		
	исламизации.		
	Сравнительное изучение особенностей		
	двух языков приведет к плодотворному результату исследования, а также может		
	стать хорошим пособием для новичков.		
	Мы проанализировали персидские		
	заимствования семантически. В результате		
	становится очевидным, что многие из		
	персидских заимствований широко и		
	активно используются индонезийским		
	обществом, тогда как немногие из них		
	используются в ограниченных сферах,		
	поскольку индонезийское общество в		
	основном использует эквивалент или		
	синоним этих слов. Мы наблюдали		
	семантические изменения в персидских		
	заимствованиях, такие как семантическое		
	расширение, ограничение, а также		
	семантическое улучшение.		
	Персидская культура и язык повлияли не только на культуру и язык Индонезии, но		
	и на литературную жизнь. Когда мы		
	учились, есть ученые, поэты, написавшие		
	свои произведения, романы, стихи,		
	вдохновленные персидской литературой.		

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Learning the elements of two languages comparatively will give us the opportunity to pay attention to our research object much deeper and gain the sharper knowledge.

There are many matters that Indonesian people own some elements of the adopted culture from the other nations, moreover, loanwords from different foreign languages such as Arabic, Persian, Portuguese, Dutch, Chinese and Austronesian languages.

Our research's goal is to define the Persian presence in Indonesia.

These **tasks** are planned to be completed in research:

-To investigate the researches of the scholars related to our theme;

-To define the Iranian cultural influence in Indonesian society;

-To define the Persian loanwords in Indonesian language, and their semantic analyze;

-To study about Indonesian writers and poets who were influenced by Iranian literary people.

## THE MAIN RESULTS AND FINDINGS

**Research works:** We have looked through the works of some researchers such as: <u>M. Ismail</u> <u>Marchinkowski</u> "Southeast Asia. Persian presence in"; <u>M.A.J. Beg</u> "Persian and Turkish Loan-Words in Malay"; <u>Ahmad Ibrahim, S. Siddique</u> "Persian influences in Malay/Indonesian history and culture"; <u>S.M.N. Al-Attas</u> "Persian influences in Malay/Indonesian language and literature" and so forth.

Practical effectiveness: As we learn the certain language, beside the language itself, it is significant to investigate its national culture, social life, the history of the knowledge, and influences from the other nations.

This research work can be used as an extra and useful material for the students also the teachers who are interested in linguistics, as well as these two languages' connection in the faculties of foreign languages.

#### 1. Iranian (Persian) cultural influence in Indonesia

As M. Ismail Marchinkowski writes in his article named "Southeast Asia. Persian presence in" The issue of Persian cultural influences in Southeast Asia is also closely related to the ongoing dispute among scholars concerning the historical course of the Islamization of that region. At times ideologically over-weighted, the polemical debate has focused so far on the questions of the origin of Islam in Southeast Asia, whether from Arabia, India, or Iran, and of the time when the coming of Islam to the region was supposed to have taken place (see, e.g., Al-Attas, *Preliminary Statement on a General Theory of the Islamization of the Malay-Indonesian Archipelago*, and Drewes, "New Light on the Coming of Islam to Indonesia?").

There is evidence of Arab and Persian traders entering Indonesia as early as the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Indonesia's historical inhabitants were animists, Hindus and Buddhists. However it was not until the end of 13rd century that the spread of Islam began.

As we look through the Wikipedia, it mentions that the spread, although at first introduced through Arab and Persian traders, continued to saturate through the Indonesian people as local rulers and royalty began to adopt it, subsequently their subjects would mirror their conversation. The spread of Islam continued as Muslim traders married the local women, with some of the wealthier traders marrying into the families of the ruling elite.

Despite being one of the most significant developments in Indonesian history, historical evidence is fragmentary and generally uninformative such that understandings of the coming of Islam are limited, there is considerable debate amongst scholars about what conclusions can be drawn about the conversation of Indonesian people.

Although the majority of the Muslims in Indonesia Sunnis, but Persian influences on Islamic religious thoughts in Southeast Asia, particularly in Acheh Sultanate. Shiite elements appeared therein after the fall of Malacca in 1511.

Persian influences in Indonesia are more apparent with Islamic thought and mysticism in 17<sup>th</sup> century, especially in Acheh which had close maritime and trade links with India and the Persian Gulf region.

Persian cultural influences are obvious as it was lingua franca in the Indian Ocean trading world. The office with the Persian title of Shahbandar (harbor master), known in many of the Indian ocean trade ports as well as in several parts of the Ottoman Empire, was also established in Malacca. It has attracted the attention of several Western scholars.

Moreland. "The Shahbandar in the Eastern Seas";

Yule and Burnell, "Shabunder";

Raymond "Shahbandar in the Arab world".

Persian language influenced in the vocabulary of the two languages : Malaysian – Indonesian and Thai or Siamese in the period of islamization.

# 2. Persian linguistic influence – Semantic analyze of the Persian loanwords in Indonesian language

The study on Indonesian language etymology and loanwords shows that there are some periods such as:

-Sanskrit borrowings (probably in the Srivijaya period) (VII-XVI);

-Arabic and Persian borrowings (at the period of islamization) (XIII-XVI);

-Dutch borrowings (colonial period) (XVI-XX).

Indonesian language adopted words from Sanskrit, Javanese, Chinese, Arabic, Persian, Portuguese, Dutch and English.

Muslim influence, which came at first through Arabic and Persian traders, over a number of centuries results in an extensive Arabic influence and also Persian.

Persian language is branch of the Indo-European language family. Indonesian language belongs to the Austronesian languages family.

Our purpose in this chapter to analyze Persian adopted words <u>semantically</u> and their using productivity levels, whether they are used widely or limitedly by Indonesian society.

Semantic field is a set of words with related meanings. Semantics' task is to study the meaning of words, phrases or systems.

On learning Persian loanwords we will analyze the semantic change of the words.

What is semantic change? The most neutral way of referring to change is simply to speak of **semantic shift.** 

For instance, nice (Latin <u>nescius</u>"not knowing") is recorded from the 13 th century in the sense of "foolish", then it **shifted** to "coy, shy" and by the 16<sup>th</sup> century had the meaning "fastidious, dainty, subtle" from which by the 18<sup>th</sup> century by sense "agreeable, delightful" developed.

There are three basic types of semantic change:

-SEMANTIC EXPANSION – word increases its range of meaning over time.

For example: Middle English word <u>bridde</u>had the meaning "small bird", later the term bird came to be used in a general sense.

-SEMANTIC RESTRICTION – this is the opposite to expansion.

For example: word "meat" which derives from Middle English <u>mete</u> with general meaning "food" and now restricted to processed animal flesh.

-SEMANTIC AMELIORATION- an improvement in the meaning of a word.

For example: silly (Old English <u>selig</u> "happy, fortuitous") had by the 15<sup>th</sup> century the sense of "deserving of pity" and then developed to "ignorant, feeble-minded" and later "foolish".

Anggur- Persian word انگور (angur) in Indonesian language faced *semantic expansion*. The fact is, in Persian language) (angur) means the fruit "grape". In indonesian language, when we see or listen the word anggur, two things come to our mind. One is *"grape"* and the other one is *"wine"*. Whereas انگور (angur) is not used with the meaning "wine" in Persian language. "Wine" is fact and in Persian language.

Anggurmerah (Indonesian) - شراب قرمز (sharabeqermez) (Persian) = red wine

The Persian word النگور (angur) increased and expanded its meaning in Indonesian language.

As a matter of fact that, wine is made from grape, anggur (wine) is connected to anggur (grape).

Examples:

-Buahanggurmungkinsudahbanyakdiketahuimanfaatnyauntukkesehatankita,

tapiapakahbuahinijugabergunauntukkecantikan? (Indonesian)

....) (Persian) ازسیاریاستممکنانگور....

-The **grapes**may have been known with many benefitstoour health, butis this fruit alsousefulfor beauty?

Orang inisukaminumanggur. (Indonesian)

(in mard dust daradnushidanesharab) (Persian) شرابنو شیدندار ددوستمرداین.

This man likes drinking wine.

In Indonesia, as the majority people are Muslims, they rarely use the word "anggur" with the meaning "wine". Its using productivity is passive, whereas "anggur" with the meaning "grape" is actively used.

**Bandar** – بندر (bandar – Persian) – is used in both languages with the meaning "port, harbour". This word also **semantically expanded** in Indonesian, since there is another word derived from بندر (bandar) – Bandara –airport. Nevertheless we don't see this word with the meaning "airport". In Persian language "airport" is فرودگاه (forudgah).

Examples:

*-Bandar Lampung (Indonesian)* لامپونگبندر (Bandar e lampung) (Persian) Lampung harbor

-Bandarainimulaiberoperasipadatahun 1985 (Indonesian)

(in forudgahdar sale 1985 ...) (Persian) سالدر فرودگاهاین 1985

The airportbegan workingin 1985.

Indonesian people's using the word "bandar" is not met often, as they have another often used synonym of "bandar" – "pelabuhan".

Persian word افسون (afsun) has several meanings in Persian language such as: charm, fascination, spell, glamour, magic with both positive meaning (charm, fascination, magic) and it is used mostly with negative meaning (spell, magic).

This word became "pesona" in Indonesian language and obvious with **semantic restriction**, where just positive meaning is used in indonesian with the translation "charm".

In Uzbek language **afsun**means black magic (semantic restriction).

Aku**terpesona**padamu

Iam fascinated to you

But in this case, persian افسون(afsun) is not correct choice to give the meaning "pesona".

**Pahlawan**in indonesian means "hero", "Patriot" whereas in Persian language the word بهاوان (**pahlavan**) means "champion", "athlete" and "hero". (In Uzbek language means "strong and big man")

With the meaning "Patriot" in Indonesian language, Pahlawan (Persian : بهاوان (pahlavan)) developed by *semantic amelioration*.

Example:

#### HANG TUAH (Amir Hamzah)

Bukankahitulaksamanasendiri Negeri Melaka hidupkembali. Laksamana ,cahaya Melaka, bunga**pahlawan** kemalasetiamaralahtuan.

(pahlavân) (*plural يهلوانانor يهلوانان*) (strong <u>athletic</u> man, <u>hero</u>, <u>paladin</u>, <u>champion</u>; (<u>archaic)armycommander</u>; <u>wrestler</u>)

Word	Meaning	Original word	Transcription, notes
anggur	grape	انگور	an-gur
bandar	port	بندر	bandar
cadar	veil	چادر	chādar
dewan	assembly, meeting	ديوان	divan (administration)
firdaus	eden, bountiful garden	فردوس	firdous
gandum	wheat	گندم	gandom
kismis	raisin	كشمش	keshmesh
pahlawan	hero	لوانېپ	pahlawān
pasar	market/bazaar	بازار	bāzār
pesona	charm		afsūn
piala	cup, trophy	پياله	<i>peyāle</i> (cup, bowl)
medan	area, field, square	ميدان	meidan
nahkoda	captain of a ship	ناخدا	nākhodā
takhta	throne	تخت	takht
sihir	magic	سِحْن	sehr
syahbandar	portmaster	شاه بندر	<i>shāh-ebandar</i> (lit. "king of the port")
ustad	teacher (religious, Islam)	أستاذ	ustād

Here is the table Persian loanwords in Indonesian language:

It is natural that borrowed word will encounter the changes semantically, phonetically according to the special pronunciation, way of thinking and culture of the speakers who were influenced by the other nations.

All nations in the world borrowed the worlds and influenced by one another. Besides being borrower, each nation is giver at the same time. To prove our word, thereby several loanwords adopted by Indonesian language.

Orangutan (orang hutan); Satay (sate); Mangosteen (manggis); Bamboo (bamboo); <u>Ketchup</u> from *kecap* (soy sauce, not tomato sauce) and others.

Iranian influence occurred in Indonesian culture, also language and beliefs since the period islamization.

In literature world Indonesian Poet **Amir Hamzah**was inspired by Persian poet **Omar Khayyam**, and while reading Amir Hamzah's poems, we feel his imitations towards Persian great poet. Moreover, Amir Hamzah translated Omar Khayyam's works into Indonesian language.

Shorter stories also were taken from Persian stories on the life of prophet, the kitab*KalilahwaDimnah* and the *Bakhtiyarnama* (or the *Sindbad tales*) and translated into Indonesian.But the translators are not known until now.

In 1668 *HikayatNur Muhammad* was translated from Persian to Indonesian by <u>Ahmad</u> <u>Shamsu'l Din.</u>

The lexical and cultural influence of Iran and Persian language towards Indonesia and Indonesian language can be noticed in various spheres. However there are very few research works concerned with the bonds between those two languages and nations.

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