

Abstract: **Features of Surabaya Javanese (Suroboyoan)**

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There are, roughly speaking, two great varieties of spoken Javanese: The *bocah*-dialect (Central Javanese) and the *arek*-dialect (East Javanese) according to the word for “child”. In particular, the *arek*-dialect of Surabaya, often called *Suroboyoan*, has gained fame for its supposed rudeness, as compared to highly polite Central Javanese and semi-polite East Javanese to the southwest of Surabaya.

I have been investigating the features of Surabaya Javanese in cooperation with the local TV station JTV, which broadcasts news and entertainment programs in Surabaya Javanese every day. Thanks to their material as well as transcriptions from native speakers of Surabaya Javanese, I have been able to compile a list of many features that are unique to this dialect. Some of the most prominent features are:

- an intensifying infix /w/
- numerous particles not found in other parts of Java, such as *la'an* and *po'o*
- radical reduction of honorific language
- the causative suffix /(?nə/ as opposed to Standard Javanese /(?)ake/
- a vocabulary exclusively used in the area of Surabaya, Perak, Lamongan, and Malang, especially in terms of rude words.

This investigation will also be subject to my master thesis at the Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany.

The presentation on ISLOJ will be illustrated by some videos from people using the respective dialect along with explanations on their use of words and grammar.

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