



# CLASSIFICATION AND FUNCTION OF LEXICON IN TOPONYMS IN THE WESTERN LEMBANG FAULT AREA (ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUISTIC STUDY)

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### INTRODUCTION

- Many facts show that toponyms capture the closeness of humans to their natural surroundings.
- In this context, the relationship between humans and their natural surroundings can also shape local knowledge.
- Unfortunately, people today tend to recognize no longer local knowledge recorded in place names.
- Based on local knowledge, place names can mark locations that should not be used as settlements to avoid disasters.
- What is the classification and function of place names based on local knowledge in the western Lembang Fault area?





### LITERATURE REVIEW

- Foley (1997, 2016) and Glaz (2017) state that anthropological linguistic studies focus on how humans seek and make shared meaning in social interactions through cultural and linguistic practices.
- Duranti (1997) states that one of the functions of language is as a form of ability to contemplate the world.
- Sibarani (2004, pp. 38-42) divides language functions into micro and macro.





### **METHOD**

- This research uses the theoretical approach of anthropological linguistics because anthropological linguistics examines the relationship between language and culture.
- This research was conducted in the western Lembang Fault zone.
- The data of this research include various kinds of local knowledge-based place name lexicons in the western Lembang Fault zone.
- The data sources in this study are several community components consisting of village elders and ordinary people.





### FINDING AND DISCUSSION

**Physical Aspects** 

| No. | Lexicon     | Hydrological Features |             | Biological Features |                                |  |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1.  | Cibolang    | ci (cai)              | ʻair' water | bolang              | 'sejenis talas' a type of taro |  |
| 2.  | Cileungsing | ci (cai)              | ʻair' water | leungsing           | 'lintah kecil' small leeches   |  |

| No. | Lexicon    | Geomorphologic Features |                | Biological Features |                     |  |
|-----|------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1.  | Pasir Embe | pasir                   | 'bukit' hill   | embe                | 'kambing' goat      |  |
| 2.  | Tegallaja  | tegal                   | 'padang' field | laja                | 'lengkuas' galangal |  |





### FINDING AND DISCUSSION

**Social Aspects** 

| No. | Lexicon       | State Characteristics |                        |  |
|-----|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1.  | Sindangsari   | sindang               | 'singgah' visit        |  |
|     |               | sari                  | 'menarik' interesting  |  |
| 2.  | Pondok Melong | pondok                | 'pendek' short         |  |
|     |               | melong                | 'memandang' looking at |  |
| 3.  | Panyairan     | panyairan             | 'pengayakan' sieving   |  |





### FINDING AND DISCUSSION

**Cultural Aspects** 

| No. | Lexicon        | Religion/Mythology Feature |                      |  |
|-----|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1.  | Tugumukti      | tugu                       | 'tugu' monument      |  |
|     |                | mukti                      | 'kaya' rich          |  |
| 2.  | Panyairan Dano | panyairan                  | 'pengayakan' sieving |  |
|     |                | dano                       | 'danau' lake         |  |



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**Cultural Aspects** 

| No. | Lexicon      | Function                    | <b>Relationship Dimension</b> |          |            |
|-----|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
|     |              | <b>Identifier function</b>  | <b>Ideational function</b>    | Vertikal | Horizontal |
| 1.  | Cibolang     | A place as a water source   | Water and plant               | -        | +          |
|     |              | that is overgrown with      | management                    |          |            |
|     |              | taro-like plants            |                               |          |            |
| 2.  | Pasir Kuntul | A place as a highland where | Land and animal               | -        | +          |
|     |              | egrets are found            | management                    |          |            |
| 3.  | Tugumukti    | A places as a location with | Place and idea                | +        | +          |
|     |              | a monument there            | management                    |          |            |





### CONCLUSION

This paper presents two findings. First, the lexicon classification in toponyms in the western Lembang Fault area includes physical, social, and cultural aspects. The physical aspect is divided into hydrological-biological characteristics and geomorphological-biological characteristics. The social aspect contains the characteristics of the situation. The cultural aspect contains religious characteristics and mythological characteristics. Second, the function of the lexicon in toponyms in the western Lembang Fault area includes two functions, namely the identification function and the ideational function.

Based on these two findings, we conclude that the classification and function of the lexicon in toponyms in the western Lembang Fault area portray the local knowledge of Sundanese people about the existence of a vertical relationship dimension between humans and God and a horizontal relationship dimension between humans and nature.





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