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Denotative and Connotative Meaning in Prostitute's Slang (Makna Denotatif dan Konotatif dalam Slanga Pelacur)

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Abstract

Negative perception towards prostitutes globally disabling the study on prostitution goes nowhere further, for example when it comes to the usage of prostitutes' slangs. This is because the nature of prostitution itself is a taboo and an immoral doing. Every single words uttered by prostitutes depict connotative meanings and thus need in depth understanding to reveal those hidden meanings. Thus this research is carried out mainly to analyse the meanings of these slangs. Analyses are focussed mainly on the denotative and connotative meanings in the field of semantics. These analyses are able to explain clearly the connotative meanings of the slangs. 16 data were obtained from two prostitutes via informal interviews. The prostitutes chose to remain anonymous to maintain their privacy. Findings showed that slangs are used to ease communication between the prostitutes and their clients. Findings also showed that implicit utterances in this domain are understood upon revealing the connotative meanings which are hidden alongside the denotative meanings. In addition, the implicit utterances in this domain are found to be hidden despite explicit meanings are known because slangs in the prostitution domain of language are believed to be obscene and vulgar and thus considered improper to be used in public places. In conclusion, this research is able to put forward a more focussed scientific analysis of prostitutes' slangs then just merely making general assumptions only.

Persepsi negatif dalam kalangan masyarakat terhadap komuniti pelacur di mana-mana di dunia ini membuatkan kajian terhadap dunia pelacuran agak terhad, misalnya kajian bahasa slang yang dituturkan dalam kalangan mereka. Hal ini demikian kerana dunia pelacuran dianggap sebagai tabu dan tidak bermoral. Setiap perkataan yang dituturkan mempunyai makna konotatif dan

* memerlukan pemahaman mendalam bagi merungkai makna slanga ini. Oleh itu, kajian ini dilakukan untuk menganalisis makna dalam slanga ini. Analisis data menggunakan kaedah semantik dengan tumpuan analisis adalah terhadap makna denotasi dan konotasi sahaja. Analisis ini dapat menjelaskan makna konotatif dalam slanga ini dengan lebih jelas. Sebanyak 16 data diperolehi melalui rakaman perbualan tidak formal dengan dua orang pelacur, namun nama dan identiti mereka dirahsiakan untuk menjamin privasi mereka. Kajian mendapati, slanga yang digunakan adalah bertujuan untuk memudahkan komunikasi antara pelacur dan pelanggan mereka. Kajian juga mendapati penggunaan ujaran implisit dalam domain ini masih mampu difahami setelah makna denotasi dianalisis untuk merungkai makna konotasinya. Didapati juga, slanga dan ujaran implisit ini masih berselindung di sebalik makna eksplisitnya kerana slanga ini dianggap lucu dan kesat jika dituturkan di tempat awam. Secara keseluruhan, kajian ini dapat melakukan perincian secara lebih saintifik terhadap slanga golongan pelacur ini berbanding hanya membuat andaian umum sahaja.

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