

# The Prosody of Totoli

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## **Abstract**

To date, research on the typology of prosody revolves around the major languages of the world. In recent years, research also extends to some of the smaller languages, broadening the understanding of typology in general. Concerning Austronesian languages and Indonesian languages in general, they have received little attention with regards to prosody.

Prosodic systems of many languages in the area may fall into the category 'phrase language' (Féry 2018). In these languages, pitch trajectories do not necessarily presuppose the existence of word stress or lexically stressed syllables. Pitch targets may rather be linked to boundaries of prosodic phrases. (Maskikit and Gussenhoven 2015).

This talk introduces the state of research on the Austronesian languages of Totoli, an Austronesian language of the Celebic branch of the Malay-Polynesian group. It is spoken on the Island of Sulawesi (Indonesia) and represents one of the many languages spoken in Eastern Indonesian.