

Monadic Verbs in Isamal Language  
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This paper focuses on the monadic verbs of Isamal language namely the ergatives and the unergatives. Isamal is an indigenous language spoken in Samal Islands in Mindanao, Philippines. This paper makes use of the Minimalist Program in analyzing these verb types highlighting the argument/thematic structures of the verbs and the syntactic structures as projected by the lexical items. Traditionally, the entire class of monadic verbs is termed as intransitive verbs. In the advent of the Unaccusative Hypothesis and the Burzio's Generalization, these verbs are given the intense scrutiny in various syntactic researches within the auspices of the generative linguistics. These predicate types are examined side by side with the argument/thematic structures of these predicates and the implication on the clausal structures of Isamal. This paper entails NP movement and all syntactic processes appurtenant thereto, where NP also meant DP as used in this paper.