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This research about the kinship terms in Patani Malay of Muslim in three southern provinces of Thailand conducted according to the theory of ethno semantics which emphasizes the analysis of word meaning by using the method of componential analysis. There are three main objectives, which are the analysis of the core meaning of both basic and non-basic kinship terms, the analysis of address terms of each kinship terms, and the analysis of the cultural norms reflected from the kinship term.

The data used in this study was gathered by conducting informal interviews and distributing questionnaires to the eighteen informants representing speakers of Patani Malay in three southern provinces of Thailand; Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat. The results show that the core meaning of the basic kinship terms composes of 4 semantic features; generation, sex, lineal and age while for the non-basic kinship terms 2 more features are added, that are, marriage and marriage side.

For the use of kinship terms as address terms among kins and non-kins, it is found that the kinship terms of upper generations is use more frequently than their counterparts.

There are 5 cultural norms reflected from this system of kinship terms, which are the differences between sex, the emphasizes on seniority, a kinship, and a marriage, the non-emphasizes on neither side nor the preference to male.

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