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PREFACE

This thesis entitled *A Comparison of Rhetorical Moves in Students' Undergraduate Thesis* is submitted as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of *Sarjana Sastra*, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia. Hopefully, this study can be useful for the readers and for further researches in the field of Linguistics, especially in the move analysis studies.

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ABSTRACT

Research on rhetorical move in abstracts has received attention in recent years. However, cross-disciplinary research on rhetorical move in abstract still needs to be done to identify the similarities and differences of the realization of rhetorical moves between different disciplines. This study aims to identify the manifestation of rhetorical moves and linguistic features used in the undergraduate thesis abstracts written by Natural Science and Social Science students in Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia. A total of 120 abstracts were taken from six disciplines (20 abstracts each) i.e. Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Sociology, and History. Hyland's (2000) model was used as the guideline for the analysis. The result showed that Natural Science and Social Science employed different strategies in realizing the moves. Introduction, Methodology and Findings were the most manifested move in Natural Science, while Introduction, Purpose, Methodology, and Findings were the most manifested move in Social Science. The finding on linguistic features, however, showed similar results except in Move 3. In conclusion, the nature of the disciplines does affect the manifestation of rhetorical moves in undergraduate thesis abstracts. It is also revealed that the nature of the move affects linguistic manifestation. This study provides an insight concerning the trend of rhetorical move patterns in both Natural Science and Social Science undergraduate theses. In addition, some suggestions have been provided for further research.

Keywords: Linguistic features, Move analysis, Rhetorical move, Undergraduate thesis abstract

ABSTRAK

Penelitian terkait move retorik dalam abstrak telah mendapat perhatian dalam beberapa tahun terakhir. Namun, penelitian lintas disiplin terkait move retorik dalam abstrak masih perlu dilakukan untuk mengetahui persamaan dan perbedaan dari realisasi move retorik antar disiplin. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk meneliti kemunculan move retorik dan fitur linguistik yang terdapat dalam abstrak skripsi mahasiswa bidang Ilmu Pendidikan Alam (IPA) dan Ilmu Pendidikan Sosial (IPS) Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia. Sejumlah 120 abstrak diambil dari enam disiplin ilmu (masing-masing 20 abstrak) yaitu: Matematika, Kimia, Fisika, Geografi, Sosiologi, dan Sejarah. Analisis move model Hyland (2000) digunakan sebagai kerangka analisis. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa studi IPA dan IPS menggunakan strategi yang berbeda dalam merealisasikan move. Studi IPA cenderung memakai Pendahuluan, Metode, dan Temuan, sedangkan studi IPS cenderung menggunakan Pendahuluan, Tujuan, Metode, dan Temuan. Sementara itu, hasil temuan terkait fitur linguistik menunjukkan bahwa kedua bidang Sains menggunakan pola yang sama dalam merealisasikan fitur linguistik, kecuali di Move 3. Pada simpulan keseluruhan dapat dikatakan bahwa perbedaan disiplin memengaruhi kemunculan move retorik dalam abstrak skripsi. Lalu, karakteristik dari tiap move juga memengaruhi kemunculan fitur linguistik. Penelitian ini memberikan informasi mengenai move retorik yang digunakan oleh mahasiswa S1 studi IPA dan IPS. Penelitian ini juga menyajikan beberapa saran yang dapat dijadikan sebagai acuan untuk penelitian selanjutnya.

Kata kunci: Abstrak skripsi, Analisis move, Fitur linguistik, Move retorik

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