

Abstract

The thesis provides a basic description of elementary modal expressions appearing in Baghdadi Arabic (BA). The basic methodological framework is adopted primarily from typological and descriptive-linguistic literature dealing with the classification of the types of modality. The information is partly taken from existing descriptions of various varieties of Iraqi Arabic. However, In view of the fact that the means to express different types of modality in BA are not exhaustively described in the literature, exemplification based on authentic data processed directly for purposes of this research are at the heart of the thesis. Spontaneous data was collected from public available sources (both spoken and written) and was complemented by data with native-speaker consultants (especially to identify differences in meaning between existing modal means). The thesis thus provides a description of modal constructions in BA based primarily on real language data.