

**Nominalization in Rawang,
with an excursus on “descriptive” linguistics and linguistic theory**

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This paper discusses the various forms, origins, and uses of nominalization in the Rawang language, a Tibeto-Burman language of northern Myanmar, with data taken mainly from naturally occurring texts. There will a short excursus on the value of using natural data, the value of documentation and archiving, and the nature of so-called “descriptive” linguistics as theoretical linguistics.