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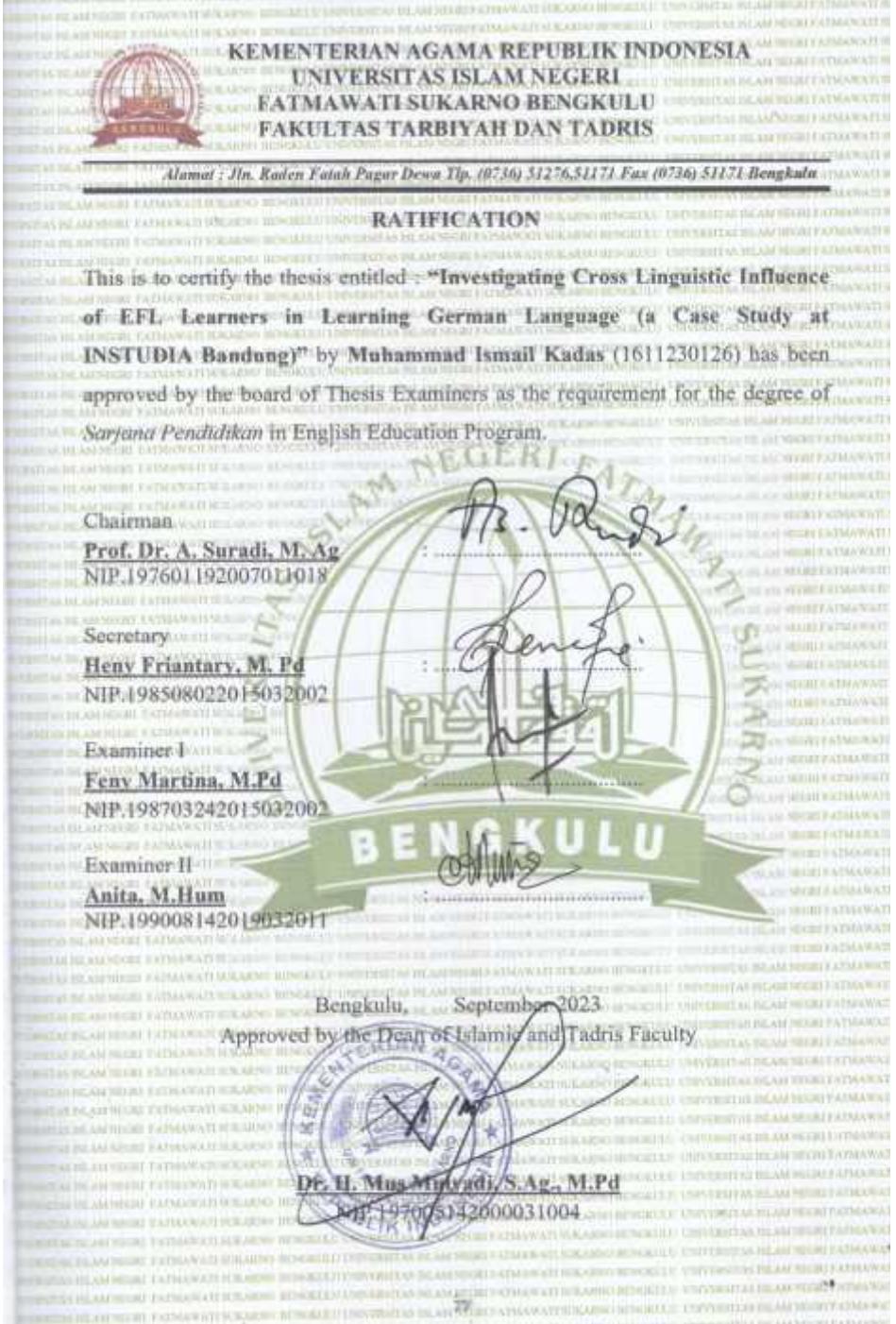
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The study of Cross Linguistic Influence in third language acquisition process related to first language and Second language Acquisition. This study analyzes the role of second language acquisition in the third language. The importance of English in acquiring German is interesting to study since German language learners who are proficient in English tend to score better on German language tests than those who are not. It is qualitative research method. The aims of this study are: 1) to what extend does English Ability support EFL Learner learning German, 2) the role of English in Language Acquisition as perceived by German Learner in third language concept. Data collection used in this research is observation; conversation; questionnaires and documentations conducted by the researcher and research subject. Data analysis result finds are 1) English ability dominates in influencing learning German compared to Indonesian, 2) Based on perspectives of German learner, English is more influential in acceleration in early phase, and this is based on the structure of the English language which is almost similar to German. English is also as provider as language bridge for helping German learner. It is not necessary for German learners or candidates to be fluent in English because doing this effectively speeds up the learning process in the early stage.

## **ABSTRAK**

Muhammad Ismail Kadas. (2023). Investigasi Pengaruh Lintas Linguistik pada Pelajar Bahasa Inggris Sebagai Bahasa Asing dalam Mempelajari Bahasa Jerman (Studi kasus pada INSTUDIA Bandung). Fakultas Tarbiyah dan Tadris. Pembimbing I: Dr. H. Ali Akbarjono, M. Pd, dan Pembimbing II: Feny Martina, M.Pd,

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Studi mengenai Pengaruh Lintas Linguistik dalam pemerolehan bahasa ketiga berkaitan dengan pemerolehan bahasa pertama dan kedua. Studi ini menganalisis pengaruh dari pemerolehan bahasa sebelumnya dalam pembelajaran bahasa ketiga. Para pembelajar bahasa Jerman yang menguasai bahasa inggris dengan baik lebih banyak lulus dalam ujian bahasa jerman, dibandingkan mereka yang tidak menguasai. Hal inilah yang mendasari ketertarikan peneliti. Studi ini menggunakan metode kualitatif yang memiliki beberapa tujuan: 1) Sejauh mana Kemampuan Bahasa Inggris mendukung Pelajar *EFL* (Bahasa Inggris sebagai bahasa asing) mempelajari bahasa Jerman, 2) Peran bahasa inggris dalam pemerolehan bahasa menurut perspektif pelajar bahasa jerman dalam konsep pemerolehan bahasa ketiga. Teknik pengumpulan data dalam penelitian ini adalah observasi kelas; percakapan antar penlitri dan subjek; dan observasi. Hasil temuan data analisis 1) kemampuan berbahasa inggris mendominasi memberikan pengaruh pada pembelajaran bahasa jerman dibandingkan bahasa Indonesia.2) berdasarkan pandangan pelajar bahasa jerman, bahasa inggris lebih memengaruhi dalam akselerasi pada fase awal, yang didasari pada struktur bahasa yang hampir mirip dengan bahasa jerman. Untuk pelajar bahasa jerman atau calon pelajar, tidak diwajibkan menguasai bahasa inggris terlebih dahulu, karena hanya membantu pada tahap awal pembelajaran bahasa jerman.

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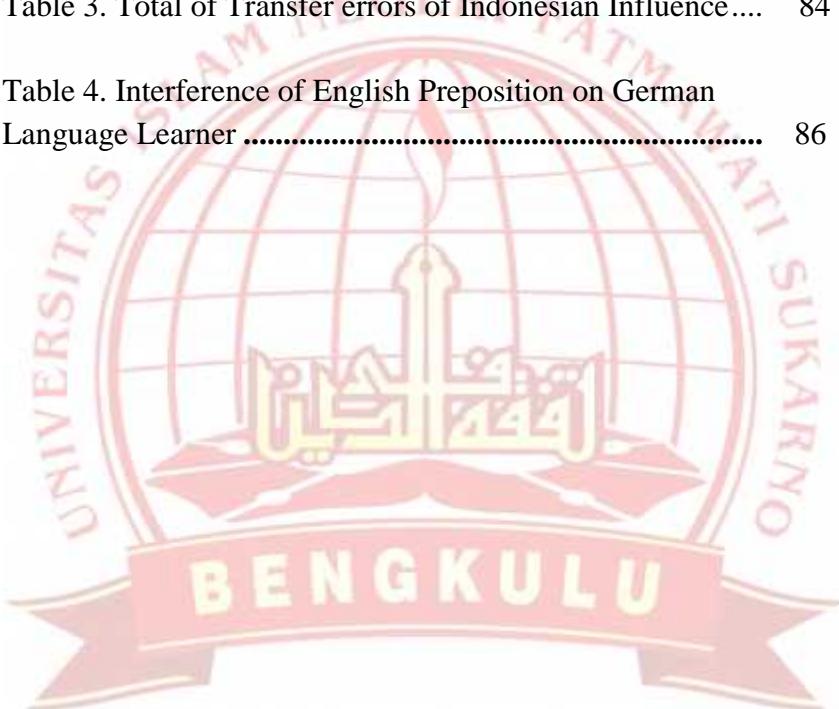
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## **LIST OF SYMBOLS**

CLI : Cross-Linguistic Influence

FLA : First Language Acquisition

SLA : Second Language Acquisition

TLA : Third Language Acquisiton

L1 : First Language Possession Status

L2 : Second Language Possession Status

L3 : Third Language Possession Status

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