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ABSTRACT

This study analysed form and function of negation in German including the complexity of negation construction in German and its equivalence in Indonesian language. This study was qualitative in nature, describing the nature of negation in German and Indonesian language in two books: Carolin Philipp’s German novel, Traume Wohnen Überall, and Lilawati Kurnia’s translation into Indonesian, Mimpi Selalu Indah as an instance of the negation realization in texts. The validity of the data was determined by experts’ judgment and the reliability of the data by interrater and intrarater estimation. The data were analysed by using a correspondential method with a referential sorting technique involving reference to negation construction as a determiner, and a distributional method with an element distribution technique and a marker reading technique. The analysis indicates that there are six negation forms with respective meanings in German characterized by semantic similarity along with grammatical differences in the negation constructions in German and Indonesian. The findings show that German negation construction is considerably more complex. However, the different degree of complexity does not substantially influence the meaning making process in both languages; rather, tend to be mutually complementary. The findings of this study inform the way in which the meaning transfer of German-Indonesian and Indonesian-German should be made regardless of the complex negation in German.

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INTRODUCTION

Every language exhibits a different pattern of negation (Kim, 2018). In other words, despite the similarities among languages, each language has a different negation rule (Jiménez-Zafra, Taulé, Martín-Valdívia, Ureña-López, & Martí, 2018). Generally, negation is a term operated within a linguistic content which is usually identical to propositions. In other words, a negation is usually employed to express the reversed value of a particular expression (Jager, 2008). Negation is considered to be pragmatically universal since all language varieties are believed to indicate functional negative propositions (Anderwald 2002; 2005; Ladusaw 1992). Since no language without negation has been found (Miestamo 2007; 2008), and negated expressions can be observed in all languages, it can be asserted that negation appears in every recognized language (Coso & Bogunović 2019). There appears to be a common phenomenon underlying the distinctive negation construction of each language (Sassoon 2010; Borroff 2006), namely, that negation can be accomplished through one or multiple negation constructions. (Breitbarth, 2014; Ormel, Crasborn & Els van der, 2013).

A study related to negation has become a fascinating topic for most of language researchers. This might due to the negation complexity within all natural languages (Horn 2010; Dahl 2010; Kataoka, 2012).
Recent studies on negation have focused on its linguistic description of its use at sentence levels as a process of meaning making in a certain context of language use (Bekkboom, Burger, Szabo, Cvezic, Lonqvist, & Welbers, 2019; Kavac, 2019; Macleod, 2019; Wilson & Hansen, 2019), the use and meanings of negation in classroom practices (Gil, Menden & Wong, 2017; Yang, 2017).

This study attempts to contribute to other studies of negation which focus on comparing its use and form in German and Indonesian language. The result of the study is expected to inform translation and teaching of German as a foreign language to speakers of Indonesian language. This study is driven by the conceptual understanding about negation of German and Indonesian language in which German negation differs in formation from that of Indonesian. German negation is categorized into (1) die Sattnegation ‘whole-sentence negation,’ (2) die Teiln staffers ‘partial negation’ or ‘phrasal negation,’ and (3) einzelner Negationsformen ‘word or particle negation’ (Winkler, 2017; Apelt, Hans-Peter, Margot, 1992). The difference can be seen, for example, in the following sentences:

(1) Er hat kein Geld.
   ‘He has no money’

and

(2) Er hat das Geld nicht.
   ‘He does not have the money’

The negation in the sentence is based on the semantic context, yet it is not determined by any process of negation of the lexical items. The meaning in example (2) is not quite the same as that in example (1), although it also refers to not having money, perhaps not having money at all. A possible additional meaning is implied: having something else. However, in Indonesian translation, those semantic matters are the same since no other meanings are explicitly found in the sentences. Both sentences (1) and (2) would most likely be translated into the same Indonesian sentence: Dia tidak/tak punya uang. Although it means that example (2) is, like example (1), about having no money, it may mean that the subject has something else, or something that is not money. In the phrase kein Geld, the negation by the word kein is clearly only on the word Geld. It merely refers to not having money. It is a matter of availability or quantity, not of identity. Thus, German has a complex pattern of negation that covers both linguistic and semantic aspects. The linguistic aspect is explicitly expressed by words, phrases, and sentences, while the semantic aspect is what is implied behind the linguistic aspect in the form of the meaning of the negation. In linguistic terms, negation constructions in German differ from those in Indonesian. Negation in Indonesian is in the form of words, phrases, sentences, and the absorption of a foreign element in certain words using a prefix. Meanwhile, negation in German could be in the form of words, phrases, sentences, inter-sentence connectors, particles, and affixations using prefixes and suffixes. In other words, not all German negation constructions appear in Indonesian.

Generally, negation in Indonesian is expressed by such negative words as tidak or tak, bukan, belum, and jangan along with what could be called negative affirmation. The Indonesian negation affix is a borrowing and, thus, its occurrence is limited. The absorbed element pairs a prefix with a word, forming a new word. For example, (non-) pairs with regular to form nonregular; (in-) paired with disipliner forms indisipliner; (ir-) and rational forms irrasional, and (il-) pairs with legal to form ilegal. In such cases, the prefix negates the meaning of the attached word. The Indonesian negation words such as those mentioned above could form phrases such as tidak hadir ‘not present,’ atau tak hadir ‘absent’ and tidak baik ‘not good,’ belum pulang ‘not yet home’ and belum genap ‘not even,’ bukan mahasiswa ‘not a student’ and bukan satu ‘not one,’ and jangan masuk ‘do not enter’. Thus, negation in Indonesian occurs when tidak ‘no’ or tak ‘not’ connects to a verb or an adjective, when belum ‘not yet’ connects to a verb or a numeral, when bukan ‘not’ connects to a noun or a numeral, and when jangan ‘do not’ connects to an imperative verb. Thus, the contribution of this study is more specifically to address the intricacy of negative construction in German and Indonesian negation which, has not been much researched in the Indonesian context of language studies. Thus, this study examined indicators of negation forms, negation constructions, and negation meanings in German and their expression in Indonesian to identify the forms of negation acceptable both lingually and semantically in Indonesian language.

Identifying negation

There are two processes involved in identifying negation: analysing the occurrence of negation markers, and determining the scope of negation (Bornhoff, 2006; Hogenboom, Van IJzendoorn, & Heerschop, 2011). The occurrence of negation can also be observed through negative spread and negative doubling. Negative spread is related to the expression used to display the negative feature, while negative doubling refers to the distinctive negative elements employed in a sentence (Aranoovich & van der Wouden 1999; Herburger 2000; Potts, 2010). German and Indonesian do not always use the same negation constructions. In linguistics, comprehension depends on two important elements: signifié (lexical meaning) and signifiant (intended meaning) (Saussure in Verhaar, 1999; Hentschel & Hardt, 2015; Wagner, 2017). According to Verhaar (1991), three concepts are relevant in this context - intentional semantics, grammatical semantics, and extralinguistic factors.

Bretharth (2014) described the development of German negation through three stages - old low German, middle low German, and high German. According to Carr and Grebe (168), negation in German generally takes two forms, namely, overall
negation and word or phrasal negation. The overall negation construction in German is also found in Indonesian. However, the second form, which is a derived form with a variety of constructions, differs from any negation construction in Indonesian. This second form can be divided into seven types: negation word, word negation using nicht with adjective, pronominal negation, negation in compound sentence, inter-sentence connective, and negation particle nein. Can and Grebe (1968) identify several German negation forms, each of which is a Verneinungselement, or negation element, that is in combination with nicht 'not.' The word nicht 'not' changes sein 'one' into the word nein 'none,' etwas 'something' into nichts 'nothing,' jemand 'somebody' into niemand 'nobody,' mal 'time' (in multiplication) into niemals 'not even once,' and irgendwo 'anywhere' into nirgendwo or nirgendwo 'nowhere.' The word kein 'no or not,' when used together with a Substantiv im Genitiv 'noun in genitive form,' changes into keinemfalls 'in no case' or keinemfalls 'not at all.'

According to Bloomer and Engel (1996), German negation forms fall into five categories: refusal, contradiction, denial, exception, and reiteration. The category of refusal is further divided into act of agreement, act of contradiction, act of intensification, and act of generalization. The category of contradiction is further divided into: contradiction through a particle, contradiction through a phrase, contradiction through a sentence, and contradiction through phrase combination in the sentence. This category includes other more complex instances of negation formation. The category of denial is divided into: definite nominal phrase with the determiner kein; the pronouns keine and niemand for negation; pronouns etwas versus nichts; adverbs nirgendwo versus nirgendwo; and adverbs irgendwann versus niemals. The category of reiteration is divided into: Prefix 'prefix' and Suffix 'suffix.' Examples of the use of Prefix for negation can be seen in the words abnormal 'abnormal,' atonal 'toneless,' irregular 'irregular,' nonverbal 'nonverbal,' inhume 'inhumane,' illegitim 'illegitimate,' and atypisch 'atypical.' Some words using suffixive Adjective 'adjective suffix' with a negative sense are blechfrei 'lead-free,' respektlos 'disrespectful,' and abgasarm 'air pollution.'

Hellwig and Buscha (2005) identify six types of negation markers in German:
1. Those in negation in the narrow sense, such as nicht, nichts, nie, niemals, nirnmer, nirgendwo, keine, kein, keinerlei, nirgendwohin, keinenfalls, keinemfalls, keinemwegen, weder... noch...;
2. several subjunctions (such as ohne dass, anschaut dass, and außer dass) and prepositions (such as ohne, statt, außer, and anstelle);
3. specific word formation devices; prefixes for adjectives and nouns (namely, un-, un-, in-, des-), prefix for verbs and nouns (un-, ver-, and ab-) and suffixes for adjectives (-los and -frei);
4. specific antonyms among adjectives (such as kurz 'short' > lang 'long' and dick 'thick' > dünn 'thin') as implicit negation, especially in situations where, for example, a prefix such as un- cannot be used;
5. specific verbs, as implicit lexical negation markers, identifying negation in sub-clauses, all being verbs of refusal and denial. This is seen in the sentence, Er bestreitet (es), im Kino gewesen zu sein; ‘He contradicted being at the cinema,’ which implies Er war nichts im Kino; ‘He was not at the cinema’;
6. plauzm-perfect conjunction in unreal conditional sentences and requirement-related conditional sentences (as an implicit morphosyntactic negation marker). When, for example, the following is stated: Wenn der Wetter schön gewesen wäre, würden wir baden geganzen; ‘If the weather had been clear, we would have gone swimming,’ it implies the following: Das Wetter war nicht schön; ‘The weather was not clear’ (see Engel, 1989; Paul, 2011; & Daski, 2015).

German negation also includes the aspects of meaning and intensity of action. This is particularly apparent with particle negation involving the word nein 'not' and can be seen in the words keinemfalls 'not at all,' the phrases in keinemfalls 'in no case,' and überhaupt nicht 'absolutely not' as well as with other negation forms involving Verneinungselemente nicht in changing, for example, the word jemand 'somebody' into niemand 'nobody,' the word mal 'time' (in multiplication) into niemals 'not even once,' irgendwo ' anywhere' into nirgendwo or nirgendwo 'nowhere,' and immer ' always' into nimmer 'never.' Such negations are not found in Indonesian, but they would be recognizable through context.

The study reported here is based on the work of Grebe (1983), Engel (1989), Apelt et al (1992) and Hellwig & Buscha (2015), as their theories of negation forms and meanings complement each other and align with the principles used in the New Rules of the German Language. An in-depth examination shows that the grouping of negation markers into types by the four linguists are similar, so negation construction and semantic meaning in the linguistic marking of German negation form are clear. In this research, only one term is used for negation markers with similar forms, while negation forms that clearly differ from each other are referred to by their original terms.

**METHOD**
The data for this study are all the negation constructions (words, phrases, and sentences) in German and Indonesian, in the form of linguistic units. The data were
collected from the novel Träume Wohnen Überall (143 pages) by Carolin Philipp (2006) and translated into Indonesian by Liliawati Kurnia as Minpi Selalu Indah (175 pages) (2008). The unit of analysis includes all German words, phrases, and sentences categorized as negation from the novel. The data were compiled from these two sources by using a reading-and-notetaking technique (Sudaryanto, 1996). Meticulous written notes were made on the entire corpus and collected in a database table containing negation in both German and Indonesian in the form of words, phrases, and sentences. The data were analyzed by using a correspondent and distributional method (Sudaryanto, 2015). The correspondent method was applied by using a referential sorting technique, with reference to negation construction as a determiner. The distributional method was applied by using an element of distribution technique to determine the markers of negation constructions and a marker reading technique to determine the markers of negation constructions. The German negation constructions were identified by following the work of Helbig and Buscha (2005), whose naming of negation patterns was appropriate for the data set in Träume Wohnen Überall and a search to discover the forms and meanings of Indonesian negation in translated work.

This study gained assistance from experts to validate the corpus data. Two experts were asked to verify the German negation forms and their Indonesian equivalents. Research reliability was determined by means of interrater and intra-rater evaluation (Brink, 1993; Werner, Jerome, Miller, Agar, & Punch, 1998; Thyer, Bruce, Cynthia, Franklin, Patricia, & Ballan, 2019).

**FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

**Forms and meanings of negation in German**

The forms of German negation were grouped into six types, following Helbig & Buscha (2005), to facilitate understanding of German negation constructions and their Indonesian equivalents. This categorization aligned with the data set was obtained from Träume Wohnen Überall. The analysis found that the forms of German negation were thus identified in the following senses:

Negation in the narrow sense is negation in the form of a simple construction. This form of negation can be directly used in German words, phrases, or sentences. Such simple constructions are grouped into those linked to words or phrases and those linked to sentences. Negation linked to words or phrase uses, for example, kein, keine, keines, and kein, while that linked to sentences uses, for example, nicht, nichts, nie, niemand, niemals, sonst, kaum, keinerwegs, jedenfalls, nirgends, falls, and weder...noch... The negation forms (see Table 1) use number to refer to the frequency of occurrence of a form or marker of negation in the German novel and its Indonesian translation, and gloss to refer to the expression of the German negation form in Indonesian.

| No. | Form       | Number | Indonesian Gloss               |
|-----|------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | Nicht      | 432    | tidak, bukan                   |
| 2   | Nichts     | 40     | tidak samasekali               |
| 3   | Keine      | 35     | bukan                          |
| 4   | Nie        | 21     | tidak                          |
| 5   | Kein       | 18     | bukan                          |
| 6   | niemand    | 17     | tidak ada                      |
| 7   | Niemals    | 9      | tidak pernah                   |
| 8   | Keinen     | 8      | bukan                          |
| 9   | Sonst      | 6      | tidak                          |
| 10  | Kaum       | 5      | tidak pernah                   |
| 11  | Nein       | 4      | tidak, bukan, jangan           |
| 12  | Trotzdem   | 4      | kecutul itu                    |
| 13  | keiner     | 3      | bukan                          |
| 14  | Keinweg    | 3      | menginggalku                   |
| 15  | Nein       | 2      | tidak, bukan                   |
| 16  | Unmöglich  | 2      | tidak mungkin                  |
| 17  | Jedensfalls| 2      | jika tidak, selisut itu        |
| 18  | Nirgends   | 1      | tidak pernah                   |
| 19  | Keinenfalls| 1      | meynangkai                     |
| 20  | weder_noch | 1      | tidak_mungkin                 |
|     |            |        | tidak ...                       |
| 21  | Niemandem  | 1      | tidak_seorangpun                |
| 22  | Andere     | 1      | lainnya                        |
| 23  | Falls      | 1      | keluar tidak                   |

Any of the above forms negates another word with which it is paired. For example, the word kein 'no' and the word Freund 'friend' make the phrase kein Freund 'no friend.' The phrase form of kein Freund is keine Freunde 'no friends.' This can be seen in the sentence Wenn Lucian Aurolac braucht, kenant er keine Freunde in the novel (Philipp, 2005), which could be equivalent to 'When Lucian needs Aurolac, he knows no friends.' Its translation into Kadun Lucian membutuhkan Aurolac maka ia tidak mengenal kawan (Kurnia, 2008) in the Indonesian version may indicate that, among other things, plurality need not always be explicitly shown, just as the phrases 'he knows no friends' and 'he knows no friend' may differ little, if at all, in meaning.

A similar phenomenon can be found with nicht, nichts, and nte, though none of them is grammatically related to a word or phrase to which it is attached. Instead, its relationship is found at the sentence level, as in the following: Sie mag die Ratten nicht,... (Philipp, 2005) Ia tak menginkat tikus-bikus besar itu,... (Kurnia, 2008), in English, it is 'She does not like the rats.' Thus, negation in the narrow sense can be determined from the marker that is attached to a word, phrase, or sentence (or clause) whose meaning is negated or denied.

**Subjunctions and prepositions**

Negation markers of the second type are subjunctions and prepositions. Subjunctions such as ohne dass, anstatt dass, and außer dass serve as negation markers for the phrases or clauses to which they are attached. Although a subjunction only occurs once as a negation marker in the novel by Carolin Philipp, there may be other German negation markers in this form. One subjunction-level negation marker is ohne dass, as used...
in the following sentence: Aufstehen während des Essens ist eingenöthlich verboten, aber David hat immer eine Idee, wie man die Erziehungen in ein Gespräch verwickeln kann, ohne dass sie ärgerlicher werden (Philips, 2005), which was translated into Indonesian as Berdiri selama waktu makan juga dilarang, tetapi David selalu saja mempunyai ide bagaimana dengan mudah ia mengajak berbicara sesorang tanpa orang tersebut menjadi marah (Kurnia, 2008) or in English it was ‘Standing up during meal time is also forbidden, but David would always have an idea of how to easily invite someone to talk to him without the person becoming angry.’ The negation marker in the aforementioned sentence is the expression ohne dass, which is equivalent to the Indonesian word tanpa (without). In this case, the negation marker of the type einige Subjektion takes the form of the subjunctive expression that is attached to the clause ohne dass sie ärgerlicher werden.

Prepositions are another group of the second type of negation markers in German, which include ohne and außer (see Table 2 for the frequency of their use in the novel)

| Preposition | Number | Indonesian Gloss |
|-------------|--------|------------------|
| ohne        | 42     | Tanpa            |
| außer       | 3      | selain itu       |
| trotz       | 3      | kecuali itu      |

Negation marking with a preposition occurs by involving, for example, the word ohne (without) as a preposition and Uhr (clock, watch) as in the following clause:

...aber wann es etwas zu essen gibt, merkt man auch ohne Uhr (Philips, 2005).
... tetapi kalau ada yang dapat dimakan, tentu orang tabah tanpa melihat jam darah (Kurnia, 2008).

(But when there is something to eat, you know it even without seeing what time it is).

Though similar in origin to the English word hour, the German word Uhr has acquired the meaning of a timing instrument such as a clock or watch, among others.

Specific word formation devices

German negation can be marked by the prefix or suffix of a word. Two prefixes, [un-] and [mis-], and one suffix [-los] serve as negation markers. The prefix [un-] means ‘not,’ and when it pairs with the adjective angenehm (pleasant), it becomes unangenehm (unpleasant). Similarly, the prefix [un-] pairs with adjectives to make new words such as ungeahndlich (impatient), unerreichlich (unreachable), unvergleichlich (uncompared), unauflöslich (unknown), unerledigt (not alright), unhöflich (disrespectful), unmöglich (impossible), and ungewiss (uncertain). The prefix [mis-] also means ‘not,’ and it pairs with the adjective braucht (well-treated) to make misbraucht (not well-treated); the suffix [-los] means ‘not or without,’ and it

pains with the adjective verständig (considerate) to become versäumtlos (inconsiderate). Other words with the suffix [-los] as a negation marker are atemlos (breathless), endlos (endless), and hilflos (helpless).

There are a total of 16 German negation markers in prefix and suffix form in the novel Träume Wohnen Überall (see Table 3)

| Form     | Number | Indonesian Gloss |
|----------|--------|------------------|
| [un-]    | 9      | Tanpa            |
| [mis-]   | 1      | Tidak            |
| [-los]   | 6      | Tanpa            |

Specific antonyms

Specific antonyms are German negation forms represented as words with opposite meanings. Only some adjectival antonyms can be categorized as negation markers, and not all adjectives have antonym pairs. Some adjectives with antonyms functioning as negation markers in German are, for example, the word kurz (short) as the opposite of lang (long), groß (large) as the opposite of klein (small), and schnell (quick) as the opposite of langsam (slow). German adjectives such as angenommen (pleasant) as the opposite of unangenehm (not pleasant) and ärgerlich (angry) as the opposite of unärglich or the phrase nicht ärgerlich (not angry) are not included in this group of antonyms; in these cases, the related form with negation results from a morphophonemic process whereby a prefix is attached to the given adjective. Therefore, in German, the negation form from the antonym is referred to as a restricted or specific negation form since not all adjectives have antonyms without another element forming negation or a morphophonemic process.

The type of negation in German discussed here does not always involve the same grammatical form, as long as the semantic meaning is oriented toward negation. Sometimes, a form that is not an antonym is used. However, semantically, the meaning contained in the lexical item is a form of its negation. Take, for example, the expression kurz vor (short before), which was translated by Kurnia into Indonesian as tak jauh (not far). The expression kurz vor actually means ‘close to.’ The word nichts means ‘not at all,’ while nicht means ‘not.’ In the book, nichts is translated as yang aman (which is safe), and nicht is translated as sangat (very). It depends on the attached word or phrase, as in the following examples:

1. Kurz vor der Stadtgrenze steigen sie aus und laufen das letzte Stück zu Fuß über die städtischen Straßen, die nicht asphaltiert sind (Philips, 2005).
Tak jauh dari batas kota mereka turun dan berjalan sekali lagi jalan yang berdebu yang tidak aspal (Kurnia, 2008).
(Not far from the city limits, they got down and walked on the dusty unpaved streets).

2. Da gibt eine Familie, die kaum mehr passieren (Philips, 2005).
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(3) Sie kam gar nicht so schnell, wie sie möchte (Philips, 2005).
Sandale sainga kapor dan menyapkanke dalam mahu kna (Kurnia, 2008).
(Sandale was very hungry and put the food into her mouth)

Therefore, the German negation form can be an antonym or a word with a semantic meaning of negation, as in the expression kurz vor, which is translated by Lilawati as tak jauh (not far). Although, as explained above, the word kurz means 'short' and the word vor means 'before', the meaning intended in Lilawati's translation is that of tidak jauh dari perbatasan kota (not far from the city limits), as in the translated sentence in Example (1). Likewise, in Example (2), the word nichts is translated into the phrase yang aman (which is safe), and in Example (3), nicht is translated as sainga (very). A negation marker in German can be in a sub-clause that results in a negation of meaning, as in nichts mehr passieren (nothing happens to you), inferring that it 'is safe for you.' The German sentence in Example (3) means that Sandale could not chew as fast as she wanted; from that, the translator has concluded that Sandale was very hungry and therefore ate quickly.

Specific German verbs
Specific German verbs have negation markers in the prefixes {ver-}, {ent-}, and dan {ab-}. The prefix {ver-} attached to the verb liegen becomes the verb verliegen and, attached to the verb werten, becomes the verb verwerten. The morphophonemic process with {ver-} and a number of other verbs produces Verbringungen (spend), verkünden (proclaim), verfolgen (follow), verdrehen (twist), and verschenken (give away). The prefix {ent-}, attached to the verb sprechen, creates the verb entsprechen, and attached to the verb setzen creates the verb setzen, and attached to the verb langstürmen creates the verb entlangstürmen. The prefix {ab-}, when attached to the verb leihen, makes the verb ableihen.

Unreality sentence
In German, an entire sentence can contain negation. This can be found in an unreality sentence that includes a negation marker. Conditional sentences, which are also part of this phenomenon, are shown in the following data.
(1) Keine fünf Minuten war sie weg gewesen, aber Rodica tat so, als sei das eine schweres Verbrechen (Philips, 2005).
Tidak ada lima menit Sandale pergi tetapi Rodica berkata sesuatu yang sudah bertujuan untuk kejadian (Kurnia, 2008).
(Sandale had been gone for not even five minutes, but Rodica behaved as if Sandale had committed a crime).

(2) Widerwillig folgte Lucian Sandale zum Krankenhaus. Den ganzen Weg über beschimpfte er sie, als sei sie schuld an allem (Philips, 2005).
Walaupun dengan terpaksa, Lucian mengikuti Sandale ke rumah sakit. Sepanjang jalan ia memarahi Sandale bhoawon semuanya terjadi karena kesalahan Sandale (Kurnia, 2008).
(Though unwillingly, Lucien followed Sandale to the hospital. Along the way, he angrily kept telling her that it was all her fault)

(3) Und wenn der Wind an diesem Tag aus einer anderen Richtung gekommen wäre, hätte Sandale den Bus sicher erreicht und wäre mit Lucian davongefahren (Philips, 2005).
Dan kikan soji angin hari itu buring dari arah yang lain maka Sandale pastikah dapat mengejar bis dan bersama-sama Lucian pergii jauh (Kurnia, 2008).
(And if only the wind that day had blown from another direction, Sandale would surely have been able to catch the bus and go far away with Lucian)

(4) Wenn man sie fragen würde, dann würde sie nur einmal in der Woche putzen lassen, aber niemand fragt sie (Philips, 2005).
Kokan orang bertanya pada, maka akan mengatakan menyapkan sekali seminggu saja sudah cukup, tapi utensil saja itu tidak pernah ditanya (Kurnia, 2008).
(If someone had asked her, she would have said sweeping just once a week was enough, but of course she was never asked)

(5) Für einen Moment steh es sogar so aus, als ob Martin aufspringen und davonlaufen wollte (Philips, 2005).
Untuk sesaat terbit sesuatu akan Martin mau melompat dan lari dari ayahnya (Kurnia, 2008).
(For a moment it seemed as if Martin would jump and run away from his father)

The negation in an unreal conditional sentence could mean ... als sei das ein schweres Verbrechen (as if Sandale had committed a crime). This negation is indicated by the occurrence of als sei, which marks a condition as unreal. Other indicators of this type of conditional sentence are wäre, hätte or würde, dann wäre, and als ob, which indicate the unreal conditional form as in Examples (3), (4), and (5). Each sentence describes a condition or state, such as someone committing a crime, which, in the context of the sentence, is opposite to the condition or state in reality (in this case, the person is in reality not committing the crime); the sentence has a meaning that is semantically the opposite of what is grammatically meant or, in other words, the sentence itself is a form of negation.

Complexity of negation construction in German and the equivalent construction in Indonesian
German negation forms come in six types. Although negation in German and Indonesian do not always take the same form, there is no semantically significant difference between them. German negation
constructions and their equivalent Indonesian constructions are presented and discussed below.

1. *Wer ihn heizt, macht das zwar einmal und dann nie wieder, so wie Sandale* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Siapa yang menipu hanya akan berbuat sekali saja, karena sama seperti Sandale* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (Anyone who cheats on him would do it just once because it is as Sandale).
   Example (1) above shows that the German sentence has a negation construction using the word *nie*, which is expressed as *sekali saja* in Indonesian. This indicates that the German negation form is not interpreted as a negation form in Indonesian, which is usually done with the negative words *tidak* *atau* or *bukan*, but with the phrase *sekali saja*, based on the use of *nie* *wieder* (never again), which is finally re-expressed as *sekali saja* (once only) by Kurnia.

2. *Bravo! Bravo! Er bort gar nicht mehr auf, auch nicht, als die Truppe vom Lecar längst die Bühne verlassen hat und die Musik für den nächsten Tanz eingezogen* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Bravo! Teruslah dan keika yang lari diam diam, ia melompat ke sebab melu dan menjadi dirigen untuk semua. Semua akan terus, makin lama makin keras* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (Bravo! He shouted, and when the others kept quiet, he jumped onto a table and became the conductor for all. All joined in the shouting, becoming increasingly louder).

Example (2) shows the negation construction with *nicht* in the phrases *nicht mehr* (no more) and *auch nicht* (also not). Grammatically, the negation construction implies the presence of *'no'* or *'not'* in the German sentence. However, in Indonesian sentences, no such word of negation is found. This demonstrates the existence of difference in negation constructions between German and Indonesian. In Indonesian sentences, no meaning of negation is found, so no form of negation is observed. Semantically, however, the German and Indonesian sentences have the same meaning. The phrase *nicht mehr*, implying something heard no more, is translated into the word *diam* (quiet), and the phrase *auch nicht*, implying that something is also not heard, is translated into the word *melompat* (jump), indicating what happened next. Here, the translator has exercised artistic licence and skipped a part of the story.

3. *Niemand klopt, aber als Catalin auf seinen Platz zurückkehrt, strecken sich ihm viele Hände entgegen* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Tidak seorang pun bersalah tangan, tenapi keika Catalin kembali ke tempat duduknya, semua menjatuhkan tangan untuk bersalut* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (No one applauded, but when Catalin returned to his seat, all offered to shake his hand)

Example (3) uses the word *niemand* (no one) as a negation marker. There is a similarity between the German and Indonesian negation constructions; namely, both the German word *niemand* and the Indonesian phrase *tidak seorang pun* mean *no one*. (4) *Es gibt tatsächlich eine Menge Rese, aber leider nicht viele, die sich noch verwerten lassen* (Philpps, 2005: 10).
   *Teresatu memang terdapat banyak sekali sisa-sisa makaman, tetapi sayang tidak dapat diambil untuk dimakan* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (It turned out that indeed there was a lot of food remaining, but unfortunately the crumbs could not be picked up to be eaten).

Example (4) uses the negation word *nicht* in the second clause; here, the German and Indonesian negation constructions are the same in both form and meaning.

5. *Für einen Moment sitzt Sandale bewegungslos in der Pflize und hölt ier Luft* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Tetapi karena sakit yang sangat menyengat Sandale tidak memungkinkan tenaga untuk proter* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (But because of a very stinging pain, Sandale had no energy to protest)

Example (5) has a negation construction in a morphophonemic process using the suffix *-los* attached to the word *bewegungslos* (motion). Indonesian lacks a suffix to indicate negation. Semantically, however, the German and Indonesian sentences are the same.

6. *Sandales Zahnwehmerzen sind unerträglich geworden* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Sandale merasa giginya sakit tidak tertahan lagi* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (Sandale felt his tooth becoming unbearably painful)

7. *Was ist an einer Gürke schon unhöflich?* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Mengapa panggilan si Ketimun dikatakan tidak sopan?* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (Why is the Cucumber nickname said to be impolite?)

Examples (6) and (7) show negation in the form of an attached prefix. In Example (6), *-los* is attached to *erträglich*, creating *unerträglich*, and in example (7), *-un* is attached to *höflich*, creating *unhöflich*. It is apparent that German negation construction originates in a morphophonemic process while the Indonesian does not. Semantically, however, the German and Indonesian sentences are the same. For example,

8. *Es gibt nicht ein Kind und nicht einen Jugendlichen am Bahnhof, die nicht mehrfach missbraucht werden* (Philpps, 2005).
   *Tidak seorang anak di stasiun yang belum pernah mendapat perlakuan yang tidak senonoh* (Kurnia, 2008).
   (Not a single child in the station area had ever received indecent treatment)

Example (8) shows a negation construction with the word *nicht* in some phrases as well as the negative prefix in *missbraucht*. The German sentence has four negation markers: three occurrences of the word *nicht*
Examples (13) and (14) have negation constructions using *ohne* (without) and *nicht* (nothing). With the ‘thing’ in ‘nothing’ reduced to *uangmu* (your money) in the translation, there is similarity in the negation constructions of German and Indonesian sentences.

Complexity arises because the negation constructions in German and Indonesian are quite different. In the German novel *Triume Wohnen Überall*, we identified 46 negation marker variants categorized into six types with a frequency of 601, compared to a frequency of 566 in the Indonesian version. Not all negation constructions in German can be expressed in Indonesian because of the difference in negation-related constructions between the two languages. Semantically, however, German and Indonesian have the same negation markers. A total of 601 German negation marker variants were found in the novel *Triume Wohnen Überall*, grouped into 46 types. All these variants, according to Helbig and Buscha (2005), can be categorized into just six negation types. The variants occurred at the following rate, with the frequency given in parentheses: *nicht* (342), *ohne* (40), *keine* (35), *nichts* (30), *nie* (21), *kein* (18), *niemand* (17), *kaum* (12), *nichts* (9), *keinen* (8), *sonst* (6), *nein* (4), *trotzdem* (4), *keiner* (3), *unbedingt* (3), *nein* (3), *außerdem* (2), *keineswegs* (2), *eindies* (2), *fassungslos* (2), *unanlass* (2), *niemandem* (1), *mehr* (1), *trotz* (1), *außerdem* (1), *mit* (1), *aber* (1), *nicht* (1), *gegen* (1), *dagegen* (1), *unbedingt* (1), *unverästlich* (1), *beunruhigt* (1), *hilflos* (1), *falls* (1), *womöglich* (1), *kamin* (1), *unerledigt* (1), *versäumt* (1), *unmöglich* (1), *und* (1). Meanwhile, the variants and frequency of the negation markers in Lilawati Kurnia’s work are likewise presented as follows: *tidak* (410), *tanya* (35), *tak* (17), *belum* (16), *bukan* (14), *jangan* (10), *telat* (10), *itu* (8), *belum pernah* (2), *tadi* (1), *pernah* (1), *musuh* (1), *diteruskan* (1), *hanya* (1), *tidak pernah* (1), and *hendak* (1).

The findings of this study support other studies which show that negation has a particular grammar, a resource for making meaning (Beukema, et al., 2019; Wolson et al., 2019). The role of negation is significant in language use that could make a stereotypical sense and more grammatically complex. This study shows more complexity of negation by comparing it with Indonesian language to contribute to an interlingual study and language transfer. The findings of this study also show more potential analysis of Indonesian or German language such as in terms of the use of certain negation variants which produce more social and mental meanings (see Yang, 2017). Negation expands its use beyond the concern at the level of lexical sense; therefore, accurate use of negation is a crucial part of making meaning. Otherwise, interpretation may result in a variety of meanings which contribute to
stereotypical inferences or conclusive assumption see (Ansari & Hoomanfard, 2019; Watson et al., 2019).

**CONCLUSION**

Complexity appears because the negation construction in German is quite different from that in Indonesian. In the German novel Träume Wohnen Überall, there are 46 negation marker variants categorized into six types of negation markers with a frequency of 601, negation markers of the novel are with a frequency of 566 found in the Indonesian version. Not all negation constructions in German can be expressed in Indonesian because of the differences in negation-related constructions between the two languages. Semantically, however, German and Indonesian have the same negation markers. Negation construction in German has clear rules and a variety of negation forms or markers, while in Indonesian, the construction is limited to negation forms or markers. Nevertheless, these differences do not substantially influence either language, so they can be mutually complementary.

Each German and Indonesian negation construction has its own negation marker or markers and there are similarities and differences between them. It is clear that both languages express similar meanings in their negation constructions; the differences occur in their grammatical constructions. The complexity of negation constructions in German is apparent when the expression of a negation construct is not found in Indonesian. Negation constructions in German have clear rules and a variety of negation forms or markers, while Indonesian has fewer negation forms or markers. Nevertheless, these differences do not substantially influence either language, so they can be mutually complementary. In Indonesian, negation does not occur in the form of prefixes and suffixes except in absorbed elements of foreign words, and such negation constructions in German have clear grammatical rules and functions.

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