

Balinese language’s use across multiple areas of daily life, positive government policies, and high levels of international tourism contribute to its continued usage across Bali, Indonesia.



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Can Balinese Language still make it in Today’s Indonesia?

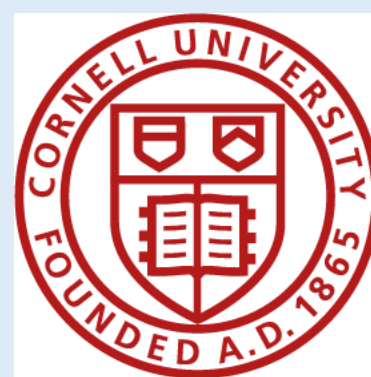
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Background

- Developed within *Sustaining Paradise* project
 - How can Hindu-Bali spiritual beliefs be used to encourage environmental restoration within hyper-touristic Bali?
- Languages are key to maintaining and transmitting cultural knowledge and beliefs
- Many local/regional languages in Indonesia are becoming endangered
 - How is Balinese faring given this context?

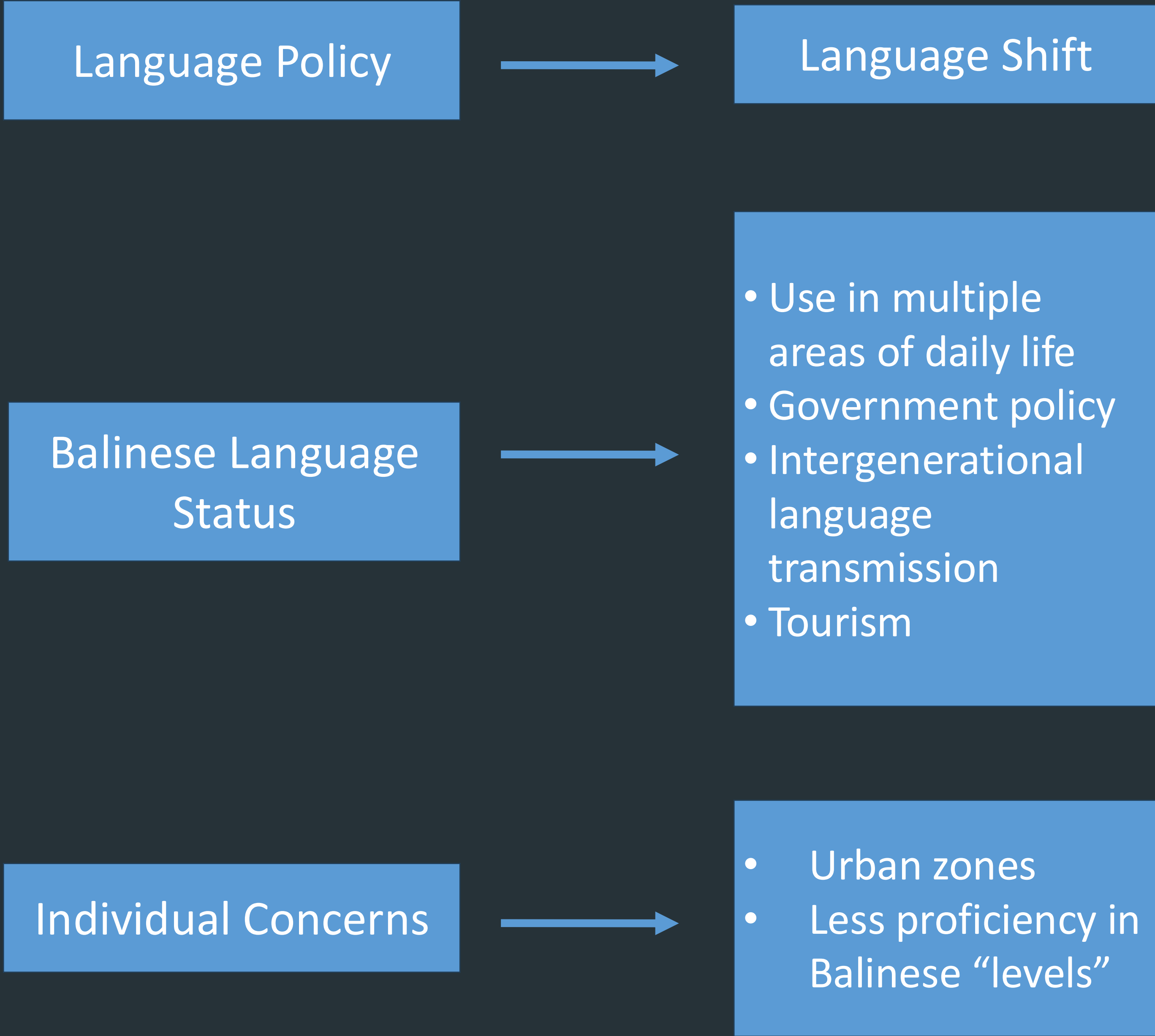


Methods:

- Literature review on Balinese language status
- 5 databases/sources, 20 scholarly sources
- Used Boolean operators (AND, OR NOT) to elicit appropriate search results.

Database/Source	Number of Sources Included in Write Up
Cornell Library Catalog	10
Proquest Dissertations and theses	0
Bibliography of Asian studies (EBSCO)	2
Cornell’s Network of Southeast Asian Scholars	5
Worldwide Web	4

Findings:



Conclusions:

- Understanding factors in language vitality is key for improved language policy and maintenance
- Balinese language is fundamental in protecting the local knowledge system, Balinese nature-related beliefs, and Balinese participation in sustainable development (SDG 17)
- Tourism impacts Bali in a multi-faceted, nuanced way, necessitating principle-driven tourism policies