Derivation in Pepel Ndao Dame

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The aim of this paper is to deal with reduplication in Pepel an Atlantic language spoken in Sénégal and Bissau-guinea which remains largely undocumented to this day.

The analysis will be presented in three main parts. The first part provides a brief description such as derivational processes as have been analysed in Pepel. The core of part II consist of a description of different derivational processes in general and then relate them to the noun and the verb. In this part we will show how various patterns found in Pepel can be analysed. The third part is devoted to the analyses of ideophonic reduplication. We will examine the patterns of ideophonic reduplication.

Finally preliminary evidence will be presented on the relationship between the causative extension and reduplication.