

Reconstructing the Pronoun System in Proto Austronesian

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In an important paper, Blust (1977) provides a reconstruction of the pronoun system of Proto Austronesian as part of the evidence for the integrity of the Malayo-Polynesian subgroup of Austronesian. In the intervening years, an increasing amount of data relevant to the reconstruction of Proto Austronesian pronouns has become available, and in Ross (2002) I published such a reconstruction as part of a sketch of Proto Austronesian morphosyntax. This reconstruction builds on the insights in Blust (1977) as well as on advances in our understanding of the structure of Proto Austronesian clauses, but was published with almost no supporting data or arguments. The purpose of the present paper is to fill that gap.

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