

Indefinite articles in Moroccan Arabic

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Unlike Standard Arabic which hasn't got any indefinite articles, Moroccan Arabic can make use of *ʃi* and *wahed l-* to introduce an indefinite noun phrase. This research project shall prove that *ʃi* is used in narrow scope and *wahed l-* in wide scope contexts, so that different specificity is expressed. Furthermore we try to find out, when the bare noun form (no article) is applied.

In a first round one informant was asked to decide which article he would chose for a couple of example sentences representing different scope contexts. The results will be shown in this presentation. The second round will consist of an internet questionnaire to be filled out by as many speakers of Moroccan Arabic as possible.