

# Contrastive Analysis of Politeness in Jordanian Arabic and Turkish

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***Abstract*—Languages have different expressions that reflect their societies and cultures. Jordanian Arabic and Turkish are very rich in this area. Jordanian and Turkish people use specific expressions to convey the message of politeness in their communication even though some of the Turkish expressions do not have equivalents in Arabic. What is polite is based on cultures and contexts. Politeness is defined by Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary as “showing or characterized by correct social usages”. Politeness expressions are used in different contexts in Jordanian and Turkish societies. They convey the message of respect and love.**

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