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The journal *TURKIC LANGUAGES* starts its tenth volume with articles on various linguistic topics.

The distinguished typologist Vladimir P. Nedjalkov, who has already published three substantial papers on Turkic reciprocals in *TURKIC LANGUAGES*, this time compares reciprocal markers in various Turkic languages with respect to their range of polysemy and the productivity of their different meanings.

On the basis of field research carried out in 2003, Gregory D. S. Anderson and K. David Harrison deal with Middle and Upper Chulym Turkic, spoken on the lower and the middle course of the Chulym River respectively. Middle Chulym, with its Yeniseyic and Samoyedic substrates, is one of the least known and most endangered linguistic varieties of Siberia.

Fikret Turan examines a 15th-century Pahlavi-Oghuz interlinear glossary, compiled by an anonymous author. This dictionary provides important information on the vocabulary of early Anatolian Turkish. It contains many words that are unattested or known with different meanings in other sources.

Nadir Engin Uzun deals with the distinction between 'attributive' and 'equative' nominal copular sentences. The author claims that this distinction is not valid for Turkish, and that the inversion observed in nominal copular sentences is determined by a typologically interesting semantic hierarchy of noun phrase types.

Nalân Kızıltan presents the result of a test in which she has tested two groups of first graders in Turkey to determine to what extent they are able to understand Nasreddin Hodja jokes through reading and listening skills. Since the study discusses to what extent children's cognitive development affects their comprehension of humorous texts, its results are thought to be of great help for language acquisition studies.

Lars Johanson's paper deals, mainly on the basis of Turkish data, with levels of grammatical analysis of indirective sentences, the relationship between forms and functions, and between sentence types, speech-act types and registers. Indirective markers of the broad Turkish type are said to allow speakers to be relatively vague about the source of evidence for the propositional content communicated.

Astrid Menz and Christoph Schroeder report on an international workshop convened at Istanbul Bilgi University and devoted to the recent debate on the role of Turkish in contemporary Turkish society. The authors are preparing a special volume containing written versions of most of the papers presented at the workshop.

Finally, Astrid Menz reviews an advanced Turkish grammar published by Margarete I. Ersen-Rasch, according to the reviewer "the best Turkish grammar available in German".

Turkic studies have just suffered a new sad loss. Iben Raphael Meyer, born in Copenhagen on July 27, 1933, a renowned scholar of Turkic and Altaic studies, passed away in Bonn, Germany, on April 5, 2006. She had graduated from the University of Copenhagen, where she worked for many years before leaving Denmark to join a research project with Gerhard Doerfer at Göttingen. Remarkably enough, Iben Meyer is widely known for her prize-winning dissertation on Turkic vowel length, a treatise written in Danish and unfortunately never published as a monograph.

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