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## Editorial note

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In the present issue of *TURKIC LANGUAGES* Birsel Karakoç investigates subordinated existence and possessive clauses in modern Oghuz and Kipchak languages. The clauses in question are based on the non-verbal predicate {BAR} ‘existent’ and the verbal predicate {BOL}. Since Turkic languages lack a verb ‘to have’, these predicates are normally used for indicating possession. The paper analyzes the distributions and functions of the two predicate types in complement and relative clauses. The predicates {BAR} ‘existent’ and {YOK} ‘non-existent’ can be followed by possessive suffixes that refer to the subject, and by case suffixes that mark the syntactic role of the subordinated clause, e.g. *bar-ı-n* (third person + accusative) ‘that there is’, ‘that X exists’. In many languages, forms of {BAR} are extended with various elements such as {EKEN}. The verbal predicate {BOL} can be extended with similar elements. The author presents a precise analysis of the complex systems in question, summarized in several synoptic tables and illustrated with numerous text examples from Turkish, Turkmen, Tatar, Bashkir, Noghay, Kazakh, and Kirghiz.

Hans Nugteren’s paper is a contribution to the discussion of the genealogical position of the Lopnor variety, the most aberrant of the varieties grouped together under the label of Modern Uyghur. The paper discusses similarities and differences between Lopnor, Standard Uyghur, and Kirghiz. Lopnor phonetic features such as fourfold harmony in the low vowels, vowel contractions, and numerous consonant assimilations deviate from Standard Uyghur. Some crucial phonetic developments and tendencies are in agreement with Uyghur, but, according to the author, the possible presence of a Kirghiz-like Kipchak component also needs to be investigated. Several non-Uyghur phonetic features are comparable to modern Kirghiz. Some are reminiscent of Kipchak, though they are not present in Kirghiz alone. Superficially similar developments such as sound harmony have taken place in other parts of the Turkic-speaking world, e.g. in Yakut and Turkmen, and could well have occurred elsewhere. Delateralization of syllable-initial *-l-* as shared with Kirghiz, e.g. *bašta-* vs. *başla-* ‘to begin’, has developed independently several times in different parts of the Turkic-speaking world, e.g. in Bashkir, Kazakh, Western Yugur, and North-eastern Turkic. While the nominal and verbal morphology mostly resembles that of Uyghur, it also displays non-Uyghur forms. Only some of these, however, suggest Kipchak influence. Some non-Uyghur lexical elements have striking parallels in Kirghiz, but do not constitute evidence for a Kipchak layer in the vocabulary. According to the author, it makes sense to look beyond the official status of Lopnor as a dialect of Uyghur. The variety should be studied as a potential sister language of Uyghur and Uzbek. The fact that Lopnor has become “virtually Uyghur” does not bear on the question of whether it was originally a kind of Uyghur. Many questions

relevant to this problem remain unresolved. Lopnor needs to be systematically compared to varieties of Uyghur, especially neighboring ones such as Khotan, Qomul, and Turfan, which show lexical and phonological similarities to it. The Kipchak component of both Lopnor and Standard Uyghur will have to be investigated further.

Irina Nevskaya and Saule Tazhibayeva deal with Kazakh hypocorisms, which are typically formed with special suffixes added to reduced forms of personal names, e.g. *-(V)š*, *-(V)ška*, *-žan*, *-tay*, *-KAn*. Honorific hypocorisms are formed with *-Ake*, *-eken*, and for addressing relatives the markers *-(A)w*, *-(A)y* are attached to kinship terms. Third person possessive suffixes are used in honorific forms for addressing family members in a polite manner, e.g. *apa-sı* 'respected grandmother!'. There are also special endearment forms, e.g. affectionate nicknames. The authors deal with their topic in a broad comparative perspective, discussing corresponding hypocoristic patterns in various other Turkic languages. They show that most South Siberian languages such as Altay, Khakas, and Shor use diminutive markers, whereas Tuvan instead employs syncopated name forms. They finally stress that the study of Turkic hypocorisms is a very promising research field and presents some directions for further investigations.

Uli Schamiloglu's paper on the rise of Runiform Turkic as the first Turkic vernacular literary language draws upon the author's earlier work on the Black Death of the mid-14th century as the main factor leading to the sudden demise of Syriac Turkic, Volga Bolgharian, and the language of the Golden Horde. The turbulent history of Turkic literary languages in this period is only understandable through an awareness of this world-historical phenomenon. Here the author returns to the era of East Old Turkic. The Black Death was the second pandemic of bubonic plague to afflict the Old World. The author sees a solid basis for exploring the same range of phenomena for the pandemic of bubonic plague in the 6th–8th centuries C.E. as the main factor leading to the decline in the use of Soghdian among the Türk, the rise of Runiform Turkic as a vernacular-based literary language to take its place, and the subsequent demise of Runiform Turkic. He stresses the need to expand our vision of the linguistic and philological history of Turkic to embrace an interdisciplinary vision of the past while rewriting the history of the Turkic epigraphic and literary languages.

An-King Lim adds a brief note on the functions of the East Old Turkic denominal verb formatives *+lA-*, *+A-*, *+tA-*, and *+lAn-*, with the aim of refining the conceptual characterizations suggested in two papers published earlier in *TURKIC LANGUAGES*.

Astrid Menz reports on the contributions to Turkic linguistics at the German *Turkologentag* held in September 2016 at Hamburg University.

Jorma Luutonen, Arto Moisio, and Okan Daher sketch the history and characteristics of the Mishar Tatar minority in Finland and report on the compilation of a trilingual Finnish Tatar–Kazan Tatar–Finnish dictionary.

Bernt Brendemoen reviews Silje Susanne Alvestad's critical edition of the Uppsala manuscript of Muḥammed Hevā'ī Üsküfī's 17th century Ottoman glossary *Maḳbūl-i 'ārif*.

Bert Fagner reviews the volume *Turks and Iranians. Interactions in Language and History*, edited by Éva Á. Csató, Lars Johanson, András Róna-Tas, and Bo Uta.

Finally, Saule Tazhibaeva reviews Aynur Abish's monograph *Modality in Kazakh as spoken in China* (Turcologica 107).

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It is with profound sadness that the editors note the passing of four outstanding scholars in the field of Turkic studies.

June 26, 2017: The leading Russian Turcologist Dmitrij Mixailovič Nasilov, our esteemed coeditor of *TURKIC LANGUAGES*.

July 25, 2017: The German Turcologist Margarete I. Ersen-Rasch, well-known for her precise descriptive work on Turkish, Tatar, and Bashkir.

August 15, 2017: The Russian Altaist and Turcologist Valentin Ivanovič Rassadin, most famous for his innovative work on the Tofan language.

September 13, 2017: The Turkish Turcologist Semih Tezcan, an eminent scholar particularly devoted to the study of East Old Turkic and Khalaj.

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# The rise of Runiform Turkic as the first Turkic vernacular literary language

Uli Schamiloglu

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This paper draws upon the earlier work of the author on the Black Death as the main factor leading to the sudden demise of Syriac Turkic, Volga Bolgharian, and the language of the Golden Horde in the 14th century C.E. to argue that the Plague in the Time of Justinian (6th–8th centuries C.E.) was the main factor leading to the decline in the use of Soghdian among the Türk, the rise of Runiform Turkic as a vernacular-based literary language to take its place, and Runiform Turkic's subsequent demise.

Key words: Bubonic plague, Türk Empire, Soghdian, Runiform Turkic, Old Turkic

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## Introduction

The study of the history of the Turkic languages faces a rather complex set of issues and obstacles.<sup>1</sup> Ideally one should consider approaching this topic strictly as a question of the historical development of specific linguistic features. As Lars Johanson has noted in his standard treatment of the history of Turkic, however:

It is impossible to find linguistically meaningful criteria for a periodization of the development of the Turkic group as a whole... The periodization of the Turkic literary idioms which have emerged in different cultural centers is rather controversial. The reason is that it mostly depends not only on linguistic criteria, but also on extralinguistic—political and cultural—ones (Johanson 1998: 84).

In his classification of the historical periods of Turkic Johanson first identifies an *Older Period*, with a so-called “Old Turkic” consisting of 1. East Old Turkic proper, 2. Old Uyghur, and 3. Karakhanid. Following this, he identifies a controversial *Middle Period* divided into “East Middle Turkic”, consisting of 1. Khorezmian Turkic

1 An earlier version of this paper was presented at the International Workshop on “Turkic Linguistics: The State of the Art. On the occasion of Lars Johanson’s 80th Birthday”, Institut für Slavistik, Turkologie und zirkumbaltische Studien, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (Mainz, Germany, March 19, 2016).



and 2. Early Chaghatay Turkic, and “West Middle Turkic” consisting of 1. Kipchak Turkic and 2. Oghuz Turkic. This is followed by the *Pre-modern Period* and the *Modern Period* (Johanson 1998: 85–87). Many other Turkologists have also proposed various periodizations, sometimes featuring numerous periods and sub-periods for the history of recorded Turkic languages and their antecedents (see, e.g. Róna-Tas 1982).

Working backwards chronologically, I would say that in the case of the modern period, it is clear that the state plays a role in shaping literary languages, with the case of modern Turkish serving as a classic and well-studied example (Lewis 1999); to this one should certainly add all the Turkic literary languages of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as well as the present-day People’s Republic of China. For just one aspect of this for the Turkic languages of the former U.S.S.R., see Baldauf (1993). But there were major transformations in literary languages in the pre-modern period, too. In some of my work I have attempted to demonstrate that we must consider extra-linguistic factors in the study of the history of the Turkic languages, especially the sudden end of writing systems for specific historical Turkic written languages in the 14th century.<sup>2</sup> As some of my readers may know, I attribute these major instances of the “death” of an epigraphical or literary language in the pre-modern period to outbreaks of epidemic disease in the Old World, in particular of bubonic plague (Schamiloglu 1993, 2016a). The question of the relationship between literary languages and sudden large-scale outbreaks of epidemic disease (or “pandemics”) is not, however, a question which has been central to the classic narrative in Turcology with regards to the history of the development of the Turkic literary languages. Nonetheless, I am now convinced that we cannot offer a periodization of the history of the written Turkic languages without it.

In this paper I would like to draw upon this same framework to offer a brief outline of the rise in an earlier period of Runiform Turkic (or Orkhon Turkic)—which falls under Johanson’s East “Old Turkic proper”—as the first Turkic vernacular-based literary language.

### **Bubonic plague and its impact on languages**

In order to present my argument, I should first begin with a brief introduction to the role of bubonic plague in recorded human history. This disease, which has resulted in the sudden death of large segments of societies in certain periods, is caused by the bacillus *Yersinia pestis*. See most recently the essays in Green (2014). Recent research is also focusing on the relationship between variations in climate and outbreaks of disease (Campbell 2016). The bacillus spreads from rodents (and other animals, too) to humans via fleas and infects the lymph nodes (or buboes, hence the name), or else it can be spread as droplets through the air, which leads to pneumonic plague. Before the discovery of penicillin bubonic plague was associated with a very

2 See the references in the final concluding section at the end of this paper.

high rate of mortality. As a result of this high rate of mortality we see sharp short-term declines in local populations as well as longer-term demographic decline over decades and even centuries, abandonment of some towns and settlements, social disruption, inability to bury the dead properly, labor shortages, inflation, technological regression, increased religiosity, morbidity, and many other phenomena, including the decline in non-vernacular languages which have been acquired through a religious education, as well as many other phenomena which I cannot describe here. One additional factor to consider is that epidemics affect sedentary populations—especially densely-inhabited urban centers—much more readily than nomadic populations.

However much I am fascinated endlessly by the political, social, economic, and cultural consequences of the “Black Death” of the 14th–16th centuries and later (see most recently Schamiloglu 2017), in this paper I would like to focus on the philological and/or linguistic impact of outbreaks of this disease. As the Black Death has been studied in such great detail for Western Europe, it should be a prime region for considering the impact of the Black Death on literary languages.

As is well known, Latin was the dominant literary language in Europe in the medieval period. It would not be accurate to state that the Black Death caused the decline of classical literary languages in medieval Western Europe, because the decline of Latin and the beginnings of Romance vernacular languages far predate the 14th century;<sup>3</sup> there are also counter-examples such as the case of Hungarian. What is striking, however, is how many significant figures in the rise of English vernacular literature lived in the second half of the 14th century, the half century following the initial arrival of the Black Death. This period includes Geoffrey Chaucer (circa 1343–1400), the author of the *Canterbury Tales*, who is widely considered the father of English literature. Other major figures in English literature in this period include the poet John Gower (circa 1330–1408) and William Langland (circa 1332–circa 1386), author of *Piers Plowman* (Horobin 2010: 182).

The situation is far different for the vernacular literatures which are descended from Latin. Even so there is a different, equally illustrative example to be found in the history of Italian literature. Of the three major figures of this era, Dante Alighieri (1265–1321) lived and died before the Black Death and Petrarch (1304–1374) began his career before the arrival of the Black Death. The third major founding figure of Italian literature in this period, Giovanni Boccaccio (1313–1375), wrote his *Decameron* in 1350–1353. What is so interesting about the *Decameron*, a major work in the canon of Italian literature, is that it is devoted to the stories told by a group of individuals who have fled the plague in Florence, which establishes a clear link between plague and Italian vernacular literature (Highet 1949: 181–195). Petrarch also influenced Chaucer, see Highet (1949: 93–103).

3 A bibliographic treatment of the topic is available in Tremblay (1989). For a different perspective on the rise of vernacular languages in Europe and Asia, see Cohen (2011).

I would argue that it is not a coincidence that one can see the second half of the 14th century as an important period in the development of vernacular literatures in medieval Europe; I have only considered two examples. The death of large numbers of individuals in densely populated urban centers as well as in monasteries would have resulted in the decimation of the educated religious class who would have been the bearers of Latin as a literary tradition. Although the Black Death did not initiate the decline of Latin, it surely must have speeded up the rise of new vernacular-based literatures. As I have argued elsewhere, I see a similar relationship between the Black Death and medieval Turkic literary languages in this period. If anything, the relationship between plague and the fate of literary languages is much clearer for medieval Turkic languages. In my view, there is a close correlation between the documented waves of plague in the mid-14th century and the sudden spike in the number of Syriac Turkic and Volga Bolgharian funerary inscriptions—followed by a near or total absence of further funerary inscriptions. It also coincides with the end of the literary language of the Golden Horde (Schamiloglu 1993, 2016a).

Yet the Black Death is only the second of three major outbreaks of bubonic plague in recorded human history caused by the bacillus *Yersinia pestis*. The third is “modern plague”, which broke out in the late 19th century (Little 2011).<sup>4</sup> There was also the first recorded outbreak of bubonic plague, to which I will turn my attention now.

#### Overview of the plague in the time of Justinian

The first historically-recorded outbreak of bubonic plague, and the subject of a contribution of mine to the recent Festschrift for Professor Peter B. Golden, is the “Plague in the Time of Justinian” (Schamiloglu 2016b). This original outbreak of bubonic plague, which lasted from the mid-6th to the mid-8th century C.E., is often considered to have been the most severe of the three major outbreaks of bubonic plague in recorded human history. In the present paper, I would like to try to make the case that the Plague in the Time of Justinian should be seen as an important factor in the rise of Runiform Turkic as the first Turkic vernacular-based literary language.

As I argued in that paper, we now know based on genetic analysis that the origin of the outbreak of the bacillus *Yersinia pestis* in the 6th century is traced back to the Qinghai-Tibetan plateau, the intersection of the Silk Road and the Horse-Tea Road.<sup>5</sup> According to Procopius (Book I, xxii–xxiii and xxiv: 8, 12), the outbreak began in 541 C.E. in Pelusium in Egypt, arriving from Ethiopia, but how it got there we do

4 For those of my readers who are wondering, I have not discerned any philological or linguistic impact of the modern outbreak of bubonic plague, though it would be useful for Turcologists to be aware that there are many contemporary publications in Tatar, Kazakh, and other languages reporting outbreaks of the disease and how to treat it.

5 I refer the reader to the discussion and citations in that article rather than repeating them here.

not know. One possibility is that it spread via the Indian Ocean region to the Red Sea, but how? We are not sure, but we can be certain that it did not arrive via the route Lake *İsīk-köl*, Central Asia, the Crimea, and Constantinople to Alexandria and Sicily. In other words, it must have followed a path which was very different from the path which the Black Death followed in the mid-14th century.

### **The plague in the time of Justinian and the Türk Empire**

The “Plague in the Time of Justinian” coincides with the era of the Türk Empire. The First Türk Empire, which was established in 552 C.E., expanded very quickly across Central Asia to as far as the Black Sea region, but it collapsed suddenly in 581.<sup>6</sup> As a result of civil war in the 580s, the First Türk Empire split into an eastern half and a western half. The Eastern Türk Kaghanate managed to survive until it was absorbed by T’ang China in 630, and the Western Türk Kaghanate was defeated by T’ang China in 657. It is out of the chaos in the west that the Khazar and Bolghar states emerge. The Second Türk Empire emerged with the revolt of A-ših-na *Qutluq* (Elteriš Kaghan) and his brother *Qapayan* Kaghan against T’ang China in 679. The inscriptions dedicated to *Kül Tegin* (who died in 731 due to an illness), *Bilgä Kaghan* (683/684–734, who died by poisoning), and the other Runiform Turkic inscriptions relate events which took place in the early 8th century. The Second Türk Empire was finally replaced by the Uyghur Kaghanate in 744.

The question of what relationship the Plague in the Time of Justinian might have had with respect to the population of the Türk Empire is, in my view, critical to understanding the history of the rise and fall of both the First and Second Türk Empires. As I have argued, if we look for direct and especially indirect evidence of the impact of the Plague in the Time of Justinian on the ancient Türk, we can actually find both kinds of evidence (Schamiloglu 2016b). At the same time, the reluctance of Sinologists to accept that references to outbreaks of disease in this period could have been bubonic plague has been an obstacle to progress in the historiography on this period.

Clearly the Türk Empire was established in a region approximately 2000–3000 km away from Tibet, not immediately next door, but still much closer than Ethiopia. The fact that the Plague in the Time of Justinian arrives in Egypt in 541 suggests that it could have emerged in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau as late as 541, but more likely prior to that year. I have suggested that the sudden departure of the Avars for Eastern Europe after their defeat by the Türk in 552 could be related to the fact that Eastern Europe was already suffering from depopulation by that time; the depopulation of Eastern Europe by this time is a point which is accepted by historians of this pandemic. It might also be possible that the departure of the Avars could have some

6 For standard treatments of the history of the Türk Empire, see Sinor (1990), Golden (1992: 12–141); and Beckwith (2011: 112–118). See most recently the encyclopedic work by Ercilasun (2016).

relationship to the outbreak of disease in that region in the east, but I am not certain about that.

According to Theophanes, in 588–589 the Türk claim that there had been a plague many years earlier in “Turkey” (Theophanes 1997: 389). Theophylactus Simocatta (d. ca. 630–640) also informs us in his *History* that some Türks who had fallen prisoner to Chosroes were marked on the forehead by their mothers with the sign of the cross. This was upon the advice of Christians in order to escape the effects of a strong plague (Theophylactus Simocatta 1985: 154–155, n. 739). On the other hand, the same author also notes in connection with the Western Türk embassy to the Emperor Maurice (598) that the Türk are said to boast that they had never seen the occurrence of contagious disease since the earliest times (Theophylactus Simocatta 1985: 188).

According to Twitchett, the earliest mention of bubonic plague in a Chinese encyclopedia is from 610 (Twitchett 1979: 35–69, especially 42ff.) Yet he considers it only “conjecture” that the epidemics described in the sources for the period 636–655, 682, 707, and 762 might have been caused by bubonic plague. As I have argued elsewhere, the fact that this pandemic of bubonic plague originated in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau suggests that we should have great confidence in identifying bubonic plague as the cause of most and more likely all of these major outbreaks of disease. Let us recall that Kül Tëgin died in 731 of an illness, too.<sup>7</sup>

### **The languages in the Türk Empire before the time of plague**

It is well known that Soghdian, an Iranian language, served as a *lingua franca* in early medieval Central Asia.<sup>8</sup> We may consider the Bugut inscription, an inscription included in a Türk Kaghan’s burial complex, the most important piece of evidence for this. This inscription, which was written in Soghdian but includes Turkic names, titles, and other words, is believed to date from the last quarter of the 6th century. It may be considered direct or indirect evidence that the Türk used Soghdian as a written language in this period, or at least that Soghdian was used as a *lingua franca* among them (Kljaštornyj & Livšits 1971, 1972). As noted by Erdal, Turkic names are also found in Bactrian manuscripts from Afghanistan (Sims-Williams 2000, Erdal 2004). These facts support the notion that there was a period of time when the Türk (or other Turkic-speaking peoples) did not yet write in their own language. De la Vaissière considers that the Soghdian alphabet was used to write Turkic texts throughout the history of the Türk and Uyghur Empires. In an aside which can only be greeted with amusement by Turcologists, however, he adds that this was except for “a rather brief period of national xenophobic reaction within the elites” in the

7 Whether one can ever find any evidence for what illness or disease he might have died from, I do not know. Perhaps nobody has thought it worthy of investigation until now.

8 On the Soghdians see de la Vaissière (2005). For an overview of the Soghdian language, see Yoshida (2016).

early 8th century during which period they used the “runic” alphabet instead of the Soghdian alphabet (de la Vaissière 2005: 202).

When and why did the runiform alphabet begin to be used? In the words of Erdal, the “earliest readable, understandable and datable Turkic texts are the official inscriptions of the second Turk kaghanate, the Orkhon inscriptions, the first of which appears to have been from slightly before 720 A.D.” (Erdal 2004: 4). This is part of a larger corpus of about 200 inscriptions, which Erdal presumes date from the 7th–10th centuries (Erdal 2004: 6–7). These inscriptions are found mostly in present-day Mongolia (the territory covered by the Second Türk Empire and the Uyghur Kaghanate which succeeded it) and in the upper Yenisey basin.

The origins of the runiform alphabet remain shrouded in a veil of mystery.<sup>9</sup> It is clear that this alphabet shares many of the characteristic features of an alphabet going back ultimately to the Aramaic alphabet, though with additional letters whose origins are not entirely clear. What is also not clear is why the élite of the Second Türk Empire and then the Uyghur Kaghanate would suddenly adopt the runiform alphabet. Also not clear is why, after a period of use as the official language of the Second Türk Empire and then the Uyghur Kaghanate, the official use of this alphabet suddenly ceases.

Of course, we cannot be sure of the dates of the other inscriptions in runiform alphabet, and certainly the interpretation of many of them remains controversial, too. A separate issue is the fact that the same alphabet has also been used to write a well-known book of divination, the *İrk bitig* (9th–10th centuries?) and other purposes. As has been noted, however, this work might have been a later copy from an original in Uyghur alphabet (Tekin 1993: 6). Nevertheless, this begs the question of why the runiform alphabet was used to copy this work and to write the other (later?) texts in Turfan and neighboring regions.

### The languages in the Türk Empire during the time of plague

I would like to turn next to the fate of Soghdian, which was once used as a *lingua franca* in the region inhabited by the ancient Türk. I would like to propose that the decline of the Soghdian language among the Türk and the sudden rise of Runiform Turkic can be explained through a complex set of phenomena which are consequences of the Plague in the Time of Justinian. I draw upon my earlier and continuing research on the impact of the Black Death for the model on which to base this conclusion. As we will see later, the history of Runiform Turkic fits a pattern which, significantly, is replicated in a number of identical ways in the 14th century.

It is clear from the sources for medieval Europe and the Middle East that the Plague in the Time of Justinian brought massive demographic decline upon those regions it struck. I am not aware of direct evidence for the demographic history of

9 See the discussion and references in Erdal (2004: 28–29 and 38ff.). For a detailed background discussion of the runiform alphabet tradition in Eurasia, see Kyzlasov (1994), though the author’s approach is very different from the one offered here.

Mongolia and the eastern steppe region in this period, but we can look for parallel examples in the region. Mariko Namba Walter, to cite one example, writes about the decline of Soghdian colonies in Dunhuang by the mid-8th century and their disappearance by the end of the 9th century “due to political and economic instability” (Walter 2006: 21). Remarkably there are census figures for the Dunhuang district (*chün*)—which is of course some distance away from Mongolia—showing that the number of households in that district declined by over 45 percent from 609 C.E. to 740 C.E. (Giles 1915):

Year	2 C.E.	140 C.E.	280 C.E.	609 C.E.	740 C.E.
Households	11,200	7,748	6,300	7,779	4,265
Persons	38,335	29,170	N/A	N/A	16,250

I am well aware that such population figures can be quite controversial and are subject to various interpretations.<sup>10</sup> On the other hand, traditional scholarship usually does not even consider the history of epidemic disease as a factor in discussions of the population history of Inner Asia.<sup>11</sup>

Assuming that this method and the comparison to Dunhuang are valid—I think this is a reasonable assumption but there might be those who disagree—we can posit a parallel demographic decline in the Second Türk Empire, too, since the Plague in the Time of Justinian was, as far as we know, a universal phenomenon in the Old World. This would suggest that, in all likelihood, a large number of the people knowing Soghdian language (who probably were not a large percentage of the population) and/or a large number of the people who knew the Soghdian alphabet and were able to carve an inscription in Soghdian would have died. (There could be other possible economic factors which I will not consider here, see Schamiloglu 2016c.) I am not suggesting that Soghdian died out completely; after all, it survived in Central Asia and would serve as the basis for the rise of a New Persian literary language, nor did the use of Soghdian by Turkic speakers end completely.<sup>12</sup> But I am suggesting that the number of speakers of Soghdian present among the Türk in the seat of the Second Türk Empire must have declined suddenly to a critically low mass such that Soghdian (especially Soghdian as a second language acquired by non-natives as a learned literary language) temporarily ceased to be used in the Second Türk Empire by ca. 720 C.E.

10 See, for instance, the discussion in Twitchett (1979: 35ff).

11 For a recent example, see Étienne de la Vaissière (2017).

12 For late “Turko-Soghdian” letters, see Yoshida (2017).



What we see next is the creation of a series of inscriptions in what we call the “runiform” alphabet from the Second Türk Empire.<sup>13</sup> The most important of these major inscriptions have been well known to Turcologists for well over a century, including the Kül Tëgin inscription, the Bilgä Kaghan inscription, the Tonyuğu inscription, and the Ongin inscription, to which we should add the Šine-Usu and Küli Čor inscriptions from the Uyghur Kaghānate. Additional inscriptions such as the Terh inscription have been found in the 20th century (Kljaštornyj 1982). Beyond this corpus of major monuments in the Runiform Turkic language—to which new inscriptions are being added as a result of continuing archeological excavations—there is, of course, the large number of undated and/or difficult to read inscriptions as well as articles from daily life, coins, etc. which also bear texts in the runiform alphabet.<sup>14</sup>

### Runiform Turkic as a vernacular language

Next I would like to make the case that Runiform Turkic was a written version of a living language in the 8th century. More precisely, I think it was the language of the Turkic oral literature of that period. In other words, it was a very specific kind of language and a very special kind of language. It was not a primitive or a simple language, it was a highly developed language of oral literature, similar in most respects to the language(s) of Turkic epics of the 19th–20th centuries.

Alessio Bombaci’s classic introduction to the second volume of *Philologiae Turcicae Fundamenta* offers a wonderful, succinct overview of the language of the Runiform Turkic inscriptions (Bombaci 1965: xi–lxxi, especially ii–iv). He describes a series of literary features and devices used in the language of these inscriptions whose main points I would like to offer in an abbreviated summary here. These include:

The use of historical narration which underlines the difficulty of the action, as in “snow as high ‘as a lance’”.

The drawing of attention to the figure of the hero, including the horse of the hero (a point to which I will return below), the wounds received, and the enemies killed.

The use of concrete descriptions to express abstract concepts, as in *erür barur* ‘who comes and goes’ to represent the concept of “liberty”, or *aḍaḡ ḡamšattī* ‘shook their feet’ to express “rebellion”.

The use of similes, as in *otča bortča keldi* ‘he arrived like fire and storm’.

13 For an overview see Tekin (1968: 9ff.), and the works cited in Erdal (2004: 6–10). Erdal takes a more expansive definition of Old Turkic as the basis for his work. See also most recently Ercilasun (2016).

14 A useful catalog of such texts is to be found at the “Türk Bitig” website run in English, Kazakh, and Russian by the Language Committee of the Ministry of Culture and Information of Republic of Kazakhstan: <http://bitig.org/>. Accessed: 10 April 2017.



The use of synonymic tautologies with both nouns, as in *iş/küç* ‘work’, and verbs, as in *öl-/yit-* ‘to perish’.

Parallelism with repetition of a smaller or larger part of the sentence with the variation of only a few words:

Synonymic parallelism: *ädgüti ešid, katırdı tıñla* ‘listen well!’.

Antithetic parallelism: *üzä kök täñri, asra yayız yer* ‘above the blue sky, below the gray earth’.

Enumerative parallelism: *inisini içisintäg kılınmaduğ erinč/oylı қаңıntäg kılınmaduğ erinč* ‘the younger brothers had not been created like the older brothers, the sons had not been created like the fathers’.

Parallelism with variation: *sabı sücüg/ayısı yımşaq ermiş* ‘his words were sweet, his presents were nice’.

One can add many other literary points such as alliteration, even the 4 + 3 meter which continues to be well known in later periods.

Let me return to the image of the horse. In the Kül Tëgin inscription we see the following:

(E32) ...When he [i.e., Prince Kül] was twenty-one years old, we fought against (the army of) General Čača. First he (mounted) Tadiķ Čor’s gray horse (and attacked. There that horse) (E33) was killed. Secondly, he mounted Išbara Yamtar’s gray horse and attacked. That horse, (too), was killed there. Thirdly, he mounted Yëgän Silig Bëg’s dressed bay horse and attacked. That horse, (too), was killed there. They hit (him) with more than one hundred arrows on his armor and caftan; (but he did not let the enemy hit him) even once on his face or head. (Tekin 1968: 268–270)<sup>15</sup>

The same inscription later includes multiple references to Kül Tëgin’s horse, including:

(E35) ...Prince Kül mounted Bayırku’s (white stallion) (E36) and attacked...

(E37) ...Prince Kül mounted the white-headed horse and attacked. This white-headed gray (horse)...

(E40) ...He [i.e., Prince Kül] fought a great battle, we were told. He mounted the white horse of Alp Šalči and attacked. There he killed and subjugated the common Türgis people. ...

I would ask whether the horses mounted by Prince Kül Tëgin are really any different from Rustam’s great horse Rakhsh in Firdawsī’s *Shāhnāme*, or Kōkötöy Khan’s

15 I am simply citing Tekin’s English translation in order not to distract the reader, but I have adopted the same transcription for names as elsewhere in this paper.

famous steed Maniker in the *Memorial Feast for Kökötöy Khan* from the *Manas* cycle. They are all widespread literary motifs not limited just to Central Asian oral literatures. The conclusion—which I am certainly not the first to reach—is that we must consider the language of the Runiform Turkic inscriptions to be a highly-developed language of oral literature.

Thus, I would argue that Runiform Turkic is derived from the language used for oral poetry, and as such it was probably more or less identical with the language of the oral literature of the Türk. Yet, at the same time, the great issue which remains unsolved in my mind is the question of whether the language of the Runiform Turkic inscriptions represented just one single specific living dialect or not.<sup>16</sup> Is it possible that it represented a literary dialect of oral literature rather than representing features specific to exclusively one dialect of Turkic?

For exploring this idea further, I would suggest a comparison of the language of oral literature among the Turkic speakers of this period with the Arabic Jāhiliya poetry of the pre-Islamic period, which emerged out of nowhere as a highly-developed language of oral poetry. As Loya (1974) writes regarding this period:

These were a host of poets erupting all over northern Arabia, from Syria to Yemen and from the fringes of Iraq to the borders of Egypt, masterfully reciting highly developed *qasidas* (odes) in one and the same language, betraying little of the dialects of their region. Above all, their poetry, vigorous and vivid as it was in general, was cast in the same, steel structure of a set of complex metrical schemes.

The authors writing for the New Edition of the *Encyclopaedia of Islam* state flatly regarding the Arabic language of Jāhiliya poetry:

It is beyond doubt, however, that in the late 6th cent. A.D. it was a purely literary dialect, distinct from all spoken idioms and super-tribal. It is today often referred to as the “poetical *koinē*”. (Rabin et al. 1960–2007)

I suspect the same argument can be made for the language of pre-modern Turkic epic poetry. In other words, the language of pre-modern Turkic epic poetry may have actually been an inter-dialect language of oral literature, at least in the central regions where the specific dialects were mutually intelligible. Whether this was the case for the Runiform Turkic language is a matter worthy of further consideration. (It would also be a relevant issue to consider in the debate over the branch of the Turkic languages to which the language of the Runiform Turkic inscriptions belonged.)

The further back we go in time, the more plausible this could be, but since the oldest transcription of Turkic epic poetry by Chokan Valikhanov is from the mid-

16 For a discussion of this issue see Erdal (2004: 14), and most recently Aydin (2016).

19th century,<sup>17</sup> we will probably never have the data we need to study this question in depth. Of course, in the 20th century nation-states have established formal literary languages (emphasizing and reinforcing, of course, the differences between modern dialects) in which epic poetry is now sung.

### **The end of Runiform Turkic**

While we cannot, of course, say that Runiform Turkic ceased to exist completely, we can at least observe that Runiform Turkic was no longer used as an official language following a brief career of perhaps just a few decades in the Second Türk Empire and the Uyghur Kaghanate. The disruption caused by the Plague in the Time of Justinian led not only to the political disarray which allowed the Uyghur Kaghanate to replace the Second Türk Empire, but to cultural and technological regression as well, just as it would in the 14th century. This interpretation is consistent with the notion that there were outbreaks of plague in the 8th century. Whether the death of Kül Tëgin in 731 is due to plague, we do not know, but the use of the runiform alphabet for writing Turkic seems to have suffered a setback by the second half of the 8th century. If it was an acquired skill shared only by a relatively small number of educated individuals, this specialized knowledge was at risk in the event of a sudden outbreak of epidemic disease. Is it possible to argue that so large a percentage of the community of speakers of the spoken or literary dialect of Runiform Turkic died that it led to the demise of the community speaking this language? I am not sure, but if so, this would also have a bearing on the discussion of to which branch of the modern Turkic languages Runiform Turkic was closest.

After the 8th century Runiform Turkic seems not to have served an official function, but the fact that it continued at all (or had perhaps even a resurgence?) may be attributed to the demographic and therefore cultural and technological rebound following the end of the waves of plague in the second half of the 8th century.

### **After Runiform Turkic**

After the sudden cessation in the use of Runiform Turkic, we once again see a return of the Soghdian script as well as its new incarnation as the Uyghur script plus an assortment of other related and unrelated scripts (Manichaean, Tibetan, Brahmi, etc.) to write Turkic.<sup>18</sup> This time, however, these scripts are used to write multiple dialects of Old Turkic (Erdal 2004: 7–8 and elsewhere). I cannot go into this topic in great detail, since it would require a great amount of additional research beyond the scope of this paper. I would say, however, that the rise of Old Turkic in various derivatives of Aramaic and other alphabets, even the Tibetan alphabet, needs to be contextualized. First of all, in the 9th–10 century we see the result of the great rise in religiosity associated with the onslaught of waves of plague (and perhaps gratitude

17 This has been published by Hatto (1977).

18 See the treatment of this topic in Clauson (1962), and Róna-Tas (1991).

at the end of waves of plague after 762?); this results in the beginning of a large-scale translation of canonical religious texts. We also see multiple alphabets being used, perhaps suggesting the end of the hegemony of one tradition or another, or perhaps multiple attempts to create new traditions, which probably also reflect different religious traditions. Finally, this comes at a time of rebounding population, which helps to improve economic and therefore cultural conditions for investing in religious education (and therefore language education) and knowledge production. Eventually we see the development of a more standardized language.<sup>19</sup>

While some of these texts probably use a stilted language, perhaps the result of mechanical translation from one or more canonical languages into a new variety of canonical Turkic for one or another religious tradition, others seem to be refreshingly modern. I am not sure that I would consider the language of the Runiform Turkic inscriptions to be the same dialect as the language of some works in Old Uyghur. In particular, when I consider the language of the “Tale of the Good Prince and the Bad Prince” in Old Uyghur (Hamilton 1971), I think of its language as representing the spoken vernacular.<sup>20</sup> I am struck by how close the language is to, say, modern Uzbek. In this regard, differentiating between the various Turkic vernaculars of this early period remains a matter worthy of further investigation.

### Conclusion

I have tried in some of my writings to underscore the importance of the Black Death of the mid-14th century for understanding the turbulent history of Turkic literary languages in this period. We can only understand the sudden disappearance of the Syriac Turkic and Volga Bolgharian epigraphical languages as well as the literary language of the Golden Horde through an awareness of this world-historical phenomenon.<sup>21</sup> After the disappearance of Volga Bolgharian we can observe quite clearly the Kipchakization of the Middle Volga region.<sup>22</sup> I have also proposed that the transformation from the orthographic system of Old Anatolian Turkish to that of Ottoman Turkish reflects the loss of the learned Central Asian orthographic tradition and a shift to the Arabo-Persian system more common in the Middle East.<sup>23</sup> In a similar vein I would argue that Chaghatay Turkic, whose rise is most closely associated with the career of ʿAlī Šīr Nāvāi (1441–1501), can be seen as a language closer

19 See the comment on an Old Uyghur *koine* in Erdal (2004: 7–8).

20 Reference was made to this work and its “vernacular language” by a participant at the First International Conference on the Role of Religions in the Turkic Culture (Budapest, Hungary, September 9–11, 2015), which I attended. Unfortunately I have not been able to identify who that person was. Nevertheless I have reached this conclusion independently through reading this text with graduate students.

21 See Schamiloglu (1991) and (2012).

22 See Schamiloglu (2016a) and (2016c).

23 See Schamiloglu (2004: 255–279, especially 268–269).

to the spoken vernacular in Central Asia; indeed Babur says exactly this.<sup>24</sup> We also see the otherwise inexplicable renaissance of the Uyghur alphabet in Central Asia in this era, including one of the manuscripts of the *Ḳutadḡu bilig*.

In the sphere of literature and religiosity, I have also suggested that the Black Death is the cause of the disruption of the Islamic Turkic literary tradition in the Golden Horde after the creation of the *Nāḥj ü-l-fāradis*. I have suggested that Muhammad b. Muhammad b. Xusrāv āl-Xorezmi (or Kārdāri, according to one manuscript described in the 19th century by Šihabāddin Mārjāni) wrote the *Nāḥc ü-l-fāradis*, whose subtitle is *Uštmaḡlarnıñ açuḡ yolı* (“The Clear Path to Heaven”), as a pious act during the time of plague. I have also argued that Süleyman Çelebi’s poem honoring the birth (*mevlid*) of the Prophet Muhammad is a similar work of Islamic piety inspired by death in this period, with even the Arabic name, *Vesilet ün-nejat* (“The Path of Salvation”), suggesting a parallel to the *Nāḥj ü-l-fāradis*.<sup>25</sup>

I do not pretend that this is a topic which I have exhausted, as I am still reflecting upon the impact of the Black Death upon Turkic languages and cultures in the 14th–16th centuries. I believe I still have at least a few additional historical languages whose demise, transformation, or rise out of the ashes of Middle Turkic I have yet to describe. But, as I would like to remind my readers through this contribution, the Black Death was only the second pandemic of bubonic plague to afflict the Old World and that we have a solid basis for exploring the same range of phenomena for the pandemic of bubonic plague in the 6th–8th centuries.

I hope that I have been able to make a convincing case for the need to expand our vision of the linguistic and philological history of Turkic to embrace an interdisciplinary vision of the past while rewriting the history of the Turkic epigraphical and literary languages. Returning once again to the era of Old Turkic and the Plague in the Time of Justinian, perhaps it is not a coincidence, after all, that the Old Turkic runiform inscriptions belong to roughly the same period as the oldest dated text in English, *Cædmon’s Hymn*, a religious poem composed between 658 and 680, or as texts parallel to the next major landmark in the history of English literature, Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, written in the late 1380s during the era of the Black Death.

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# The position of the Lopnor dialect

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The so-called Lopnor dialect is arguably the most aberrant of the main dialects of Modern Uyghur. Malov was struck by its peculiar developments, leading him to devote a separate book to Lopnor, rather than including it in his book on Uyghur dialects. At first sight, Lopnor distinguishes itself from its relatives mainly in the field of phonetics. Fourfold vowel harmony in the low vowels and numerous consonant assimilations give it a distinctly non-Uyghur appearance. Although the non-Uyghur features of Lopnor have been attributed to “Old Kirghiz” (a variety of Old Turkic) ancestry, several of them are in fact comparable to modern Kirghiz. This article investigates whether it is warranted to assume the presence of a Kirghiz-like layer or component in Lopnor and discusses similarities and differences between Lopnor, Standard Uyghur and Kirghiz, as well as the characteristics which cannot readily be connected to other Turkic languages. The focus is on systematic and incidental phonetic developments. The paper concludes with a brief selection of morphological and lexical features.

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## 1. Introduction

The Lopnor dialect<sup>1</sup> is the Turkic idiom traditionally spoken by the Loptuqs,<sup>2</sup> pastoralists and fishermen of Southeast Xinjiang.<sup>3</sup> Lopnor may have had more than 25,000 speakers during the last century, but this figure has been declining for several decades.

- 1 This article is an expanded version of a paper I submitted after my talk at the 2006 *International Turkish Linguistics Conference* in Uppsala.
- 2 This name derives from *\*lop-luq*, with *-l-* > *-t-* as discussed below. The name Lopnor will be used here rather than Lop in order to avoid confusion with Lop in Khotan prefecture. *Lop Nur* (Mongolian for ‘Lake Lop’) used to be a salt lake, and is today an ecological disaster site. It was famously mentioned by Marco Polo. The etymology of the name *Lop* (or *Nop*) is unclear. For an overview of proposals see Esmail Abdurehim (2014: 25).
- 3 Osmanov (1983) lists the following main locations where Lopnor was spoken: Mirān, Dōnqotan, Goday, Tuñčekä, Yaman Xuwa, Mirsali, Šutañ, Qaraqum, Aqsupu, Barayčekä, Čoñköl, Čara, Oymanköl, Yeñisu, Aryan, Tikänlik, Šiniya, and Küzlāk. For an extensive survey of historical, geographical and ethnographical information I refer to Esmail Abdurehim (2014), who also takes into account hard-to-access Chinese publications.

Although the Lopnor vernacular was recognised as a separate entity before the concept of a standardised Modern Uyghur language took shape, today it is classified as one of the three main dialects of Modern Uyghur. The two others are the Khotan dialect located in Southwest Xinjiang, and the so-called Central dialect that ranges over northern and western Xinjiang, encompassing the sub-dialects on which the Modern Uyghur standard language was based. There is considerable variation within the Central dialect, but even Lopnor and Khotan are not homogeneous.

There are considerable phonetic and lexical differences between the several recorded Lopnor varieties. Malov's data are from Mirān and Ča(r)qiliq. Fu et al. (2000) distinguish two subdialects, Yùlí (尉犁) and Mirān-Čaqiliq (米兰-若羌). Many of the documented forms are not specified for locality.

Two examples of phonetic differences that may impede intelligibility are the development of *\*r* (represented by *r*, *y*, *Ø* or vowel lengthening), e.g. Döñqotan *qarɣa*, Mirān *qayɣa*, Čara *qaya* 'crow' (cf. Gao 1994: 62), and the development of *\*p* (represented by *p* or *w*): *süwür-*, *süwüü-*, *süpüy-* 'to sweep' (Fu et al. 2000: 3116).

Lopnor is increasingly influenced by standard Uyghur both because of Uyghur language media and schools and the displacement and dispersion of its speakers.

The Lopnor dialect (henceforth simply "Lopnor") has several remarkable features that clearly set it apart from the rest of Uyghur (henceforth "Uyghur"). At first sight, this mainly concerns a more elaborate vowel harmony system than that of Uyghur, vowel contractions, and numerous consonant assimilations, both within stems and on morpheme boundaries.

Since at first sight some of these features look like Kirghiz rather than Uyghur, it makes sense to investigate whether they are indicative of an actual Kipchak connection or stratum in Lopnor. Malov<sup>4</sup> was the first to suggest that deviating features of Lopnor are due to a connection with so-called "Old Kirghiz". However, because this label usually refers to a corpus of Runic inscriptions, which is defined by historical and geographical criteria rather than by a set of linguistic features, it would be difficult to investigate such a connection.<sup>5</sup> At the same time, Lopnor undisputedly shares Uyghur or Chaghatay (Southeastern Turkic or "Karluk") features.

In this paper, we will present a number of phonetic features that may be helpful in finding out more about the origins of Lopnor and more accurately locating its position in the Turkic family tree, especially in its relationship to modern Uyghur and modern Kirghiz. Is Lopnor a sister language to Uyghur? And if not, is it an independent Chaghatay language with Kipchak elements or an "Uyghurised" Kipchak lan-

4 See Malov's (1956) introduction. According to Wei (1989: 239) Lopnor "preserves some of the characteristics of old Kirgiz". No linguistic features are discussed.

5 Non-linguistic arguments supporting such a connection will not be discussed here. Osmanov (1983) mentions that a small subgroup of western Loptuqs called themselves Kirghiz (*Qirγiz*). It has to be kept in mind, however, that the name Kirghiz occurs as a tribal name elsewhere in Turcia, including among the Manchurian Khakas ('Fuyu Kirghiz') and Western Yugur (Yellow Uyghur).

guage? Were the Kirghiz-like features of Lopnor really adopted from Kirghiz, or are their similarities due to parallel but independent developments? Non-Turkic components of Lopnor will be mostly ignored here, although they contribute to its diminished intelligibility.

The literature on Lopnor is characterised by an abundance of variant forms. This is not unexpected, as the published materials span several decades and were recorded in different locations. Moreover, the language is changing rapidly, as is often the case with non-written languages under pressure. The data used in this paper were in large part taken from Malov's monograph, as his materials retain the unpolished quality of field notes without much standardisation and interpretation. (For example, Malov did not decide which of a number of variants was the "original" one or the "best" one.) Although he only published texts and a lexicon, and did not visit all the localities, Malov provides a broad picture of the language. His is the oldest extensive collection of data and although the book is teeming with pronunciations and grammatical forms taken from Uyghur, it is likely to preserve more of the character of a less Uyghurised Lopnor. Further materials were taken from the publications of Mirsultan Osmanov (Osmanop), the most prolific author on Lopnor, and from the dictionary edited by Fu Maoji, complemented by lexemes from Ғappariwa, Ғopuri, and Tenişev. Most publications approach Lopnor in the manner of a so-called *idio-ticon*, whereby deviations from the standard are described, rather than the language as a whole.

The materials presented by Esmael Abdurehim (2014), the most recent sizeable publication on Lopnor, constitute a type of "almost-Uyghur", which may be representative of a language in its final throes. As the present survey focuses on "linguistic archaeology" and aims to find the oldest retrievable layers of Lopnor, the word shapes documented by Abdurehim have not been considered here.

In these pages, the locality and author of each discussed item will not be indicated. The notations were (re)transcribed and, especially in the case of Fu et al.'s narrow transcription, simplified for the sake of comparison.

## 2. Doublets

In the published Lopnor materials, many etyma are represented by two or more forms that differ beyond the type of phonetic variation found within any language. While some of these internal variants are difficult to explain, others provide us with insights about the development of Lopnor.

As in the examples in the following list, we can often classify the recorded Lopnor forms into at least two recognisable groups, represented here by a selection of the extant variants. Often we find that one group is close to Uyghur, while the other looks quite different.

In itself this does not prove much, as the reason can be different in each case, and it is not always obvious which of the two is the original Lopnor form. In some cases the left column form may be due to intra-Turkic copying (perhaps from

Kirghiz or another Kipchak language), and the right column form native Lopnor, whereas in others the left one may be native Lopnor, and the right hand one a form adopted from or influenced by standard Uyghur. However, even in most cases where the right hand form is typically Uyghur (such as *yeŋi*, *tonu*-) we have no evidence to establish whether the non-Uyghur form is Kirghiz, or native Lopnor, or just an older stage of Uyghur.

Lopnor (less Uyghur-like)	Lopnor (more Uyghur-like)	Standard Uyghur	
<i>ene</i>	<i>ana</i>	<i>ana</i>	mother
<i>ol</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	he/she
<i>ani</i>	<i>onu</i>	<i>uni</i>	her/him
<i>ma</i>	<i>mu</i>	<i>mu</i>	also
<i>yaŋi ~ yaŋi</i>	<i>yeŋi</i>	<i>yeŋi</i>	new
<i>tanī-</i>	<i>tonu-, tunu-</i>	<i>tonu-</i>	to know
<i>taqayū ~ taqu</i> <i>~ taqo</i>	<i>toxo</i>	<i>toxu</i>	chicken
<i>buzuu</i>	<i>muzay</i>	<i>mozay</i>	calf
<i>bülüü</i>	<i>biley</i>	<i>biläy</i>	whetstone
<i>söök</i>	<i>söŋŋök</i>	<i>söŋäk</i>	bone
<i>tiy-</i>	<i>teg-</i>	<i>täg-</i>	to touch
<i>eyiz ~ eez</i>	<i>egiz</i>	<i>igiz</i>	high
<i>oono- ~ ono-</i>	<i>oyna- ~ oyno-</i>	<i>oyna-</i>	to play
<i>moyun</i>	<i>boyun</i>	<i>boyun</i>	neck
<i>čimin</i>	<i>čiwin</i>	<i>čiwin</i>	mosquito; fly
<i>minän</i>	<i>bilan ~ bilän</i>	<i>bilän</i>	with
<i>sač</i>	<i>čač</i>	<i>čač</i>	hair
<i>šeš-</i>	<i>yeš-</i>	<i>yäš-</i>	to untie
<i>it-</i>	<i>yüt-</i>	<i>yüt-</i>	to lose
<i>anday</i>	<i>andaq</i>	<i>andaq</i>	like that
<i>söylö-</i>	<i>sözzö- ~ sözdö-</i>	<i>sözlä-</i>	to speak
<i>umšaq</i>	<i>yumšaq</i>	<i>yumšaq</i>	soft
<i>tooroq ~ toyoq</i>	<i>toyyoq ~ toyraq</i>	<i>toyraq</i>	poplar
<i>qoštu</i>	<i>xošnu</i>	<i>xošna</i>	neighbour
<i>ayli ~ alli</i>	<i>aldī</i>	<i>aldi</i>	front
<i>dö(y)t</i>	<i>tö(y)t</i>	<i>töt</i>	four
<i>yoyyon</i>	<i>yutqan</i>	<i>yotqan</i>	blanket

The most convincing cases of non-Uyghur influence are those in which the Lopnor form is incompatible with modern Uyghur, and cannot easily be explained as an earlier stage of Uyghur or as a secondary development of the Uyghur form. The stronger cases include *buzuu*, which could hardly have developed from its Uyghur cognate *mozay*, and *anday*, a typical Kipchak form. There are many pitfalls in evalu-

ating these variants, and each set should be looked at separately. For instance, the development *tiy-* ‘to touch’ is a Kipchak-like innovation from original *\*täg-*, but *eyiz* (< *\*ediz*) ‘high’ is an older form than *egiz*, which developed its *-g-* secondarily in Uyghur. Sometimes the Uyghur-like forms have undergone typically Lopnor developments, so that they look “more Lopnor” than the actual Lopnor form. An example of this is *sözzö-* (corresponding to Uyghur *sözlä-*), whose assimilated *-zz-* lends it a non-Uyghur appearance. It is however likely that the form *söylö-* is the native Lopnor one. Likewise, *qoštu* ‘neighbour’ could be a secondary development of a pre-modern Uyghur form *xoşnu* (< *\*koşñi*).

The existence of such variants, of which the list above represents only a fraction, can be explained if Lopnor is either an Uyghur dialect with many elements from another Turkic language, or a more remotely related language that has become increasingly influenced by Uyghur.

Many phenomena observed in Lopnor can be understood in terms of diglossia, in which speakers attempt, mostly successfully, to switch between standard Uyghur and correct Lopnor depending on what is socially required in a given situation. This diglossia leads to constant triangulation, whereby familiarity with the distinguishing features of Lopnor and Uyghur leads to the acquisition of a set of intuitive sound laws, which enable speakers to create hypercorrect Lopnor forms or hypercorrect standard Uyghur forms. On the one hand the application of Lopnor sound laws to Uyghur words produces forms like the abovementioned *sözzö-*, which is merely a “Lopification” of Uyghur *sözlä-*.

On the other hand, the Uyghurisation, i.e. the “subtraction” or “cancellation” of perceived Lopnor sound laws from forms that were not actually Lopnor, leads to unexpected forms. The historically incorrect form *maɣla-* ‘to praise’ developed from *maɣta-* based on the knowledge that Lopnor often changes *l* into *t* as in *bašta-* ‘to begin’ vs. Uyghur *başla-*. The form *maɣla-* arose in an attempt to create a correct Uyghur form, although *maɣta-* is in fact a Mongolic word and does not contain the verbalizer suffix *-la*. *Ökmä* ‘lungs’ developed from *ökpä* < *\*öpkä*, based on the knowledge that *-p-* after a voiceless plosive may correspond to *-m-* in Uyghur, although the Uyghur form is actually *öpkä*.

The Lopnor form *mašana* ‘car’ developed from *mašina* based on the knowledge that Uyghur raises *a > i* in middle syllables. The form *mašana* can be viewed as an attempt to provide *mašina* (a Russian word) with a correct Lopnor counterpart by undoing a perceived standard Uyghur development. The Lopnor form *poštu* ‘mail’ developed from *pošta* (also from Russian) based on the knowledge that word-final low vowels of Uyghur often correspond to original high vowels, as in Lopnor *öčkü* ‘goat’ vs. Uyghur *öškä*, Lopnor *yetti* ‘seven’ vs. Uyghur *yättä*. Lopnor *yalin* ‘udder’ developed from Uyghur *yelin*, based on the knowledge that Uyghur *e* is often the result of palatalisation of *a* followed by *i*, as in *qelin* ‘thick’ vs. Lopnor *qalin*. However, *yelin* has never had *-a-*, although it is now perceived as phonologically back-vocalic in Uyghur. These forms would not have arisen if Lopnor had developed in isolation.

In short, both “Lopified” Uyghur words and Lopnor words that are, or could be, secondarily Uyghurised, should be kept apart in discussions about the history of Lopnor.

### 3. Features shared with Uyghur (and not with Kirghiz)

The features that Lopnor shares with Standard Uyghur are mainly old features that were preserved in both languages, but were lost elsewhere. The loss of “pronominal *n*” is a shared Chaghatay innovation also found in Uzbek.

1. Retention of *\*u/ü* after unrounded syllable
2. Tendency to merge *\*i* with *\*i*<sup>6</sup>
3. Retention of intervocalic *\*-g* (but cf. *-AgU* under 6.7)
4. Retention of final *\*-g* except in monosyllables (in Lopnor as *-g/γ* or *-k/q*)<sup>7</sup>
5. Retention of *\*y-* as such, or, before high vowels, elision (no *ǰ-*)<sup>8</sup>
6. Ablative *-DIn*, as in *öydün* ‘from the house’
7. Loss of “pronominal *n*”, as in *ičidä* ‘inside it’ (vs. *ičindä* in other Turkic languages)
8. Secondary *-g-* from earlier *-y-*.<sup>9</sup>

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz		
<i>ayu</i>	<i>oγa</i>	<i>uu</i>	<i>*agu</i>	poison
<i>ačuq</i>	<i>očuq</i>	<i>ačiq</i>	<i>*ačuk</i>	open
<i>qattiy</i>	<i>qattiq</i>	<i>qatuu</i>	<i>*ka(t)tiğ</i>	hard
<i>ölüg</i>	<i>ölük</i>	<i>ölü(ü)</i>	<i>*ölüg</i>	dead
<i>yapuγ</i>	<i>yopuq</i>	<i>jabuu</i>	<i>*yapig</i>	horse blanket
<i>il</i>	<i>yil</i>	<i>jil</i>	<i>*yil</i>	year
<i>eger</i>	<i>egär</i>	<i>eyer</i>	<i>*ädär</i>	saddle

- 6 The merger of *\*i* and *\*i* has different consequences in Lopnor than in Uyghur. Uyghur words that have no other vowels than *i*, whatever its origin, tend to take back vocalic suffixes in inflection, e.g. *piš-* ‘to cook’, *čiš* ‘tooth’, *iz* ‘track’, *tiz* ‘knee’ take back vocalic suffixes, whereas Lopnor *piš-*, *tiš*, *iz*, and *tiz* take front suffixes.
- 7 The Khotan dialect systematically preserves *g/γ* in these circumstances. The double representation of *\*g* in Lopnor raises the question whether perhaps the Lopnor forms in *-k* are all due to Uyghur influence. Alternatively, Lopnor variants such as *orγoγ* ‘sickle’ and *ördög* ‘duck’ may be the result of confusion caused by the voicing of final *-k/-q* when suffixes are attached.
- 8 Some Lopnor words display *ǰ-* < *\*y-*, e.g. *jirgen-* ‘to be disgusted’, *jañila-* ‘to renew’, *yat* ~ *jat* ‘strange’, *yigiyä* ~ *jigiyä* ‘twenty’, *yüyü-* ~ *jürü-* ‘to go’. These seem to be too marginal to be meaningful. Some instances of *ǰ-* seem to be due to sandhi phenomena, e.g. *aγit jel* ‘speech’ < *aγiz yel*. Standard Uyghur words with *ǰ-* are usually taken from Kipchak or Mongolic, e.g. *jawiya* ‘wool shorn in summer’, *jigdä* ‘narrow-leaved oleaster’, *jiyän* ‘nephew’ (replacing direct developments from CT *\*yapaku*, *\*yigdä*, *\*yegän*).
- 9 This is a Chaghatay development also found in Uzbek.

There is some doubt as to point 1, as the sources show many cases of unrounding of *u/ü* after an unrounded first syllable, such as *ašiq* ‘ankle’, *qamış* ‘reed’, *taši-* ‘to carry’, *tani-* ‘to know’, *yari-* ‘to become bright’, which may represent the native Lopnor development. For all of these words, there are recorded variants with rounded second syllable. Such forms, as well as *ačuq* ‘open’, *aγu* ‘poison’, and *qa-zuq* ‘stake’ may in fact represent pre-modern Uyghur forms rather than original Lopnor ones.

Point 3 is also problematic, as both Lopnor and Uyghur feature contraction of *VGV* sequences in trisyllabic stems such as *toχu* (\**takagu*) ‘chicken’ and *mozay* (\**buzagu*) ‘calf’. Moreover, Uyghur has several Kipchak-type developments, such as *köküyün* (\**kö:kägün*) ‘gadfly’, *üyür* (\**ögür*) ‘herd of horses’, *yaw* (\**yagi*) ‘enemy’. The preservation of *-g-* in Uyghur may in fact be restricted to shorter stems.

#### 4. Uyghur features absent from Lopnor

The following Standard Uyghur developments were originally absent from Lopnor. Most of these deviations are mentioned in surveys of the distinguishing features of Lopnor, in support of the official dialect divisions of Uyghur. These are mostly pre-Uyghur forms, that is to say, the Lopnor forms failed to undergo typical Uyghur developments. This means that in these cases Lopnor tends to agree with the majority of Turkic languages, making these features of little classificatory value.

1. Lowering of word-final high vowel *> a/ä*
2. Raising of medial syllable *a/ä > i*
3. Umlaut of first syllable *a > e* before second syllable *i*
4. Rounding of first syllable *a* before second syllable *u*
5. Affrication of \**t-* before high vowel + *č* or *š*<sup>10</sup>
6. Assimilation of \**s-* before *č* or *š*

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz		
<i>ilqi</i>	<i>yilqa</i>	<i>jılqı</i>	* <i>yılki</i>	herd of horses
<i>yetti</i>	<i>yättä</i>	<i>jeti</i>	* <i>yä(t)i</i>	seven
<i>balasi</i>	<i>balisi</i>	<i>balası</i>	* <i>bala-sı</i>	her child
<i>aqadu</i>	<i>aqidu</i>	<i>aqat</i>	* <i>ak-a turur</i>	it flows
<i>balıq</i>	<i>beliq</i>	<i>balıq</i>	* <i>balık</i>	fish
<i>taqu</i>	<i>toχu</i> (~ <i>tuχa</i> )	[ <i>tooq</i> ]	* <i>takagu</i> [ <i>*taguk</i> ]	chicken
<i>tište-</i>	<i>čišlä-</i>	<i>tište-</i>	* <i>tišlä-</i>	to bite
<i>tüş-</i>	<i>čüş-</i>	<i>tüş-</i>	* <i>tüş-</i>	to fall
<i>sac</i>	<i>čac</i>	<i>čac</i>	* <i>sac</i>	hair

<sup>10</sup> The retention of \**t-* in this environment is shared by the Central Uyghur Turfan and Qomul dialects.

### 5. Non-classificatory Lopnor innovations

The most striking features of Lopnor, at least from the perspective of a speaker of Standard Uyghur, are often not unique within Turkic, and are not very useful for classification purposes, although they are almost invariably mentioned in publications about Lopnor.

#### 5.1. Metathesis of consonant clusters *-pr-*, *-gl-*, *-gr-*, *-tl-*, *-dl-*

The Common Turkic consonant clusters *-pr-*, *-gl-*, *-gr-*, *-tl-*, *-dl-* tend to be inverted in Lopnor, often resulting in forms similar to those seen in South Siberian Turkic and Western Yugur (see Nugteren & Roos 2006: 114-117).

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz		
<i>teywe-</i>	<i>tewre-</i>	<i>terme-</i>	<i>*täprä-</i>	to shake
<i>yilya-</i>	<i>yayla-</i>	<i>ïyla-</i>	<i>*ïgla-</i>	to cry
<i>olyoq</i>	<i>oylaq</i>	<i>ulaq</i>	<i>*oglak</i>	kid goat
<i>buṛya</i>	<i>bụyra</i>	<i>buura</i>	<i>*bugra</i>	camel stallion
<i>qultuq</i>	<i>qutluq</i>	<i>qutuu</i>	<i>*kuthug</i>	lucky
<i>taltiq</i>	<i>tatliq</i>	<i>tattuu</i>	<i>*ta:tlīg</i>	sweet
<i>ilda-</i>	<i>hidla-</i>	<i>jïtta-</i>	<i>*(y)ïdla-</i>	to smell
<i>alta-</i>	<i>atla-</i>	<i>atta-</i>	<i>*a:tla-</i>	to step

In *eereš-* ‘to follow’ (from earlier *\*egreš-*, cf. Uyghur *ägäš-* (< *\*ärgäš-*), Uzbek *ergäš-*), the cluster developed in the opposite direction. Lopnor *älgäk* ‘sieve’ agrees with *\*älgäk*, whereas Uyghur *ägläk* was metathesised. A genuine, systematically applied preference for certain orders of consonants may have existed, as it does in South Siberian languages, but it appears in that case to have been obscured by a tendency to opt for the reverse order of that in Standard Uyghur. Other non-classificatory metatheses include *azïy* ‘mouth’, *uṛyuy* ‘Uyghur’ (*\*agiz*, *\*uygur*).

#### 5.2. *\*-g > -q* in monosyllables

This development, a natural extension of the general tendency to devoice word-final *\*-g*, also occurred in the Central Uyghur dialects of Qomul and Turfan.<sup>11</sup>

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz		
<i>taq</i>	<i>tay</i>	<i>too</i>	<i>*ta:g</i>	mountain
<i>yaq</i>	<i>yay</i>	[ <i>jow</i> (dial.)]	<i>*ya:g</i>	grease
<i>čiq</i>	<i>čiy</i>	<i>čiy</i>	<i>*čig</i>	plant name

11 Further, note that in both Standard Uyghur and Western Yugur the dative of *tay* ‘mountain’ is *taqqa* rather than *\*tayya*.



### 5.3. Consonant assimilations

The tendency to assimilate consonant sequences, which to some degree is found in all Turkic languages, is taken further in Lopnor. This does not only affect stems but also plays an important role in inflection. (Gao lists four consonant variants for the plural suffix *-LAR*, and seven for the acc./gen. case *-NI*.)<sup>12</sup> This often results in “monotonous” paradigms, e.g. *biz* ‘we’ > gen. and acc. *bizzi*, dat. *bizgä*, loc. *bizzä*, abl. *bizzin*, and can make stems indistinguishable; e.g. *assa* may represent *ačsa* ‘if s/he opens’, *aš-sa* ‘if it exceeds’, *at-sa* ‘if s/he throws’ or *as-sa* ‘if s/he hangs’.<sup>13</sup>

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz		
<i>yassuq</i>	<i>yastuq</i>	<i>ǰastıq (ǰazdık)</i>	<i>*yastuk</i>	pillow
<i>qizzar</i>	<i>qizlar</i>	<i>qızdar</i>	<i>*kız-lar</i>	girls
<i>ippi</i>	<i>yipni</i>	<i>ǰipti</i>	<i>*(y)ıp-ni</i>	thread (acc.)
<i>ešäkki</i>	<i>išäknıǰ</i>	<i>ešektin</i>	<i>*äšgäk-nıǰ</i>	donkey (gen.)
<i>tappas</i>	<i>tapmas</i>	<i>tappas</i>	<i>*tap-mas</i>	s/he won’t find

### 5.4. Loss of preconsonantal -y-

Preconsonantal *y*, both from original *\*y* and from *\*d*, is generally dropped, and the preceding vowel lengthened, as in *quuqa* ‘singed hair’ < *\*kuyka*, *ooǰot-* ‘to wake up (tr)’ < *\*odgat-*, *saara-* ‘to sing’ < *\*sayra-*, *quuruq* ‘tail’ < *\*kudruk*, *aari-* ‘to separate’ < *\*adır-*, *oono-* ‘to play’ < *\*oyna-*.

### 5.5. Sibilant assimilation and dissimilation

In words with initial *s-* followed by *č*, Lopnor often features the original unasimilated forms alongside Uyghur-like assimilated forms, e.g. *sač* ~ *säč* ~ *šäš* ~ *čač* ~ *čäč* ~ *čeč* ‘hair’, *sačqan*, *čäčkän*, *čičqan* ‘mouse’ (Uyghur *čač*, *čašqan*).

In three words containing the sequence *sVs*, the first *s* is elided in Uyghur. Lopnor has both the original form and the Uyghur-type dissimilations. Kirghiz changed the second *-s* to *-z*, as in Western Yugur. There are in fact two Turkic verbs for ‘to be thirsty’, *\*us-* and *\*suvsa-* > *susa-*, which seem to have been conflated in Uyghur. In the case of *\*süs-*, Lopnor developed an additional disyllabic form *üssü-*, which further developed a dissimilated form *üstü-*.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	Yugur		
<i>sus-</i> ~ <i>us-</i>	<i>suz-</i>	<i>us-</i>	<i>suz-</i>	<i>*sus-</i>	to scoop
<i>süs-</i> ~ <i>üssü-</i>	<i>süz-</i>	<i>üs-</i>	<i>suz-</i>	<i>*süs-</i>	to butt
~ <i>üstü-</i>					
<i>ussa-</i> ~ <i>susa-</i>	<i>suusa-</i>	<i>ussa-</i>	<i>us-</i>	<i>*suvsa-</i>	to be thirsty

12 Counting all vocalic variants, this adds up to 16 and 28 allomorphs, respectively.

13 Some of these assimilations, e.g. *assa* < *at-sa*, can also be observed in spoken Uyghur.

The originally homophonous stems \**šiš* ‘skewer’ and \**šiš-* ‘to swell’ have undergone different developments. The former is recorded in Lopnor in the assimilated form *šiš* ~ *šāš* ‘sharp object’, whereas the latter is documented in the Uyghur-like form *išši-* which lost the initial consonant.<sup>14</sup> Kirghiz has *šiši-*. For more on sibilant assimilations in Turkic see Schönig (2009).

### 5.6. Geminated consonants

The native Lopnor treatment of geminated consonants within stems is unclear, as several stems are recorded in single-consonant and geminate versions, including several numerals (2, 7, 8, 9, 30). *aččiq* ‘anger’, *ottoyo* (\**otra*) ‘middle’, *qattiγ* ‘hard’ and *ittik* ‘sharp’ agree with Uyghur, but this may be due to the influence of the standard language.<sup>15</sup> Lopnor features further geminates of its own, often involving *-p-* and *-ŋ-*, such as *uppa* ‘face powder’, *ippar* ‘musk’, *qussuq* ‘vomit’, *aŋŋiz* ‘stubble’, *oŋŋoy* ‘easy’, *siŋŋar* ‘one of a pair’, which may not always be relevant to historical phonology.

### 5.7. *w > g/γ*

*w* may become *g* or *γ* in both Turkic and non-Turkic words, e.g. (native) *yagaš* ‘well-behaved’, (Arabic) *aγγal* ‘first’, *göziir* ‘minister’, *haga* ‘air’, (Persian) *dergüš* ‘derwish’, *mögö* ‘fruit’, (Mongolic) *sugay* ‘barren’ (Uyghur *yuwaš*, *awwal*, *wäzir*, *hawa*, *därwiš*, *mewä*, *suway*). This phenomenon is also known from Central Uyghur dialects such as Turfan and Qomul.

### 5.8. Vowel rounding

Rounding of vowels by labial consonants and/or vowels of the second syllable leads to deviations from Uyghur, as in the items below. A similar tendency in Uyghur mostly affects *a/ä* of the first syllable followed by *u/ü*, and does not occur when there is a geminate or consonant sequence between the first and second vowel.

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz		
<i>pušuy-</i>	<i>pišur-</i>	<i>bīšir-</i>	* <i>bīšur-</i>	to bake
<i>üčüy-</i>	[ <i>ičküz-</i> ]	<i>ičir-</i>	* <i>ičür-</i>	to give to drink
<i>čürü-</i>	<i>čiri-</i>	<i>čiri-</i>	* <i>čirü-</i>	to rot
<i>költür-</i>	<i>kältür-</i>	<i>keltir-</i>	* <i>kältür-</i>	to bring
<i>köŋrü</i>	<i>käŋri</i>	<i>keŋ(i)ri</i>	* <i>käŋrü</i>	wide
<i>sömrü-</i>	<i>sämir-</i>	<i>semir-</i>	* <i>semri-</i>	to become fat
<i>yölpü-</i>	<i>yälpü-</i>	<i>jelpi-</i>	* <i>yelpi-</i>	to fan

<sup>14</sup> *šüšüy-* ‘to swell’, the non-Uyghur form recorded by Malov, is likely an aorist or a causative form (from an earlier \**šiš-ür-*).

<sup>15</sup> Some words appear with an interesting dissimilation: *istik* (< \**issig*) ‘hot’, *uššaq tüštäk* (< *uššaq tüššäk* < \**uvšak tävšäk*) ‘tiny’, and *üstü-* (< *üssü-* < \**süs-*) ‘to butt’. This development may be due to hypercorrection as the sequence *-st-* normally becomes *-ss-*.

## 6. Kirghiz-like developments in Lopnor?

Now we arrive at some developments that are reminiscent of Kirghiz, although upon closer inspection some of the details differ.

### 6.1. Fourfold vowel harmony in low vowels

The appearance of *o* and *ö* in non-first syllables is one of the most obvious similarities between Lopnor and Kirghiz. In cases of *u* in the stem, neither Lopnor nor Kirghiz rounds the suffixes.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	
<i>ördöktör</i>	<i>ördöktör</i>	<i>ödäklär</i>	ducks
<i>qoyloruwiz</i>	<i>qoylorubuz</i>	<i>qoylirimiz</i>	our sheep (pl.)

### 6.2. Stronger tendency to labialise *i* in suffixes

Suffixes with original *I* alternation, exemplified here by the nomen agentis suffix *-čI*, the 3rd person possessive *-(s)I*, and the converter *-kI*, are rounded after a rounded syllable in Lopnor and Kirghiz, but remain unrounded in Uyghur. Suffixes with the high vowel *X*, such as the 1st person possessive *-(X)m* and the passive *-(X)l*, generate rounded and unrounded suffix variants in Uyghur as well.<sup>16</sup>

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	
<i>qoyču</i>	<i>qoyču</i>	<i>qoyči</i>	shepherd
<i>qolu</i>	<i>qolu</i>	<i>qoli</i>	her hand
<i>taqusu</i>	---	<i>toxusi</i>	his chicken
<i>öydökü</i>	<i>üydögü</i>	<i>öydiki</i>	the one in the house

### 6.3. Delateralisation of syllable-initial *-l-*

This development is not only shared by Lopnor and Kirghiz, but can also be found in Kazak, Bashkir, Northeastern Turkic and Western Yugur, indicating that it occurred a couple of times independently.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	
<i>bašta-</i>	<i>bašta-</i>	<i>başla-</i>	to begin
<i>uqta-</i>	<i>uqta-</i>	<i>uxla-</i>	to sleep

This development does not necessarily result in similarities with Kirghiz, as can be seen in the following words:

<sup>16</sup> The absence of rounding in Standard Uyghur is partly an artefact of the written language. The genitive and ablative case endings are always written with <*i*>, although in spoken Uyghur they can be rounded. However, the accusative ending and the third person possessive are usually really unrounded.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	
<i>ässä-</i>	<i>este-</i>	<i>äslä-</i>	to remember
<i>üllük</i>	<i>ündüü</i>	<i>inlük</i>	with sound
<i>aŋla-</i>	<i>aŋda-</i>	<i>aŋla-</i>	to hear

The details of how the Lopnor assimilations came about are unknown. Lopnor *äs-sä-* may have developed from a Kirghiz-like form *ästä-* (like *yassuq* above), or directly from *äslä-*, and in either case it could be borrowed from Uyghur. In spite of this uncertainty, these few examples show that several consonant sequences behave differently in Lopnor than in Kirghiz. After nasals, *-l-* does not appear to assimilate in Lopnor, and the sequence *-nl-* normally undergoes regressive assimilation.

#### 6.4. Denasalisation of syllable-initial *-n-* and *-m-*

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	
<i>öttü</i>	---	<i>ötñä</i>	borrowing
<i>hečteme</i>	<i>ičteme</i>	<i>hečnemä</i>	nothing
<i>teppek ~ tepmek</i>	<i>teppek</i>	<i>täpmäk</i>	to kick
<i>toqpaq ~ toqmaq</i>	<i>toqmoq</i>	<i>toqmaq</i>	bludgeon

#### 6.5. Initial or medial *b/p > m* due to word-final nasal

The development of initial *\*b > m* is common throughout Turkic in short words such as *män* 'I'. Remote assimilation as in *moyun* is not restricted to Kirghiz either, but is found in Northeastern Turkic and Western Yugur as well. Apart from the examples below, *m-* may appear in words without any nasals, such as *biläk ~ miläk* 'wrist', *boy ~ moy* 'stature', *bulut ~ mulut* 'cloud'. If these words were taken from texts, they may of course be sandhi forms.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	
<i>murun</i>	<i>murun</i>	<i>burun</i>	<i>*burun</i> nose
<i>moyun</i>	<i>moyun</i>	<i>boyun</i>	<i>*boyun</i> neck
<i>čimin</i>	<i>čimīn ~ čibīn</i>	<i>čiwīn</i>	<i>*čī:pīn</i> fly

#### 6.6. Nasal dissimilation

Mostly in disyllabic words in which *n* co-occurs with another nasal, Lopnor shares a tendency with Kirghiz to change the *n* into *l*. This mostly affects non-Turkic lexemes, such as *maymil* 'monkey', *ambal* 'functionary', *qalun* 'law' (Uyghur *maymun*, *amban*, *qanun*).

#### 6.7. Contraction of *-AgU* in trisyllables

The words with three syllables that end in the sequence *-AgU* behave in a peculiar way in Uyghur as well. In disyllabic words, intervocalic *-g-* is preserved in Uyghur, but in this set of trisyllabic words we see that the *-g-* is lost and the end of the word

is contracted. The forms in Lopnor seem to be the result of another type of contraction. Although the contracted vowels in Lopnor are usually high, it is conceivable that they developed from a Kazak-like *-aw/-ew* or Kirghiz *-oo/-öö*.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur		
<i>bülüü</i>	<i>bülöö</i>	<i>biläy</i>	* <i>bi:lägü</i>	whetstone
<i>buzuu</i>	<i>muzoo</i>	<i>mozay</i>	* <i>buzagu</i>	calf
<i>üčüü</i> [~ <i>üčögü</i> ]	[ <i>ičegī</i> ]	<i>üčäy</i>	* <i>ičägü/ki</i>	intestines
<i>yuru</i> ~ <i>yiro</i>	<i>qīroo</i>	<i>qiro</i>	* <i>kīragu</i>	hoar frost
<i>küyü</i>	<i>küyöö</i>	<i>küyö/küyo</i>	* <i>küdägü</i>	brother-in-law <sup>17</sup>
<i>üčü-län</i>	<i>üčöö</i>	<i>üčäy-län</i>	* <i>üčägü</i>	all three <sup>18</sup>

### 6.8. Further contractions

Other contractions in Lopnor generally look like Kipchak as well, but Standard Uyghur is not consistent here and apparently also contains Kipchak forms, with semi-vowels *-w-* and *-y-* instead of expected *-g-*.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur		
<i>kiiz</i>	<i>kiyiz</i>	<i>kigiz</i>	* <i>kidiz</i>	felt
<i>mee</i> ~ <i>megä</i>	<i>mee</i>	<i>meñä</i>	? * <i>bäñi</i>	brain
<i>müüs</i> ~ <i>müyüs</i>	<i>müyüz</i>	<i>müngüz</i>	? * <i>büñüz</i>	horn
<i>söök</i>	<i>söök</i>	<i>söñäk</i>	* <i>söñök</i>	bone
<i>ür</i>	<i>üyür</i>	<i>üyür</i>	* <i>ögür</i>	herd
<i>köküün</i>	<i>kögöön</i>	<i>köküyün</i>	* <i>kökägün</i>	gadfly
<i>tünüün</i>	---	<i>tünügün</i>	* <i>tünä kün</i>	yesterday
<i>suq</i>	<i>suuq</i>	<i>soyaq</i>	* <i>sogik</i>	cold <sup>19</sup>
<i>quula-</i>	<i>quu-</i> ( <i>qubala-</i> )	<i>qoyla-</i>	* <i>kovla-</i>	to chase

17 The Uyghur word is omitted by some dictionaries and marked as dialectal by others. More commonly listed is the compound *küy'oyul* 'son-in-law'.

18 Older, non-standardised sources do have Uyghur forms without the *-y-*; e.g. Jarring mentions (among other variants) *üčöwlän*; and likewise for other numerals. Malov gives a greater variety of Lopnor forms for 'the two of us/you/them' (but notably without a form resembling the present-day standard Uyghur form) *ikkälän*, *ikkelän*, *ikkölän*, *ikülän*, as well as *ikkö-zü* and *ikkülä-biz* 'the two of them/us'. Uyghur variants mentioned by Jarring (1964:143) clearly involve the postposition *bilän*. Apparently, the *-y-* in *üčäylän* is not of the same origin as that in the other examples, which clearly contain the suffix *-AGU*.

19 Turfan *sooq*. An anonymous reviewer stated that both *soq* and *soyuq* are standard Uyghur forms. Kibirov & Cunvazo have *soq*; other dictionaries that have this entry mark it as dialectal and have either *soyaq* or *soyuq* as the standard form. The Uyghur adjective shapes *soy* ~ *soq* ~ *sooq* ~ *souq* ~ *sawuq* ~ *sowaq*, as well as the verb *sowu-* (Lopnor *suu-*) 'to become cold' (on which the dictionaries agree) are themselves indicative of Kipchak influence.

### 6.9. Loss of preconsonantal *-n-*

Lopnor has a tendency to elide *n* before *č*, as in *sačqaq* ~ *sančqaq* ~ *čančiyaq* ‘fish spear’,<sup>20</sup> *ičke* ~ *inčke* ‘thin’, *teč* ~ *tinč* ‘quiet’ (the forms with preserved *-n-* may be Uyghurisms). This development, which only occurs in syllable-final position, is shared with Kirghiz, but is also found in South Siberian Turkic and Western Yugur. In the case of *qonču* (< \**konč*) ‘bootleg’ the final vowel, perhaps originally the 3rd person possessive suffix, prevented the elision of *-n-*. Unlike in most Siberian languages, the verbs *čanč-* ~ *čänč-* ~ *čanči-* ~ *sanji-* ‘to stab’ and *yanč-* ~ *yanči-* ‘to crush’ preserve the *-n-* in Lopnor.

The rare cluster *-nt* was solved in different ways. It was simplified in *an* < \**ant* ‘oath’ and Arabic *qän* ‘sugar’, whereas Iranian *kenti* ‘town’ adds a final vowel. In Russian words the cluster is broken up, as in *ilminit* ‘element’, *sikinut* ‘second’, *simunut* ‘cement’.

### 7. Miscellaneous non-Uyghur phonetic features

The following Lopnor forms clearly do not agree with Standard Uyghur, though they may resemble forms in Uyghur dialects. They do not necessarily have (similar-looking) parallels in Kirghiz.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	Yugur		
<i>añjila-čikänäk</i>	<i>añgıra-čiqanaq</i>	<i>hañra-jäynäk</i>	<i>hañqıla-či'kinik</i>	* <i>añjila-čikänäk/čikanak</i>	to bray elbow
<i>yurtta-inñal küygäk loto</i>	<i>uurtta-inñen kürek</i>	<i>otla-hingan küräk</i>	<i>ortta-unkin</i>	* <i>avurtla-ingän kürgäk</i>	to sip, gulp camel mare <sup>21</sup> spade
<i>oñortqo suuru-tamyaq tunuq türkük</i>	<i>omurtqa sapir-tamaq tunuq türkük</i>	<i>omurtqa soru-tamaq tiniq tüwrük</i>	<i>oñırqa sor-</i>	* <i>yota</i> ? <i>*oñurka</i> * <i>savur-</i> * <i>tamgak</i> * <i>tinuk</i> * <i>tirgük</i>	thigh; shank backbone to winnow throat clear post, pole
~ <i>töbrük toolu</i>	~ <i>töbrük toolu</i>	~ <i>töbrük toolu</i>	~ <i>töbrük toolu</i>	~ <i>töbrük toolu</i>	~ <i>töbrük toolu</i>
~ <i>tulu(q)</i>	~ <i>tulu(q)</i>	~ <i>tulu(q)</i>	~ <i>tulu(q)</i>	~ <i>tulu(q)</i>	~ <i>tulu(q)</i>
<i>uya ürgüdä-~ ürgüdä-yi'yač</i>	<i>uya ürgülö-~ ürgülö-yi'yač</i>	<i>uwa (m)ügdä-yi'yač</i>	<i>oya</i> <sup>23</sup>	* <i>uya</i> ? <i>*ürüg-</i> * <i>igač</i>	nest to nap, doze wood

20 Malov (1961) reports *sašqaq* ‘fishing rod’ for Dolan dialect.

21 Khotan has *hiñgal*.

22 Most dictionaries that list *tula* mark it as dialectal and view *möldür* (from Mongolic) as the standard word. Malov (1961: 162) gives *tula* for Aqsu dialect. It is attested in older Uyghur sources *tolu* ~ *tolä* (Jarring 1964: 311), *tolı* (Menges 1954: 127).

23 Western Yugur *oya* means ‘egg’.

<i>yulduz</i>	<i>jıldız</i>	<i>yultuz</i>	<i>yiltis</i> ~ <i>yultis</i>	<i>*yulduz</i>	star <sup>24</sup>
<i>ildiz</i>	---	<i>yiltiz</i>	<i>yiltis</i>	<i>*yıldız</i>	root
<i>ičke</i>	<i>ičke</i>	<i>inčke</i>	<i>şiki</i>	? <i>*yinjčke</i>	thin
<i>yoyyan</i>	<i>juur(t)qan</i>	<i>yo(r)tqan</i>	---	<i>*yogurkan</i>	blanket <sup>25</sup>

## 8. Morphological features

The following table provides a selection of features of Lopnor inflectional morphology, showing that the choice of suffix in Lopnor may be the same as in Standard Uyghur or Kirghiz, but in several cases resembles neither. The way Lopnor combines possessive and case suffixes (without pronominal *n*) resembles the Uyghur situation. The merger of accusative and genitive is a phenomenon known from Mongolic, but it can also be found in a number of Turkic languages.<sup>26</sup> There is no obvious connection with Kirghiz or with Kipchak in general. In some cases, conjugation differs from both Uyghur and Kirghiz. The Lopnor suffix shapes may be internal innovations, but in some cases, as in the preservation of the aorist suffix variant *-Ur*, Lopnor is more archaic than Uyghur and Kirghiz.

Lopnor	Uyghur	Kirghiz	
<i>-NI</i>	<i>-niŋ (-nIn)</i>	<i>-NI</i>	genitive
<i>-NI</i>	<i>-ni</i>	<i>-NI</i>	accusative
<i>-DIn</i>	<i>-Din (-DIn)</i>	<i>-DAn</i>	ablative
<i>-(I)miz ~ -(I)wiz</i>	<i>-(I)miz</i>	<i>-(I)bIs</i>	possessive 1pl
<i>-ImGA</i>	<i>-ImGA</i>	<i>-ImA</i>	poss. 1sg + dative
<i>-InŋA</i>	<i>-InGA</i>	<i>-InA</i>	poss. 2sg + dative
<i>-IGA</i>	<i>-iGA</i>	<i>-InA</i>	poss. 3sg + dative
<i>-(s)InI</i>	<i>-(s)ini</i>	<i>-(s)In</i>	poss. 3sg + accusative
<i>-day/-teg</i>	<i>-däk</i>	<i>-dAy/-dek</i>	like <sup>27</sup>
<i>-(A)r ~ -Ur</i>	<i>-(A)r</i>	<i>-(A)r</i>	aorist
<i>-A-di-män</i>	<i>-A-män</i>	<i>-A-mIn, -A-m</i>	present-future 1sg
<i>-A-du-lar</i>	<i>-(I)š-A-du</i>	<i>-(I)š-A-t</i>	present-future 3pl <sup>28</sup>
<i>-Ani ~ -yni (?) ~ -Ay</i>	<i>-(A)y</i>	<i>-(A)yIn</i>	imperative 1sg
<i>-Ali / -yli</i>	<i>-(A)yIl</i>	<i>-All(K)/-yIl(k)</i>	imperative 1pl

Some suffixes only differ in their treatment of vowel harmony. The potential suffix, which goes back to the verb *al-* ‘to take’, did not develop a front vocalic alternant in Lopnor, leading to forms such as *kiralmadim* vs. Uyghur *kirälmidim* ‘I could not enter’. Conversely, the 1st person plural of the past tense *-DUk* has front vocalic

24 Jarring has *yulduz* ~ *yıldız* (160) ‘star’ and *yildiz* ~ *yıldız* (157) ‘root’.

25 The Uyghur form with *-r-* was recorded by Katanov (see Menges). The *-t-* is secondary.

26 This merger is found in Dagur and the Mongolic languages of Gansu and Qinghai, Turfan dialect, Fergana Uyghur, Uzbek of Afghanistan, and South West Kipchak.

27 *-däy/-dey* is also reported for Khotan dialect (Gao: 143, Malov 1961: 105) and in Keriya dialect (Malov 1961: 105).

28 The plural *-LAR* is also used with other indicative verb forms, as well as with the imperative *-sUn*. In the Uyghur verb, *-LAR* can only be used on the 2nd person imperative.

alternants, whereas Uyghur only has *-Duq*, cf. Lopnor *süzzük* ‘we strained’, *kör-mödük* ‘we did not see’ vs. unharmonic Uyghur *süzduq*, *körmiduq*.<sup>29</sup>

A discrepancy in the present-future is the retention in Lopnor of the *y* of the converb before the question particle, as in *yilaymisiz* vs. Uyghur *yiylamsiz* ‘will you cry?’ (< \**iglayu mu siz*), *barmaymisen* vs. Uyghur *barmamsen* ‘aren’t you going?’.

*untul-* ‘to forget’, *ayrit-* ‘to hurt (intransitive!)’ have the meanings of \**unut-* and \**agir-*, although they contain the passive and causative suffixes, respectively.<sup>30</sup>

The pronouns *ol* ‘s/he/it/that’ and *bu* ‘this’ have primary case forms such as dat. *añña*, *oñño*, abl. *andin* ~ *annin*, dat. *muña*, *moñño*, loc. *munda*, abl. *mundun*, as opposed to the innovative Uyghur forms based on the genitive: *uniñya*, *uniñdin*, *buniñya*, *buniñda*, *buniñdin*.

Fu’s materials suggest a predilection for disyllabic intensifying reduplication of adjectives, e.g. *köppö-kök* ‘very blue’, *oppo-oḡšoṣ* ‘very similar’, *sappa-sariq* ‘very yellow’ vs. Uyghur *köp-kök*, *op-oḡšaṣ*, *sap-seriq*. The longer form, with parallels elsewhere in Turcia, may contain *ma* ‘also’. Cf. Uyghur *sapmu-saq* ‘very safe’, Western Yugur *kük pe kük* ‘very blue’, Karachay *sappa-sari* ‘very yellow’.

The weakening of colour adjectives deviates as well: *kökšül* ‘bluish’, *saryišin* ‘yellowish’, *qizyişmal* ‘reddish’ vs. Uyghur *köküş*, *sayuč*, *qizyuč*, Kirghiz *kögüş*, *kökčül*, *saryič*, *saryilt*, *saryımtal*, *qizyilt*, *qizyiltım*.

In derivational morphology there are numerous non-systematic differences from Uyghur, including *alwasqu* ‘demon, monster’ vs. Uyghur *alwasti*, Kirghiz *albarstı*, *artıq* vs. Uyghur *artım* ‘load’, *burma* ‘drill’ vs. Uyghur *burıya*, Kirghiz *burıy*; *imizäk* ‘nipple of feeding bottle’ vs. Uyghur *emizgä*, Kirghiz *emizdik*; *kölögüč* ~ *kölögö* ‘shade’, vs. Uyghur *kölängä*, Kirghiz *kölökö* ~ *kölönkö*; *oynayuč* ‘toy’ vs. Uyghur *oyunçuq*;<sup>31</sup> *künes* vs. Uyghur *küngäy* ‘sunny side’, Kirghiz *künös*, *küngöy*; *pişqaq* ‘cheese’ vs. Uyghur *pişlaq*, Kirghiz *bištaq*; *söyünčük* ‘a gift of money’ vs. Uyghur *söyünčä*, Kirghiz *süyünčü* ~ *čüyünčü*; *süwürgüč* ‘broom’ vs. Uyghur *süpürgä*, Kirghiz *şıpıryı*; *tamjuq* ‘drop’ vs. Uyghur *tamčä*, Kirghiz *tamčı*; *yapuruy* ‘harrow’ vs. *yopurya* in other dialects (Uyghur *söräm*).

The deverbal nominal suffix *-GU* is popular, as in *açqu* ‘key’, *basqu* ‘stairs’, *sal-yu* ‘single-plank bridge over a canal’, *yapqu* ‘blanket’, *yaryu* ‘wound’, as is *-mA*, as in *eşme* ‘oar’, *ilma* ‘ear pendant’, *qaqma* ‘chisel (for stone)’, *baqma bala* ‘foster child’.

29 Forms like *kälduq* ‘we came’ do occur in Lopnor, but they should probably be interpreted as Uyghurisms.

30 Cf. also *susat-* ‘to be thirsty’ and *oyut-* ‘to vomit’ alongside the base forms *susa-* and *oyu-*. This is reminiscent of verbs denoting involuntary actions, such as \**asur-* ‘to sneeze’ and \**käkir-* ‘to belch’, appearing with the causative in Western Yugur and Siberian Turkic.

31 An anonymous reviewer reports that *oyniyuč* is a common Uyghur word for ‘toy’. In the dictionaries I have only found it in the meaning ‘early ripening melon’. On the other hand, the phonetic shape *oynayuč* does support Uyghur origin, as the expected native Lopnor development would be \**oonoyuč* or perhaps \**oonooč*.



Lopnor *bala yatiš(i)*, *balayatquč* and Uyghur *baliyatqu* ‘womb’ express the same idea, ‘where a child lies’, by means of the same stems, but with different suffixes (Kirghiz *jatın* ‘place to lie down; womb’).

The verbs *zoru-* and *čoŋu-* ‘to become big’ are formed with the verbalizer *-I* or *-U* vs. Uyghur *zoray-*, *čoŋay-* with the suffix *-Ay*. Lopnor *yöli- ~ yölü-* ‘to become wet’ uses the same verbalizer (cf. Uyghur *höllän-*). Lopnor *azza-* ‘to decrease (intr.)’, formed with *-LA*, is used vs. Uyghur *azay-*. A Mongolic verbalizer appears in *qaqšī-* ‘to become dry’, *yarīmšī-* ‘to become half as much’.

Some new derivations from old stems are discussed in the following section.

### 9. Lexical features

Numerous Lopnor lexemes are absent from Uyghur, and are therefore often listed as peculiarities in the literature. A large portion of them, for instance fishing and boating terminology, are of Mongolic origin, and are not pertinent to our present topic. The following selection includes apparently old words that happen to survive in Lopnor, as well as regional words shared with neighbouring dialects. The impression of specific similarity to Kirghiz is somewhat exaggerated by the following table; several of these lexemes are also attested elsewhere in Turcia.

Lopnor	Kirghiz	Uyghur	Yugur		
<i>awušqa</i>	<i>abišqa</i>	---	<i>ošqa</i>	<i>*avička</i>	old man <sup>32</sup>
<i>az(i)na-</i>	<i>azina-</i>	---	---	---	to neigh <sup>33</sup>
<i>ör-</i>	<i>ör(ü)-</i>	---	---	<i>*ör-</i>	to climb
<i>qaraq</i>	[ <i>qarek</i> ]	[ <i>qaraq</i> ]	<i>qaraq</i>	<i>*karak</i>	eye [pupil] <sup>34</sup>
<i>qurtqa</i>	---	---	<i>qu<sup>h</sup>rtqa</i>	<i>*kurtka</i>	old woman
<i>qarišqur</i>	<i>qa(ri)šqür</i>	---	---	---	wolf <sup>35</sup>
<i>sayyaq</i>	<i>sayyaq</i>	---	---	---	gadfly <sup>36</sup>
<i>saysi-</i>	---	---	---	<i>*sarsi-</i>	to scold <sup>37</sup>
<i>suy elik</i>	---	---	<i>sugilig</i>	<i>*suk älig</i>	index finger
<i>sulu</i>	<i>suluu</i>	---	---	?< <i>*silig</i>	beautiful <sup>38</sup>
<i>tünül-</i>	<i>tünül-</i>	---	---	<i>*tünül-</i>	to lose hope <sup>39</sup>

32 Khotan has *obušqa* ‘old man’ (Гопури).

33 A form *azna-* ‘to bellow’ is reported by Jarring, and one of the anonymous reviewers stated that *azna-* ‘to neigh’ is a common Uyghur word. Osmanov, Гопури and Mihray give *kišnā-* as its standard Uyghur equivalent. It is not listed by Nadžip, Schwarz and the UHL; the Large Uyghur dictionary of 2006 gives Uyghur *azna-* ‘(of a bull) to roar before rutting’.

34 Lopnor *qaraq* also occurs in the compounds *aq qaraq* ‘white of the eye’, *qara qaraq* ‘iris’ and *olyon qaraq* ‘pupil’.

35 Possibly a taboo-related *Ersatzwort* from *\*kara ičkur* ‘black belt’ (also found in Kazak and elsewhere in Kipchak).

36 This derives from the verb *say-* ‘to stab, prick’ which is attested in Kirghiz but not in Lopnor.

37 Гопури reports Turfan *sarsi-* ‘to shout and shove, to mistreat, torment’.

38 Perhaps a development of *\*silig* < *\*silig* ‘smooth’, cf. Uyghur *siliq*.

<i>üčük</i>	<i>ičik</i>	---	<i>i<sup>h</sup>rcik<sup>h</sup></i>	<i>*ičük</i>	fur coat
<i>yumuš</i>	<i>jumuš</i>	---	---	<i>*yumuš</i>	matter

Lopnor *örmügüčü* ‘spider’ stems from *\*(h)ör-* ‘to weave’, but displays many irregular developments in the endings throughout central Turkic. It corresponds to Uyghur *ömičük*, Yugur *orimči*, and Kirghiz *örmökčü*.<sup>40</sup>

Among kinship terms, an etymologically problematic category, it is interesting that Lopnor has *ača* ‘father’ as in Yugur, and *ene* ~ *inä* ‘mother’, *eje* ‘elder sister’ as in Kirghiz.<sup>41</sup>

I will conclude here with a number of Lopnor lexemes which do not cast light on Lopnor’s affinities within Turkic, but underscore its uniqueness. Some are old Turkic words, such as *altin* ‘underside’, *läk* ‘crocodile’ (DLT *nag*, originally Sanskrit *nāga* ‘serpent’), *opur* ‘pit, hole’ (Old Turkic *opri*), *qaaliq* ‘vine trellis; storage’ (Old Turkic ‘attic’?), *qay* ‘grandfather’ (Old Turkic ‘father’), *yuruq* ‘scrap’ (DLT *yurun* ‘id’). *suuq-* ‘to hide’ (*soq-* in Turfan) is an extended meaning of *\*suk-* ‘to insert’.

Some words are apparently based on old stems, such as *bolduruq* ‘leaven, yeast’ from *bol-* ‘to become; (of dough) to rise’, *čayqaq* ‘wave’ from the verb *\*čayka-* ‘to shake, stir, rinse’, *qoluštuq* ‘love’ from *\*kol-* ‘to ask for (a girl in marriage)’,<sup>42</sup> *sančalaq* ‘thorn’ from *sanč-* ‘to pierce’, *sarayan* ‘reed bed’, possibly related to *\*sa:z* ‘swamp’, and *toqşuryuč* ‘poker (for the fireplace)’ from *\*toki-š-ur-* ‘to knock together’.

Others are etymologically unclear, such as *kirišek* ‘palate’, *qipal* ‘temple (of the head)’, *siyrim* ‘spindle whorl’, *soqomoq* ‘pole for tying up horses’, and *sög* ‘stone (in fruit)’.

Yet others are morphologically transparent, but semantically specialized, such as *baylaq* ‘shackles’, lit. ‘tie, bond’, *uyčaq* ‘two-year-old bovine’, lit. ‘small bovine’, and *ipčäk* ‘rein’, lit. ‘small cord’. Lopnor *sekiqgüč*, lit. ‘hopper’, is used for ‘grasshopper’, whereas in South Siberia the same formation denotes the flea.

Creative compounds include Lopnor *yarištamal* ‘bat’, which seems to go back to *\*kariš* ‘spread arms, fathom’ and *\*ta:pan* ‘sole’. Other inventions include *aaqa quuruq* ‘anus’, lit. ‘back tail’, *iyiqwaši* ‘kneecap’ (also Kirghiz), lit. ‘spindle-whorl’, *paqa taš* ‘tortoise’<sup>43</sup> instead of Uyghur *taš paqa* (lit. ‘stone toad’), *oraq waši* ‘horse’s muzzle with a bump’ (also Kirghiz), lit. ‘sickle-head’, *qazaq qapi* ‘snail’, lit. ‘pot bag’, *tam tekä* ‘*Uroctea* spider’, lit. ‘wall buck’, *sayq siqmaq* ‘bladder (of livestock)’.

39 One reviewer provides the equivalent Uyghur form *tügül-*, which I have not found elsewhere in that meaning.

40 The more common Kirghiz *jörgömüš* was remodelled on the basis of the verb *\*yörgä-* ‘to wrap’.

41 The more widely occurring *ata*, *aba/awa*, *dada* ‘father’ and *ana* ‘mother’ are also found in Lopnor. Malov records *apa* (‘mother’ in Uyghur) with the meaning ‘form of address from a younger to an older co-wife’.

42 Note also Lopnor *qoluqtuq* ‘having a suitor (said of a girl)’ from the same verb, with an equivalent in Kirghiz *qoluqtu* ‘bride’.

43 Thus according to Fu et al. Malov has *paqa taš* ‘low stone’.

lit. 'yellow squeezing', and *qarin yayqandi(si)* 'last child', lit. 'result of a shake of the belly'.

### 10. Preliminary conclusions

Although the Khotan dialect was not evaluated here, we can certainly agree with Wei (1989) that Lopnor is the most divergent of the Turkic idioms grouped together under the name "Modern Uyghur". Under other circumstances, it might have been widely considered a Turkic language. However, it does not automatically follow from the materials discussed here that the deviations from Uyghur should be attributed to non-Chaghatay influences, let alone to partial Kipchak ancestry.

Lopnor phonology reveals a mixed character, apparently involving contributions from at least two Turkic languages. Most crucial phonetic developments and tendencies, such as the development of word-final \*-g and pronominal *n*, are in agreement with Uyghur. Vowel harmony, vowel contractions and consonant assimilations deviate from Standard Uyghur. Some of the non-Uyghur phonetic features in Lopnor are reminiscent of Kipchak, but they are not exclusive to Kirghiz, nor are they peculiar enough to make an external source the only possible explanation.

These superficially similar developments do not necessarily follow the same rules as in Kirghiz. Moreover, the same developments have often taken place in other parts of Turcia. For instance, the fourfold vowel harmony in low vowels can also be found in Yakut and Turkmen, and could well develop elsewhere. The delateralisation of *-l-* has developed several times independently in different parts of Turcia, e.g. in Bashkir (but not in Tatar), in Kazak (but not in Noghay), in Western Yugur and in South Siberian Turkic. The treatment of the sequence *-AgU* is one of the more convincing instances where the Lopnor forms are incompatible with Uyghur, and could indeed be of Kirghiz, or at least Kipchak, origin.

Most Lopnor nominal and verbal morphology resembles that of Uyghur. It does feature non-Uyghur forms in both derivation and inflection, but only some of these, such as the equative *-day*, specifically suggest Kipchak influence.

Although some of the Non-Uyghur elements of the Lopnor lexicon have sometimes striking parallels in Kirghiz, many such items seem to be old words that happen to be replaced by foreign lexemes in Standard Uyghur, and do not constitute evidence for a Kipchak "layer".

In view of the above, it makes sense to look beyond Lopnor's official status as a subdivision of Uyghur and study it as a separate Chaghatay variety, a non-written sister language to Uyghur and Uzbek with its own convoluted history, as Malov did 60 years ago. The fact that Lopnor, in its linguistic decline, has now become 'virtually Uyghur' is undeniable and interesting, but does not bear on the question of whether it was *originally* a kind of Uyghur.

The aim of this paper has been to contribute to the discussion of the linguistic history of Lopnor, which is far from being settled. Many Turcological questions relevant to this problem are still unresolved.

Lopnor needs to be systematically compared with varieties of Uyghur, especially neighbouring ones such as Khotan, Qomul, and Turfan, which have already shown similarities to Lopnor in lexicon and some details of phonology.

The Kipchak component of Lopnor as well as of Standard Uyghur will have to be investigated further. It is insufficiently appreciated that the development of Uyghur itself has not been straightforward, which has led to internal inconsistencies, as exemplified by the development of the similarly-structured items *\*buzagu* ‘calf’, *\*kīragu* ‘hoarfrost’, and *\*takagu* ‘chicken’ into Uyghur *mozay*, *qiro*, *toxu*. Apart from its Chaghatay core, which it shares with Uzbek, Uyghur also displays a noticeable Kipchak influence, as well as remnants from Old Uyghur.

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# Subordination of existence and possessive clauses in Oghuz and Kipchak Turkic languages

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In the present paper I investigate subordination of existence and possessive clauses in contemporary Oghuz (Southwest) and Kipchak (Northwest) Turkic languages from comparative and typological points of view. One of the typological features of Turkic languages is that existence and possessive clauses are based on the same predicates. The characteristics and crosslinguistic distribution of two predicate types used in complementation and relativization of these clauses will be analyzed; these are the non-verbal predicate {BAR} and the verbal predicate {BOL}. The following results have been found. Kipchak Turkic languages, as well as Turkmen, an East Oghuz language spoken in Central Asia, use both {BAR} and {BOL} (in their bare forms or in various extended forms). The respective clauses in these languages are accordingly characterized by a formal diversity which to a certain extent ensures that distinct semantic notions are encoded by distinct formal devices. While {BAR} is also attested in some Turkish dialects, Standard Turkish (West Oghuz) makes exclusive use of {BOL}, a verb that allows ambiguities by being able to appear in quite a number of meanings and functions. In Turkic varieties that, as a result of intensive contact with Iranian or Slavic languages, exhibit right-branching and finite subordinate clauses, {BAR} appears as a typical predicate.

Keywords: Kipchak Turkic, Turkish dialects, Turkmen, subordination, possessive clause, existence clause

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## 1. Introduction

In this contribution I investigate subordination of existence and possessive clauses in contemporary Oghuz (Southwest) and Kipchak (Northwest) Turkic languages from comparative and typological points of view. Turkic languages are characterized by their lack of a verb corresponding to ‘to have’ in English or its cognates, as found in many European languages.<sup>1</sup> Instead, in Turkic, predications indicating possession are typically marked by existential predicates, which means, that existence and possessive clauses are based on the same predicates and share essential categorial affinity. Two core types of predicates are available in these clauses: i. the non-verbal

1 See Stassen (2009) for a crosslinguistic typology of predicative possession; see also Aikhenvald & Dixon (eds.) (2013).

predicate {BAR} meaning ‘existent’, ‘present’, and ii. the verbal predicate {BOL} with quite a number of meanings and occurrences.<sup>2</sup> Examples (1–4) illustrate these two predicate types as used in non-subordinate (main) clauses; (1–2) are existence clauses, and (3–4) convey predicative possession.

- (1) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Üstelde kitap bar.*  
 table-LOC book existent  
 ‘There is a book on the table.’  
 Lit.: ‘on the table book *existent*’
- (2) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*Burun-burun zamanda bir kan bol-yan.*  
 former-former time-LOC a khan BOL-PTER  
 ‘Once upon a time *there was* a Khan.’ (Karakoç 2005: 64)  
 Lit.: ‘once upon a time a Khan *was/existent*’
- (3) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Ardabil  
*Menim bi dene oğlum var, bi dene kızım.*  
 I.GEN a piece son-PSS1SG existent a piece daughter-PSS1SG  
 ‘I *have* a son and a daughter.’ (Karini 2009: 283)  
 Lit.: ‘my, my a son, my a daughter *existent*’
- (4) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*Ƙanıñ üş kızı üş kedesi bol-yan.*  
 khan-GEN three daughter-PSS3 three son-PSS3 BOL-PTER  
 ‘The Khan *had* three daughters and three sons.’ (Karakoç 2005: 64)  
 Lit.: ‘Khan’s, his three daughters, his three sons, *were/existent*’

In existence clauses, the noun referring to the existent entity is syntactically positioned after the noun that is marked by the locative case and denotes the location (1–2).<sup>3</sup> As for the possessive clauses, where the possessor takes a genitive case and the possessee agrees with the possessor in person and number, the existential predicate {BAR}, negated as {YOK}, performs a function comparable to that of the verbs ‘to have’, ‘to possess’ (3). The verb {BOL} ‘to be(come)’, negated as {BOLMA}, is capable of conveying various dynamic or static meanings in copular, existence and pos-

- 2 It is possible to find further types resulting from linguistic renewals, such as *bulun-* ‘to be found’ in Turkish existence clauses, e.g. *Masada bir kitap bulunuyor* [table-LOC a book be found-PRS] ‘There is a book on the table’. The present paper focuses on the core types {BAR} and {BOL}.
- 3 The locational copular clauses, such as *Kitap üstelde* [book table-LOC] ‘The book is on the table’ (South Kipchak, Kazakh), where the syntactic order of the constituents, and hence the information structure, is realized differently, are not included in the present analysis.

sessive clauses (Karakoç 2005, 2007 [2002], forthcoming). In existence clauses, it can denote a dynamic ('to come about', 'to come into being') or a static ('there is/are', 'to exist') meaning (2). Similarly, it indicates dynamic ('to acquire', 'to take possession of') or static ('to have', 'to possess') possession (4) in possessive clauses.

The morphosyntactic, semantic and discursive qualities of these predicate types in non-subordinate (main) possessive clauses have been comparatively analyzed for Oghuz and Kipchak languages in Karakoç (forthcoming). The purpose of the present paper is to explore their characteristics and distribution in subordinate (non-main) existence and possessive clauses. The analysis will focus on complement clauses (Section 2) and relative clauses (Section 3). Typological properties of these clauses in some Turkic languages that developed under intensive contact with Slavic or Iranian languages will be analyzed separately in Section (4). Adverbial clauses are excluded from the present paper, as they constitute a large and diversified domain of subordination including various formal and semantic subdomains (temporal, causal, conditional, purposive, etc.), which, I think, deserve an elaborate separate analysis.

The data analyzed was gathered from a number of literary sources, published texts including among others traditional/oral genres, internet sites, linguistic descriptions and grammars, and corpora of spoken vernaculars (published for instance in the context of master's or doctoral theses). Examples are also taken from my own collection of recordings.<sup>4</sup> Standard Turkish examples are rendered in the official orthography. Examples from other Turkic languages and vernaculars, which are found in various transcriptions or Cyrillic- or Latin-based orthographies, are rendered in a crosslinguistic Turcological transcription. The notations given in small caps within curly brackets, for instance {BAR}, are intended to cover possible phonological variants of the given cognates in languages under investigation. Morphological glossings of forms or structures in the running text are shown in square brackets.

## 2. Complementation of existence and possessive clauses

The non-verbal predicate {BAR} is attested in nonfinite complement clauses of older Turkic varieties, for instance *ahčasi var idukina* [money-PSS3 existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-DAT] 'that X has money' (Eckmann 1982–1983: 95) in Mamluk Kipchak from the Middle Turkic period. In contemporary Standard Turkish, the use of {BAR} is widely restricted to non-subordinate, main clauses (for its limitations—lexical/ idiomatic uses and special meanings—in embedded constructions, see 2.3.). This means, that the verbal predicate {BOL} is the main choice in Turkish subordinate clauses, where it can appear with its various dynamic and static meanings (Karakoç 2007 [2002]). In contemporary Kipchak languages, however, and in Turkmen, which

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belongs to the eastern sub-branch of Oghuz Turkic, {BAR} alongside {BOL} is productively operative in subordinate clauses. Furthermore, {BAR} is still in use, though not frequently, in complement clauses of some Turkish dialects.

### 2.1. Morphosyntactic appearances of the predicates {BAR} and {BOL}

In my crosslinguistic data, following morphosyntactic patterns of {BAR} are found. Under complementation, the bare predicate {BAR} (or the negated {YOK}) can be directly followed by a possessive suffix, which refers to the subject of the complement clause,<sup>5</sup> and a case suffix, marking the syntactic role of the complement within its superordinate clause, e.g. *bar-ı-n* [existent-PSS3-ACC] ‘that there is’, ‘that X exists’, ‘that X has’. Further, there are extended forms of {BAR} containing: i. the nonfinite copular marker {EKEN} meaning ‘that X is’, e.g. *bar eken-* in Kazakh, Noghay, Kirghiz, Kumyk, etc., or the corresponding nonfinite copular suffix *-IdIK-* ‘that X is’ in Turkish dialects: *var-ıdıK-*, ii. the suffix {LIK},<sup>6</sup> e.g. *bar-lıK-* in Karachay-Balkar, Tatar, Bashkir, Turkmen, *joq-tuK-* in Kirghiz, etc., iii. the nonfinite copular marker *eken-* followed by the suffix {LIK}, e.g. *bar eken-diK-*, *joq eken-diK-* in Kazakh. The possessive and case suffixes attach to the extended forms, e.g. *bar eken-i-n* [existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Noghay, *bar-lıy-ı-n* [existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC] in Tatar, *bar eken-dig-i-n* [existent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC] in Kazakh (‘that there is’, ‘that X exists’, ‘that X has’).

As a verbal predicate, {BOL} behaves differently. Under complementation, in order to be capable of forming a nominal base for the subsequent possessive and case markers, {BOL} first takes a nonfinite suffix, such as *-DIK* or *-mA* in Turkish, or *-GAn* in Kipchak Turkic languages, e.g. *ol-duK-*, *ol-ma-* in Turkish, *bul-yan-* in Bashkir. {BOL} takes participles denoting prospectivity in different languages, e.g. *bol-ayaK-* in Noghay, *bul-ačaK-* in Tatar, *ol-acaK-* in Turkish, *bol-a turyan-* or *bolor-* in Kirghiz. In Kipchak and Turkmen complement clauses, {BOL} can be found in extended forms containing: i. the nonfinite copular marker {EKEN} attached to the participial base, e.g. *bol-yan eken-* in Noghay, and ii. the suffix {LIK} attached to the participial base, e.g. *bol-yan-duK-* in Kirghiz. Possessive and case suffixes attach to the simple or extended forms, e.g. *bul-yan-ı-n* [BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Bashkir, *ol-duğ-un-u* [BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Turkish, *bol-yan-dıy-ı-n* [BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC] in Kazakh, *bol-yan eken-i-n* [BOL-NFIN COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Noghay (‘that there/it

5 Note that in an existential complement clause, the noun referring to the existent entity is the syntactic subject with which the possessive suffix attached to the predicate agrees. In a possessional complement clause, the possessive suffix on the predicate refers to the possessed element.

6 Though some researchers consider this suffix to be derivational (e.g. Rentzsch 2005 in the context of modern Uyghur), following Johanson (2006: 60) I leave open the possibility of tracing it back to an older copular form.

BE’,<sup>7</sup> ‘that X EXIST’, ‘that X HAVE’). Furthermore, {BAR} and {BOL} can occur in combination, e.g. *bar bol-γan-ī-n* [existent BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Kazakh, *var ol-duğ-un-u* [existent BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Turkish, *bar bol-γon-duγ-u-n* [existent BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC] in Kirghiz.

Table (1) reviews morphosyntactic structures of {BAR} and {BOL} as presented so far. It should be pointed out that not all these structures are available to the same extent in all languages investigated. Each language has its own preferences and limitations. For instance, {BAR} has a restricted use in Standard Turkish (see 2.3), whereas it can still be found in combination *var-idiK* in Turkish dialects. Thus, the table aims to summarize formal possibilities found in the entire body of cross-linguistic data.

Table 1: Structures of predications attested in existential and possessional complement clauses

		-{LIK}	+{LIK}
{BAR}	-[COP.NFIN]	{BAR}-PSS-CASE	{BAR}-LIK-PSS-CASE
	+[COP.NFIN]	{BAR}-EKEN-PSS-CASE	{BAR}-EKEN-LIK-PSS-CASE
		{BAR}-IDIK-PSS-CASE	
{BOL}	-[COP.NFIN]	{BOL}-NFIN-PSS-CASE	{BOL}-NFIN-LIK-PSS-CASE
	+[COP.NFIN]	{BOL}-NFIN-EKEN-PSS-CASE	-
{BAR}+{BOL}	-[COP.NFIN]	{BAR}+{BOL}-NFIN-PSS-CASE	{BAR}+{BOL}-NFIN-LIK-PSS-CASE

In complementation of interrogative clauses conveying existence or possession, we find two patterns: i. where {BAR} and its negated form {YOK} are combined, for instance *bar-joğ eken-i-n* [existent nonexistent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Kirghiz, *bar-īn-ī yoy-un-ī* [existent-PSS3-ACC nonexistent-PSS3-ACC], *bar-dīγ-īn-ī ya yoy-duγ-īn-ī* [existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC or nonexistent-LIK-PSS3-ACC] or *bar-yoyğ eken-lig-in-i* [existent nonexistent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC] in Turkmen (‘whether there is (or not)’, ‘whether X exists’, ‘whether X has’), and ii. where the verbal predicate {BOL} and its negated form {BOLMA} are combined, the first part taking the converb suffix {IP} and the second negated part taking a nonfinite suffix, for instance *ol-up ol-ma-diğ-in-ı* [BOL-CV BOL-NEG-NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Turkish or *bol-up bol-ma-dīγ-īn-ī* [BOL-CV BOL-NEG-NFIN-PSS3-ACC] in Turkmen (‘whether there/it BE (or not)’, ‘whether X EXIST’, ‘whether X HAVE’).

7 The notation of the words ‘be’, ‘exist’ and ‘have’ using small caps is intended to cover the possible dynamic or static meanings of {BOL} in past or present contexts, for instance BE will present ‘become(s)’, ‘is/are’, ‘became’, ‘was/were’. This issue will be analyzed further below in 2.5.

## 2.2. Complement clauses based on {BAR}

The following examples from Kipchak Turkic languages, as well as from Turkmen and Turkish dialects, illustrate the morphosyntactic structures of the predicate {BAR} (or the negated {YOK}) in complement clauses. (5–9) exemplify the structure of the bare predicate {BAR} in existence clauses (5–7) and possessive clauses (8–9), where possessive and case markers are directly attached to the bare form.

- (5) North Kipchak, Bashkir  
*Ah bılar donyala Negim kebi tebigetteñ katı zolomona*  
 INTER they world-LOC N. like nature-GEN hard cruelty-PSS3-DAT  
*taşlanyan balalar da bar-ï-n belheler.*  
 throw-PAS-PAR child-PL also existent-PSS3-ACC know-CD-3PL  
 ‘If only they knew that there are also children like Negim who are left to nature’s hard cruelty.’ (BA)  
 Turkish: ‘Ah bunlar Negim gibi tabiatın katı zulmüne bırakılan çocukların da *olduğunu* bilseler.’
- (6) South Kipchak, Karakalpak  
*Bala bulardıñ başında bir kayıñıñ bar-ï-n biledi.*  
 child these-GEN head-PSS3-LOC a trouble-GEN existent-PSS3-ACC know-PRS-3SG  
 ‘The child understands that they are in trouble.’  
 Lit.: ‘... that there is trouble on their heads ...’ (KA)  
 Turkish: ‘Çocuk, bunların başında bir dert *olduğunu* anlar.’
- (7) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Bilmeym oylarında ne bar-ï-n.*  
 know-NEG-PRS-1SG thought-PL-PSS3-LOC what existent-PSS3-ACC  
 ‘I do not know what they think.’ (Muhamedowa 2016: 32)  
 Lit.: ‘... what there is in their thoughts ...’  
 Turkish: ‘Kafalarında/fikirlerinde ne *olduğunu* bilmiyorum.’
- (8) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*... onıñ anasına usaytayan yerleri bar-ï-n*  
 ... she-GEN mother-PSS3-DAT resemble-PAR place-PL-PSS3 existent-PSS3-ACC  
*köredi.*  
 see-PRS-3SG  
 ‘... he sees that she has features resembling those of her mother.’ (Kapaev 1989: 161)  
 Turkish: ‘Onun annesine benzeyen tarafları *olduğunu* görür.’
- (9) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Azamat biyznesti damıtuw üşün tayı qanday usınıs-pikirleri*  
 A. business-ACC develop-INF for another what offer-opinion-PL-PSS3

*bar-ï-n*                      *suradı.*  
 existent-PSS3-ACC ask-PST  
 'Azamat asked what kind of proposals and opinions they had for business develop-  
 ment.' (Muhamedowa 2016: 36)  
 Turkish: 'Azamat, işi geliştirmek için başka ne gibi önerileri *olduğunu* sordu.'

The complement clauses in (10–21) are based on the extended form {BAR-LIK} (or the negated {YOK-LIK}). (10–12) exemplify existential complement clauses, while (13–21) contain possessive clauses.

(10) North Kipchak, Tatar

*Yigit şul uķ vakit, ċibik bilen kükte hikmet*  
 young man immediately rod with globe-LOC magic  
*bar-lïy-ï-n*                      *sizip ...*  
 existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC recognize-CV  
 'The young man immediately recognizes with a rod that there is a magic in the globe  
 ...' (TA)  
 Turkish: 'Genç hemen çubukla kürede bir sihir *olduğunu* anlayıp ...'

(11) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Olar aθil bu dünýäde yamanlïyïň, duşmançilïyïň*  
 they in fact this world-LOC malice-GEN enmity-GEN  
*bar-dïy-ïn-ï-da*<sup>8</sup>                      *unudupdurlar.*  
 existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC-also forget-PTER-3PL  
 'They have probably forgotten that there is malice and enmity in this world.' (Welsapar 1988: 44)<sup>9</sup>  
 Turkish: 'Onlar asıl bu dünyada kötülüğün ve düşmanlığın *olduğunu* da unutmuşlar.'

(12) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Öz aralarında şeyle adamïň bar-lïy-ïn-a*  
 self among-PSS3PL-LOC such person-GEN existent-LIK-PSS3-DAT  
*olar inanyrlar.*  
 they believe-PRS-3PL  
 'They believe that there is such a man among themselves.' (Welsapar 2006: 126)  
 Turkish: 'Kendi aralarında böyle bir adamın *olduğuna* onlar inanıyorlar.'

8 In my Turkmen data, both *bar-dïK*- (as found in this example) and *bar-liK*- (for instance in (12)) are attested. The former is regarded as a written variant. Similarly, *bar eken-diK*- is considered the more formal variant of *bar eken-liK*- (Ak Welsapar, p.c.).

9 According to Ak Welsapar, author of the book from which this example is taken, the use of *bar-liK*/*bar-dïK* is similar to that of *bar eken-liK*/*bar eken-diK*-, which means that they are interchangeable (compare (29)).

- (13) North Kipchak, Tatar  
*Bulattıñ aqçası bar-lıy-ı-n (yuk-lıy-ı-n)*  
 B.-GEN money-PSS3 existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC (nonexistent-LIK-PSS3-ACC)  
*beläm.*  
 know-PRS-1SG  
 'I know that Bulat has (doesn't have) money.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009b: 151)  
 Turkish: 'Bulat'ın parası *olduğunu (olmadığını)* biliyorum.'
- (14) North Kipchak, Bashkir  
*Ziläneñ aqsahı bar-lıy-ı-n (yuk-lıy-ı-n)*  
 Z.-GEN money-PSS3 existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC (nonexistent-LIK-PSS3-ACC)  
*beläm.*  
 know-PRS-1SG  
 'I know that Zilä has (doesn't have) money.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009a: 146)  
 Turkish: 'Zilä'nin parası *olduğunu (olmadığını)* biliyorum.'
- (15) North Kipchak, Bashkir  
*Ziläneñ nisä balahı bar-lıy-ı-n belmäyem.*  
 Z.-GEN how many child-PSS3 existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC know-NEG-PRS-1SG  
 'I don't know how many children Zilä has.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009a: 147)  
 Turkish: 'Zilä'nin kaç çocuğu *olduğunu* bilmiyorum.'
- (16) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*... tek okıtuwşı sorasa, okıwşıdın biliminiñ*  
 ... only teacher ask-CD student-GEN knowledge-PSS3-GEN  
*bar-lıy-ı körindi.*  
 existent-LIK-PSS3 appear-PST  
 '... when the teacher asked, it became apparent that the student had knowledge.' (Kapaev 1989: 161)  
 Turkish: 'Öğretmen sorunca öğrencinin bilgili *olduğu* (bilgisinin *olduğu*) göründü.'
- (17) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Men koy jayıp çıkkın törlördön anda-sanda alardı*  
 I sheep herd-CV go out-PAR field-PL-ABL sometimes they-ACC  
*uçuratıp kalıp, miltiymdın joq-tuy-un-a ökünüp tim*  
 come across-CV PV-CV rifle-PSS1SG-GEN nonexistent-PSS3-DAT regret-CV quiet  
*bolčumun.*  
 BOL-HAB.PST-1SG  
 'I sometimes suddenly came across them on the fields where I was tending my sheep. I would regret not having my rifle and used to stay quiet.' (Kasapoğlu 2005: 363)  
 Turkish: '/.../ Tüfeğimin *olmamasına* pişman olup sesimi çıkarmazdım.'
- (18) East Oghuz, Turkmen  
*İlki bilen-ä şu kârde on bäş yıl stažimñ*  
 first of all this job-LOC fifteen year experience-PSS1SG-GEN

*bar-diy-ın-ı*                      *yatladayın.*  
 existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC remind-OPT1SG  
 'First of all, let me remind you that I have fifteen years experience on the job.' (Clark 1998: 379)  
 Turkish: 'Öncelikle bu işte onbeş yıllık bir tecrübemin *olduğunu* size hatırlatayım.'

## (19) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Bu bir köpi geçip, adı galan halk.*  
 this a many-PSS3 pass-CV little-PSS3 remain-PAR people  
*Türkmenin gelejegini bar-lıy-ın-a mende indi inam ad.*  
 Turkmen-GEN future-PSS3-GEN existent-LIK-PSS3-DAT I-LOC now trust little  
 'This is a folk where many vanished and few remained. Now, my faith that the Turk-  
 mens have a future has lessened.' (Welsapar 2006: 113)  
 Turkish: 'Bu, çoğu yok olup azı kalan bir halk. Türkmenin geleceğinin *olduğuna* dair  
 güvenim artık az.'

## (20) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Onu miraθında jedelli yerlerini bar-lıy-ın-ı*  
 X-GEN heritage-PSS3-LOC controversial place-PL-PSS3-GEN existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC  
*kim bilenok?*  
 who know-NEG.PTER3  
 'Who doesn't know that X has controversial issues in his heritage.' (Welsapar 2006:  
 126)  
 Turkish: 'Onun mirasında tartışmalı yerlerin *olduğunu* kim bilmez?'

## (21) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Akşagülün iki gđini bar-diy-ın-a geň galdım.*  
 A.-GEN two daughter-PSS3-GEN existent-LIK-PSS3-DAT surprise-PAST-1SG  
 'I am surprised that Akşagül has two daughters.' (Ak Welsapar, p.c.)  
 Turkish: 'Akşagül'ün iki kızının *olduğuna* şaşırdım.'

The clauses in (22–27) illustrate the use of the productive nonfinite copular morpheme *eken-* in the combination {BAR EKEN}. (22–23) exemplify existential complement clauses, while (24–27) denote possession.

## (22) East Kipchak, Kirghiz

*İçinde em ne bar eken-i-n kaysi bir*  
 inner-PSS3-LOC also what existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC which a  
*ayaldar bilişken joq.*  
 woman-PL know-REC-PTER nonexistent  
 'Most of the women did not know what there was inside of it.' (KIA)  
 Turkish: 'İçinde ne *olduğunu* kadınların birçoğu bilmiyordu.'

- (23) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*Šoradiñ külemsirewinde bir yamanlıq bar eken-i-n*  
 Š-GEN smile-PSS3-LOC a malice existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC  
*seze kelgen Paša ...*  
 feel-CV PV-PART P.  
 'Paša, who has recognized that there is malice in Šora's smile ...' (Džanbidaeva & Ogurlieva 1995: 55)  
 Turkish: 'Šora'nın gülümsemesinde bir kötülük *olduğunu* sezen Paša ...'
- (24) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Azamat biyznesti damıtuw üşün tayı qanday usinıs-pikirleri*  
 A. business-ACC develop-INF for another what offer-opinion-PL-PSS3  
*bar eken-i-n suradı.*  
 existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC ask-PST  
 'Azamat asked what kind of proposals and opinions they had for business develop-ment.' (Muhamedowa 2016: 36)<sup>10</sup>  
 Turkish: 'Azamat, işi geliştirmek için başka ne gibi önerileri *olduğunu* sordu.'
- (25) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*... em onıñ aylaq üyken bibliotekası bar eken-i-n*  
 ... and X-GEN very big library-PSS3 existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC  
*esitken.*  
 hear-PTER  
 '... and, he had heard that X had a very big library.' (Kazakov 1983: 21)  
 Turkish: 'Hem onun çok büyük bir kütüphanesi *olduğunu* işitti.'
- (26) West Kipchak, Kumyk  
*Baliki, o gişi özünü raxmulu yüregi bar*  
 maybe that person self-GEN kind heart-PSS3 existent  
*eken-ge süyünüp yırlaydır...*  
 COP.NFIN-DAT be glad-CV sing-PRS-COP  
 'Maybe, this person is glad that he has a kind heart and is singing.' (KUA)  
 Turkish: 'Belki o kişi merhametli bir yüreğinin *olmasına* sevinip şarkı söylüyordur.'
- (27) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Anın eski kitebi bar eken-i-n uqtum.*  
 X-GEN old book-PSS3 existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC hear-PST  
 'I heard that X has old books.'  
 Turkish: 'Onun eski kitapları *olduğunu* işittim.'

10 According to Muhamedowa (2006: 36), examples as given in (9) and (24) are free options with the same meaning.

The use of the extended predicate {BAR EKEN-LIK} is exemplified in (28–31). (28–29) contain existential complement clauses, while the complement clauses in (30–31) convey predicative possession.

(28) East Kipchak, Kirghiz

*Bul kitepkanada eski kitepterdin bar eken-dig-i-n uktum.*  
 this library-LOC old book-PL-GEN existent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC hear-PAST-1SG  
 ‘I heard that there are old books at this library.’  
 Turkish: ‘Bu kütüphanede eski kitapların *olduğunu* duydum.’

(29) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Olar aÖil bu dünyäde yamanliýiň, duşmançılıýiň*  
 they in fact this world-LOC malice-GEN enmity-GEN  
*bar eken-lig-in-i-de unudupdurlar.*  
 existent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC-also forget-PTER-3PL  
 ‘They have probably forgotten that there is malice and enmity in this world.’ (Ak Welsapar, p.c.)  
 Turkish: ‘Onlar asıl bu dünyada kötülüğün ve düşmanlığın *olduğunu* da unutmuşlar.’

(30) East Kipchak, Kirghiz

*Tekebayev Atambayevdin kaçça baylyýi bar*  
 T. A.-GEN how much property-PSS3 existent  
*eken-dig-i-n açıkka çýarat.*  
 COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC bring to light-PRS-3  
 ‘Tekebayev brings to light how much property Atambayev has.’  
 (<http://kaganat.kg/2017/01/31/tekebaev-atambayevdin-kancha-bajlygy-bar-ekendigin-achykka-chygarat/>)  
 Turkish: ‘Tekebayev, Atambayev’in ne kadar varlığı *olduğunu* açığa çıkarıyor.’

(31) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Akjaýulüň iki gädiňiň bar eken-lig-in-e*  
 A.-GEN two daughter-PSS3-GEN existent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT  
*geň galdım.*  
 surprise-PAST-1SG  
 ‘I’m surprised that Akjaýul has two daughters.’ (Ak Welsapar, p.c.)  
 Turkish: ‘Akcağül’ün iki kızının *olduğuna* şaşırdım.’

The complement clauses in examples (32–37), representing the Turkish dialects, are based on the contracted forms of the Oghuz counterpart *var-idik*-, a combination of {BAR} with the archaic copular morpheme *-Idik*-.



- (32) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Aliefendi, Alanya  
*Öküz var-idi:-n za:tân bilmäyörüz.*  
 ox existent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC anyway know-NEG-PRS-1PL  
 ‘Wir wußten doch gar nicht, daß die Ochsen dort waren.’ (Demir 1993: 155)  
 ‘We didn’t really know that the oxen were there.’  
 Standard Turkish: ‘Öküz *olduğunu* zaten bilmiyoruz.’
- (33) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Babadağ, Denizli  
*Ne var ne yok, çoluk çöjuk?*  
 what existent what nonexistent child and the like  
*Amjañ aylattı ya ne var-dî:n-a, beş*  
 uncle-PSS2SG tell-PAST well what existent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-DAT five  
*evla:dîmiz va:, üç o:lan iki gîz.*  
 child-PSS1PL existent three son two daughter  
 ‘What do you have, child and the like? Well, your uncle told you, what we have; we have five children, three sons and two daughters.’ (Kanaç 2010: 137)  
 Standard Turkish: ‘Ne var ne yok, çoluk-çocuk? Amcan anlattı ya ne(yimiz) *olduğunu*, beş evladımız var, üç oğlan, iki kız.’
- (34) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Çukurbağ, Karaman  
*Domatislerde, hormon olan domatislerde ilaç*  
 tomato-PL-LOC hormone BOL-PAR tomato-PL-LOC chemicals  
*var-idi: belli olur.<sup>11</sup>*  
 existent-COP.NFIN-PSS3 obvious BOL-AOR  
 ‘It will be apparent that there are chemical agents in tomatoes which have been injected.’  
 Standard Turkish: ‘Domateslerde, hormon olan domateslerde ilaç *olduğu* belli olur.’
- (35) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Çukurbağ, Karaman  
*Domatislerde hormon yoğ-udu:n-u anlariz.*  
 tomato-PL-LOC hormone nonexistent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC recognize-AOR-1PL  
 ‘We recognize that there is no hormone in tomatoes.’  
 Standard Turkish: ‘Domateslerde hormon *olmadığını* anlarız.’
- (36) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Çukurbağ, Karaman  
*Ayşa Ankara’da halasînin var-idi:n-î yeni ö:rendi.*  
 A. Ankara-LOC aunt-PSS3-GEN existent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC recently find out-PST  
 ‘Ayşa recently found out that she has an aunt in Ankara.’  
 Standard Turkish: ‘Ayşe Ankara’da halası(nın) *olduğunu* yeni öğrendi.’

11 Examples (34–37) are taken from a recording of a conversation with Züleyha Turan, a speaker of the given Turkish dialect.

- (37) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Çukurbağ, Karaman  
*Ayşanin bi ğizī var-idi:n-i duy-dum.*  
 A.-GEN a daughter-PSS3 existent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC hear-PST-1SG  
 'I heard that Ayşa has a daughter.'  
 Standard Turkish: 'Ayşe'nin bir kızı *olduğunu* duydum.'

The following examples illustrate subordination of interrogative clauses expressing existence or possession in the sense of 'whether there is/are', 'whether X has'. Example (38) from Kirghiz contains a combination of {BAR} and {YOK} (*bar-çok eken-i-n*). Turkish equivalent of *bar-çok eken-i-n* would be *ol-up ol-ma-dığ-ın-ı*, a combination of the converbial *ol-up* with the negated participial *ol-ma-dığ-ın-ı*. Similarly, (39) from Turkmen and (40) from a Turkish dialect denote subordinate interrogative clauses.

- (38) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Anan činidayi suumun tübündö aq bürtükčölör*  
 then bowl-LOC-KI water-GEN bottom-PSS3-LOC white particle-PL  
*bar-çok eken-i-n tekşeret.*  
 existent-nonexistent COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC explore-PRS3  
 'Then, they check whether there are white particles in the water at the bottom of the bowl.' (KIA)  
 Turkish: 'Sonra kasedeki suyun dibinde beyaz parçacıkların *olup olmadığı* kontrol edilir.'
- (39) East Oghuz, Turkmen  
*Akjağülün gädinij bar-yok eken-lig-in-i<sup>12</sup>*  
 A.-GEN daughter-PSS3-GEN existent-nonexistent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC  
*Öradim.*  
 ask-PAST-1SG  
 'I asked whether Akjağül has a daughter or not.' (Ak Welsapar, p.c.)  
 Turkish: 'Akcağül'ün kızının *olup olmadığını* sordum.'
- (40) West Oghuz, Turkish dialect of Kulu  
*Var-idi:n-i yoğ-udu:n-u bilmiyon.*  
 existent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC nonexistent-COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC know-NEG-PRS-1SG  
 'I don't know whether there is or not.' (Adnan Küçüköl, p.c.)  
 Standard Turkish: '*Olup olmadığını* bilmiyorum.'

### 2.3. Restrictions of {BAR} in Standard Turkish complement clauses

The Turkish adjectival predicate *var*, a cognate of the Kipchak Turkic and Turkmen *bar*, is not capable of directly taking possessive and case markers in embedded

12 In this example, *bar-yok eken-lig-in-i* can be replaced by *bar-ın-ı yoğ-un-ı* or *bar-dıy-ın-ı* or *ya yok-duy-ın-ı* with the same meaning.

clauses (compare the unacceptable uses in (41) and (42) with the uses in (6) and (8) respectively), unless it—preferably combined with *yok*—appears in lexical and/or idiomatic expressions, e.g. (43–44). Compare *varımı yoğunu* in Turkish with the lexical use of *varī* in Azeri (45).

- (41) West Oghuz, Standard Turkish  
*\*Çocuk, bunların başında bir dert var-in-ı anlar.*  
 Intended: ‘The child understands that they had trouble.’
- (42) *\*Onun annesine benzeyen tarafları var-in-ı görür.*  
 Intended: ‘He sees that she has features resembling those of her mother.’
- (43) *var-in-ı                      yoğun-u                      bilmek (\*var-in-ı bilmek)*  
 existent-PSS3-ACC nonexistent-PSS3-ACC know-INF  
 ‘to know everything (all the details) about someone or something’
- (44) *var-in-ı                      yoğun-u                      kaybetmek (\*var-in-ı kaybetmek)*  
 existent-PSS3-ACC nonexistent-PSS3-ACC lose-INF  
 ‘to lose one’s all’ (Redhouse: 1218)
- (45) West Oghuz, Azeri  
*Bir kişinin, dövləti, var-ı, malı, qoyunu*  
 a man-GEN prosperity-PSS3 possession-PSS3 property-PSS3 sheep-PSS3  
*həddindən artıq çox idi.*  
 limit-ABL more many COP.PST  
 ‘A man had an excessive prosperity, possession, property and sheep.’ (AA)

Further, the Turkish words *varlık* and *yokluk*, formal cognates of Kipchak Turkic and Turkmen {BAR-LIK} and {YOK-LIK}, never denote a complement clause in the sense ‘that there is (not)’ or ‘that X has (does not have)’. Compare the unacceptable examples (46) and (47) with (10) and (13) respectively. In cases in which *varlık* or *yokluk* appear as complements of superordinate clauses, it is a question of their lexical meanings (*varlık* ‘existence’, ‘being’, ‘wealth’, ‘possessions’; *yokluk* ‘absence’, ‘non-existence’, ‘lack’, ‘poverty’) (48–49). Compare examples (48–49) which exhibit a nominal complementation (‘existence’, ‘possession’) with example (50), which illustrates a clausal complementation based on the predicate *olduk*- ‘that there is’.<sup>13</sup> At this point, it should be noted that Kipchak and Turkmen words {BAR-LIK} and {YOK-LIK} can also exhibit comparable lexical meanings, e.g. *barlıq* ‘the whole’, ‘abundance’, ‘wealth’, ‘existence’ in Noghay. See also the use of Kirghiz *barlıq* in example (30).

13 See Herkenrath & Karakoç (2017) for a recent analysis of criteria for distinguishing clausal versus nominal complementation in Turkish.

- (46) West Oghuz, Standard Turkish  
*\*Genç hemen çubukla kürede bir sihir var-lığ-ın-ı anlayıp ...*  
 Intended: 'The young man immediately recognizes with a rod that there is a magic in the globe ...'
- (47) *\*Bulat'ın parası var-lığ-ın-ı biliyorum.*  
 Intended: 'I know that Bulat has money.'
- (48) *Bütün varlığ-ın-ı bağışladı.*  
 all possession-PSS3-ACC donate-PST  
 'X donated all his/her possessions.'
- (49) *Böyle bir sorunun varlığ-ın-ı inkar edemeyiz.*  
 such a problem-GEN existence-PSS3-ACC deny-NEG.MOD.AOR-1PL  
 'We cannot deny the existence of such a problem.' (Karakoç 2007 [2002])
- (50) *Böyle bir sorunun ol-duğ-un-u inkar edemeyiz.*  
 such a problem-GEN BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC deny-NEG.MOD.AOR-1PL  
 'We cannot deny that there is such a problem.'

The combined form *var ol-* is sometimes found in existential complement clauses, however, it displays restrictions by having a special meaning strongly implying an absolute existence ('that it exists') (51–53) or a dynamic existence ('that it comes into being/existence'). Hence, it does not occur in clausal complements simply corresponding to 'that there is' or 'that X has'. This specific meaning explains the relatively infrequent occurrence of *var ol-* in the data. It appears to be too strongly marked to be used in neutral existence clauses. Compare examples (54–55) with (22–25) above. The same is true for the negated form *yok ol-*, which is not found in complements corresponding to 'that there is not' or 'that X does not have'. In embedded clauses, it typically conveys a dynamic meaning ('that something/ someone disappears, vanishes, becomes nonexistent'), see (56) (Karakoç 2007 [2002]).

- (51) West Oghuz, Standard Turkish  
*var ol-duğ-u bilinmeyen bir şeyin ortaya çıkarılması*  
 existent BOL-NFIN-PSS3 know-PAS-NEG-PAR a thing-GEN find out-PAS-INF-PSS3  
 'to find out something which you don't know exists at all'  
 (<https://www.seslisozluk.net/var-oldugu-daha-once-bilinmeyen-bir-seyin-ortaya-çikarılması-nedir-ne-demek/>)
- (52) *Hep orada, karşımızda durmak, var ol-duk-ların-ı*  
 always there in front of-PSS1PL-LOC stand-INF existent BOL- NFIN-PSS3PL-ACC  
*birbirlerine duyurmak, herkesten ayrı ve değişik*  
 one another-PSS3PL-DAT announce-INF everyone-ABL distinct and different

*olduklarını ima etmek için.*  
 BOL-NFIN-PSS3PL-ACC imply-INF for  
 ‘... so they might always be there, standing before us, announcing their existence, nay, their individuality and distinction.’ (Pamuk 2001: 130)<sup>14</sup>

- (53) *Sanki bu âlemde neden var ol-duğ-um-u bu*  
 as if this world-LOC why existent BOL-PSS1SG-ACC this  
*usüllerle resmedilirse daha iyi kavrayacaktım.*  
 fashion-PL-INS depict-PAS-AOR-COP.CD-1SG more good understand-PROS-COP.PST-1SG  
 ‘Had I been depicted in this fashion, it seemed, I’d better understand why I existed in this world.’ (Pamuk 2001: 132)

- (54) \**İçinde ne var ol-duğ-um-u kadınların birçoğu bilmiyordu.*  
 Intended: ‘Most of the women did not know what was inside of it.’

- (55) \**Hem onun çok büyük bir kütüphanesi var ol-duğ-um-u işitti.*  
 Intended: ‘and, he had heard that X had a very big library.’

- (56) *Bunun ispatı, kitapların, ciltlerin parçalanıp yok*  
 this-GEN proof-PSS3 book-PL-GEN volume-PL-GEN torn-PAS-CV nonexistent  
*ol-ma-sı, ama içindeki resimli sayfaların, başka*  
 BOL-INF-PSS3 but inside-PSS3-LOC-KI illustrated page-PL-GEN other  
*kitapların, başka ciltlerin içine girerek sonsuza*  
 book-PL-GEN other volume-PL-GEN inside-PSS3-DAT enter-CV eternity-DAT  
*kadar yaşayıp Allah’ın âlemini göstermeye devam etmesidir.*  
 till live-CV Allah-GEN world-PSS3-ACC show-INF-DAT continue-INF-PSS3-COP  
 ‘The proof of this resides in the fact that the illustrations in manuscripts and volumes that had been torn apart and vanished have passed into other books and other volumes to survive forever in their revelation of Allah’s worldly realm.’ (Pamuk 2001: 85)

#### 2.4. Complement clauses based on {BOL}

As analyzed so far, in Standard Turkish the verbal predicate {BOL} remains the exclusive choice in both types of complement clauses, existential and possessional. That means that in the Turkish equivalents of all the examples given in (5–39), the bare form {BAR} or its extended variants {BAR-LIK}, {BAR EKEN} or {BAR EKEN-LIK} are to be replaced by {BOL} (compare the respective Turkish translations of these examples). In contrast to this, Kipchak Turkic languages, as well as Turkmen, have both {BAR} and {BOL} at their disposal. Consider existence and possessive clauses based on {BOL-GAN}, {BOL-GAN-LIK} or {BOL-GAN EKEN} in (57–61). In example (62) from Karachay-Balkar, {BOL-GAN} and {BAR-LIK} immediately follow each other in similar contexts. In these languages, {BAR} and {BOL} also appear in

14 In examples taken from Pamuk (1998), I keep the English translations made by Erdağ M. Göknar (see Pamuk 2001).

combination (63). Example (64) illustrates the use of {BOL} in a subordinate interrogative clause. Examples (65–69) illustrate {BOL} in combination with participles denoting prospectivity.

- (57) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Onıñ üyde bol-yan-ı-n (bol-yan-dıy-ı-n) kim ayttı?*  
 X-GEN house-LOC BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC (or BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC) who say-PST  
 'Who said that X was at home?'  
 Turkish: 'Onun evde *olduğunu* kim söyledi?'
- (58) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Murun bul kitepkanada eski kitepterdin bol-yon-duy-u-n uktum.*  
 earlier this library-LOC old book-PL-GEN BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC hear-PST-1SG  
 'I heard that there used to be old books at this library.'  
 Turkish: 'Eskiden bu kütüphanede eski kitapların *olduğunu* duydum.'
- (59) South Kipchak, Noghay  
*Onıñ balası bol-yan eken-i-n esittim.*  
 X-GEN child-PSS3 BOL-NFIN COP.NFIN-PSS3-ACC hear-PST-1SG  
 'I heard that X had a child.'  
 Turkish: 'Onun bir çocuğu *olduğunu* duydum.'
- (60) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Onıñ kitapxanası bol-yan-ı-n (bol-yan-dıy-ı-n) estidim.*  
 X-GEN library-PSS3 BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC (or BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC) hear-PST-1SG  
 'I heard that X had a library.'  
 Turkish: 'Onun bir kütüphanesi *olduğunu* duydum.'
- (61) North Kipchak, Bashkir  
*Ziläneñ aqsahı bul-yan-ı-n beläm.*  
 Z.-GEN money-PSS3 BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC know-PRS-1SG  
 'I know that Zilä had money.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009a: 146)  
 Turkish: 'Zilä'nin parası *olduğunu* biliyorum.'
- (62) West Kipchak, Karachay-Balkar  
*Har bir taşda ne bol-yan-ı-n sezgendı.*  
 each stone-LOC what BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC recognize-PTER-COP  
*Ol taşlanı yırjın kibik aşıyandı.*  
 that stone-PL-ACC bread like eat-PTER-COP  
*Köp taşlada ne bar-lıy-ı-n sinayandı.*  
 many stone-PL-LOC what existent-LIK-PSS3-ACC examine-PTER-COP  
 'He recognized what there is in each stone. He ate stones like bread and examined what there is in many stones.' (KMA)  
 Turkish: 'Her bir taşta ne *olduğunu* anlamış. O taşları ekmek gibi yemiş. Birçok taşta ne *olduğunu* araştırmış.'

- (63) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Anın eski kitebi bar bol-γon-duγ-u-n uktum.*  
 X-GEN old book-PSS3 existent BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC hear-PST-1SG  
 'I heard that X had old books.'  
 Turkish: 'Onun eski kitapları *olduğunu* duydum.'
- (64) East Oghuz, Turkmen  
*Akĭagölün gäðinü bol-up bol-ma-dıγ-ın-ı Öoradım.*  
 A.-GEN daughter-PSS3-GEN BOL-CV BOL-NEG-NFIN-PSS3-ACC ask-PST-1SG  
 'I asked whether Akĭagöl had a daughter or not.' (Ak Welsapar, p.c.)  
 Turkish: 'Akcagöl'ün kızının *olup olmadığını* sordum.'
- (65) North Kipchak, Tatar  
*Bulatın akçası bul-açay-ı-n (bul-ma-yaçay-ı-n) beläm.*  
 B.-GEN money-PSS3 BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC (BOL-NEG-NFIN-PSS3-ACC) know-PRS-1SG  
 'I know that Bulat is (not) going to have money.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009b: 151)  
 Turkish: 'Bulat'ın parası *olacağını (olmayacağını)* biliyorum.'
- (66) North Kipchak, Bashkir  
*Ziläneñ aqsahı bul-maÖin äyttelär.*  
 Z.-GEN money-PSS3 BOL-NEG-NFIN-PSS3-ACC tell-PST-3PL  
 'They said that Zilä is not going to have money.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009a: 147)  
 Turkish: 'Zilä'nin parası *olmayacağını* söylediler.'
- (67) East Oghuz, Turkmen  
*Men Akĭagölün çayaÖinü bol-jaĭ-dıγ-ın-ı (bol-jaγ-ın-ı) bildim.*  
 I A.-GEN child-PSS3-GEN BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-ACC (BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC)  
 know-PST-1SG  
 'I knew that Akĭagöl was going to have a child.' (Ak Welsapar, p.c.)  
 Turkish: 'Akcagöl'ün çocuğunun *olacağını* bildim.'
- (68) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Ayşanın köp akçası bol-o tur-γan-ı-n bilem.*  
 A.-GEN much money-PSS3 BOL-CV PV- NFIN-PSS3-ACC know-PRS-1S  
 'I know that Ayşa is going to have much money.'  
 Turkish: 'Ayşe'nin çok parası *olacağını* biliyorum.'
- (69) *Ayşanın balası bol-or-u-n uktum.*  
 A.-GEN child-PSS3 BOL-NFIN-PSS3-ACC hear-PST-1S  
 'I heard that Ayşa is going to have a child.'  
 Turkish: 'Ayşe'nin çocuğu *olacağını* duydum.'

### 2.5. Ambiguity versus formal diversity: Attempting to explain the distribution

Needless to say, that the Turkish system allows for ambiguities since various dynamic and static contents of existence and possession (both in present and past contexts) are denoted by one and the same predicate. In contrast to this, Kipchak Turkic and Turkmen clausal complements are characterized by a formal diversity, which to a certain extent ensures that distinct semantic notions are marked by distinct formal devices. Such diversity as is found in Kazakh and Turkmen can be reviewed by following minimal pairs appearing to indicate similar overall readings, see (70–72). Note that in translations, the notation of ‘have’ in small caps is intended to cover possible static and dynamic meanings and subtle nuances in past or present contexts (see Footnote 7).

(70) South Kipchak, Kazakh

- a. *Siñlimniñ bar-ın-a süyünemin.*  
sister-PSS1SG-GEN existent-PSS3-DAT be glad-PRS-1SG
  - b. *Siñlimniñ bar-lıy-ın-a süyünemin.* [existent-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
  - c. *Siñlimniñ bar eken-in-e süyünemin.* [existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-DAT]
  - d. *Siñlimniñ bar eken-dig-in-e süyünemin.* [existent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
  - e. *Siñlimniñ bol-yan-ın-a süyünemin.* [BOL-NFIN-PSS3-DAT]
  - f. *Siñlimniñ bol-yan-dıy-ın-a süyünemin.* [BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
- Overall meaning: ‘I am glad that I HAVE a sister.’

(71) South Kipchak, Kazakh

- a. *Miltiymniñ žoy-ın-a ökinemin.*  
rifle-PSS1SG-GEN nonexistent-PSS3-DAT regret-PRS-1SG
  - b. *Miltiymniñ žok-tıy-ın-a ökinemin.* [nonexistent-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
  - c. *Miltiymniñ žok eken-in-e ökinemin.* [nonexistent COP.NFIN-PSS3-DAT]
  - d. *Miltiymniñ žok eken-dig-in-e ökinemin.* [nonexistent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
  - e. *Miltiymniñ bol-ma-yan-ın-a ökinemin.* [BOL-NEG-NFIN-PSS3-DAT]
  - f. *Miltiymniñ bol-ma-yan-dıy-ın-a ökinemin.* [BOL-NEG-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
- Overall meaning: ‘I regret that I do not HAVE my rifle.’

(72) East Oghuz, Turkmen

- a. *Uyamıñ bar-ın-a begenyärin.*  
sister-PSS1SG-GEN existent-PSS3-DAT be glad-PRS-1SG
  - b. *Uyamıñ bar-dıy-ın-a begenyärin.* [existent-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
  - c. *Uyamıñ bar eken-in-e begenyärin.* [existent COP.NFIN-PSS3-DAT]
  - d. *Uyamıñ bar eken-lig-in-e begenyärin.* [existent COP.NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
  - e. *Uyamıñ bol-an-ın-a begenyärin.* [BOL-NFIN-PSS3-DAT]
  - f. *Uyamıñ bol-an-dıy-ın-a begenyärin.* [BOL-NFIN-LIK-PSS3-DAT]
- Overall meaning: ‘I am glad that I HAVE a sister.’

In what follows, I will attempt to explain the complex formal diversity characterizing Kipchak Turkic and Turkmen by considering the following kinds of oppositions.



The first opposition pertains to the essential semantic domains of the predicate types {BAR} and {BOL}. The non-verbal predicate {BAR} and its extended forms are responsible for the static meanings in 'present' contexts ('that there is' or 'that X has'), whereas {BOL}, as a verb, largely but not exclusively implies dynamic readings ('that it comes/came into being/existence' or 'that X takes/took possession of'). Furthermore, the {BOL} predicate, either in its bare form or its extended forms depending on the preferences of individual languages, is involved in the expression of static existence or possession, often emphasizing a 'past' reading ('that there was' or 'that X had').<sup>15</sup> For instance, *bar-*, *bar-liK-*, *bar eken-* [+STA, -PST] versus *bol-yan-*, *bol-yan eken-* [+DYN] or [+STA, +PST] in Noghay (compare e.g. 8, 16, 23, 25 and 59), *bar-*, *bar-liK-* [+STA, -PST] versus *bul-yan-* [+DYN] or [+STA, +PST] in Bashkir and Tatar (compare e.g. 5, 14, 15 and 61) (see Ersen-Rasch 2009a and 2009b), *bar eken-(diK)-* [+STA, -PST] versus *bol-yan-(duK)-* [+DYN] or [+STA, +PST] in Kirghiz (compare e.g. 17, 22, 27, 28, 30 and 58), *bar-*, *bar-liK-/bar-liK-*, *bar eken-liK-/bar eken-diK-* [+STA, -PST] versus *bol-an-*, *bol-an-diK-* [+DYN] or [+STA, +PST] in Turkmen (compare e.g. 11, 12, 18–21, 29, 31 and 64). The situation concerning dynamic or static 'past' readings, depending on the given context, may cause some fluctuations in the use of {BOL} in Kipchak languages and Turkmen, even if not to the same degree as in Turkish. A further static domain typically expressed by {BOL} concerns the prospective aspect. In combination with participles denoting prospectivity, {BOL} conveys static existence or possession in future ('that there will be/is going to be' or 'that X will have/is going to have'). For instance, *bol-ayaK-* [+PROS] in Noghay, *bol-jaK-* or *bol-jaK-diK-* [+PROS] in Turkmen, *bul-açaK-* [+PROS] in Tatar, *bol-a turyan-* or *bolor-* [+PROS] in Kirghiz (examples 65–69). Possible functional expansions or limitations of {BOL} in particular languages need to be considered separately.

The second opposition arises, in my view, between the bare form {BAR} and its copulative extension {BAR EKEN}, both having the values [+STA, -PST]. This opposition might be a result of diachronic renewals. More concretely, the bare form {BAR} is a prototypical and basic form often found in varieties which can be characterized as oral, spoken, informal, vulgar or traditional, whereas {BAR EKEN} can be seen as a formation prevailing in more standardized and formal genres and language uses. Such an opposition can be observed in Noghay.

Another opposition occurs between those forms not containing the suffix {LIK}, i.e. *bar-*, *bar eken-*, *bolyan-*, and those containing it, i.e. *bar-liK-/bar-diK*, *bar eken-liK-/bar eken-diK*, *bol-yan-diK-*. According to my observations, North and West Kipchak languages, as well as the South Kipchak language Noghay spoken outside of Central Asia, seem to use {LIK}-based formations relatively less frequently than the Central Asian Turkic languages Kazakh, Kirghiz and Turkmen, as well as Uzbek

15 It should be pointed out that "present" or "past" in such nonfinite clauses of Turkic languages are to be interpreted in relation to the viewpoint markers in the given superordinate clauses, and by considering the higher structures of the underlying discourse types.

and Uyghur, which belong to the Karluk branch. As regards providing a satisfactory explanation, which should go beyond such observations, I must recognize that this paper runs into some obstacles. It turns out not to be a trivial matter to gain a deeper insight into the factors behind this variation. The bare forms, as opposed to those containing {LIK}, are often considered to belong to spoken registers and traditional genres (see e.g. Zhang 2004: 324, Ersen-Rasch 2009a: 146). In Turkmen, forms not containing {LIK} (*bar-*, *bar eken-*) are regarded as archaic and nonstandard, i.e. belonging only to some vernaculars, and thus are largely nonexistent in standard written language. The special contribution of {LIK}, be it semantic, pragmatic, genre-related, discourse type-related, variety-related, etc., as well as its dubious and disputable etymological source (see my comment in Footnote 6), is a comprehensive Turcological topic that needs to be investigated, not only in the context of our subject concerning existence and possessive clauses, but also for the entire verbal systems of the languages involved.<sup>16</sup> In my opinion, the {LIK}-based forms as opposed to the bare forms (yet, only in varieties where this opposition is still operative and productive) seem to appear to highlight events in given speech situations (in our context, implying a stronger relevance of existence or possession) and thus are more appropriate for certain discourse types. This *ad hoc* observation needs to be questioned in further research by carefully taking into account, among other things, the above-mentioned linguistic areas.

A further opposition can be observed either between the simple form {BOL} and the combined form {BAR BOL}, as in Turkish, or between the simple forms {BAR}, {BOL} and the combined form {BAR BOL}, as in Kipchak varieties or in Turkmen. By strongly conveying absolute existence, the Turkish combination *var ol-* appears as a marked member of an opposition (*olduK-* versus *var olduK-*). This also seems to be the case for other languages, though more data and analysis are needed for the individual languages in this respect as well.

### 3. Relativization of existence and possessive clauses

Regarding the use of {BAR} and {BOL} in relative clauses, I found a comparable distribution across our languages. The non-verbal predicates {BAR} and {YOK}, alongside the verbal predicate {BOL}, are widely found in Kipchak and Turkmen relative clauses. Examples (73–74) from Kazakh and Turkmen respectively illustrate existential relative clauses based on the predicate {BAR} or {YOK}. In (73), the noun marking the location of the existence clause (*žer* ‘place’) is the relativized final head, whereas in (74) the relativized constituent (head noun) refers to the existent entity (*Türkmen filmleri* ‘Turkmen movies’).

16 See Herkenrath & Karakoç (2017) for an analysis of the complex forms *-mıſIIK* and *-mAzIIK* in Turkish context.

- (73) South Kipchak, Kazakh

*Kitap bar žerde yilim boladı.*  
 book existent place-LOC knowledge BOL-PRS-3SG  
 ‘Where there are books there is knowledge.’  
 Turkish: ‘Kitap *olan* yerde ilim olur.’

- (74) East Oghuz, Turkmen

*Biđiň maqθadimız, iň täde we internet ulyamında*  
 we-GEN intention-PSS1PL most new and internet site-PSS3-LOC  
*yok Türkmen filmlerini /.../ Öide yetirmekden ibarat.*  
 nonexistent Turkmen film-PL-PSS3 you-DAT provide-INF-ABL consisting  
 ‘Our only goal is to provide you with the newest Turkmen films which are not available  
 on internet sites.’ (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeVl-s1XJIE>)  
 Turkish: ‘Bizim amacımız, en yeni ve internet sitelerinde *olmayan* (*bulunmayan*) Türk-  
 men filmlerini size ulaştırmaktan ibaret.’

Examples (75–77) illustrate relativization of possessive clauses. In (75), from Kazakh, *žeti başı bar* ‘that has seven heads’ is an attribute to the head noun *sarı kus* ‘yellow bird’. The possessee *žeti baş* ‘seven heads’ in the relative clause receives a possessive suffix agreeing in person and number with the possessor *sarı kus* (head noun). According to some native speakers, *bar* in this position may be combined with *bolýan* (i.e. *žeti başı bar bolýan*). If the relative clause had been based on *bar bolýan*, the clause might have had a past reading: ‘that had seven heads’. Note that the corresponding clause in Turkish employs the predicate *olan* or the adjective *yedi başlı*. Use of an adjective is also possible in Kazakh: *žeti başı sarı kus*. In (77) from Kirghiz, the relative clause *bayar-körürü joq* is based on the negated form {YOK}.

- (75) South Kipchak, Kazakh

*Astında žatқан žeti başı bar sarı kus eken.*  
 under-LOC lie-PAR seven head-PSS3 existent yellow bird COP.EVID  
 ‘That which lies under it is evidently a yellow bird that has seven heads.’ (KXÄ: 42)  
 Turkish: ‘Altında yatan yedi başı *olan* (or *yedi başlı*) sarı (bir) kuş imiş.’

- (76) South Kipchak, Kazakh

*mügedek balaları bar äyel*  
 invalid child-PL-PSS3 existent woman  
 ‘a woman who has invalid children’ (Muhamedowa 2016: 38)  
 Turkish: ‘sakat çocukları *olan* (bir) kadın’

- (77) East Kipchak, Kirghiz

*İlgeri zamanda Baydad šaarında bayar-körürü*  
 former time-LOC Baghdad city-PSS3-LOC caregiver-PSS3

*jok bir toyołok jetim jaşayan eken.*  
 nonexistent a motherless-fatherless orphan live-PTER COP.EVID  
 'In former times, in Baghdad, there was a motherless-fatherless orphan who did not  
 have anyone to take care of him.' (KIA)  
 Turkish: 'Eski zamanlarda Bağdat şehrinde kendine bakan kimsesi *olmayan* anasız-ba-  
 basız bir yetim yaşamış.'

- (78) East Kipchak, Kirghiz  
*Dayrasi bar, toosu bar başka jak*  
 river-PSS3 existent mountain-PSS3 existent other place  
*sendey körünböyt.*  
 you-EQU see-PSS-PRS-NEG-PRS3  
 'Other places with rivers and mountains do not look like you.' (KIA)  
 Turkish: 'İrmağı, dağı *olan* başka yer senin gibi görünmez.'

{BAR} is frequently found in proverbs (79–84) or in general statements (85). Exam-  
 ples (82–84) represent headless relative clauses, such as *aşası bar* 'the one who has  
 an older brother' (82), *sözi bar* 'the one who has something to say' (83), where the  
 genitive case marker directly attaches to {BAR}. In such proverbs, which might in-  
 dicate fixed and archaic usages and express general, ageless wisdom, {BAR} and  
 {BOL} cannot be interchangeable. Otherwise, {BAR} can be replaced by {BOL} with  
 a similar reading (cf. example (85) with example (73) given above).

- (79) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*İt zoķ žerde šoška üredi.*  
 dog nonexistent place-LOC pig increase-PRS3  
 'In a place where there is no dogs, pigs will multiply.'  
 Turkish: 'İtin *olmadığı* (or it *olmayan*) yerde domuz ürer.'

- (80) West Kipchak, Kumyk  
*Erişiw bar üyde bereket bolmas.*  
 contention existent house-LOC blessing BOL-NEG.AOR  
 'In a house where there is contention, there is no blessing.'  
 'Kavgā *olan* evde bereket olmaz.' (KUA)

- (81) West Kipchak, Kumyk  
*Bala bar üyde balax yok.*  
 child existent house-LOC misfortune nonexistent  
 'In a house where there are children, there is no misfortune.'  
 'Çocuk *olan* evde bela olmaz.' (KUA)

- (82) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Ayası bar-dñ žaγası bar.*  
 older brother-PSS3 existent-GEN collar-PSS3 existent  
 'The one who has an older brother has a collar (i.e. he has security).'  
 Turkish: 'Ağabeyi *olanın* yakası olur.'
- (83) West Kipchak, Karachay-Balkar  
*Sözi bar-nñ kücü bardı.*  
 word-PSS3 existent-GEN strength-PSS3 existent-COP  
 'The one who has a word [something to say] has strength.'  
 Turkish: 'Sözü *olanın* gücü vardır.' (KMA)
- (84) West Kipchak, Karachay-Balkar  
*Atası bar-nñ, jili kelse da kesi jaş.*  
 father-PSS3 existent-GEN year-PSS3 come-CD also self-PSS3 young  
 'The one who has a father is always young, even if his age has come.'  
 Turkish: 'Babası *olanın* yaşı gelse de kendisi gençtir.' (KMA)
- (85) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*Kitap bol-γan žerde γilim boladı.*  
 book BOL-PAR place-LOC knowledge BOL-PRS-3SG  
 'Where there are books there is knowledge.'  
 Turkish: 'Kitap *olan* yerde ilim olur.'
- According to Ersen-Rasch (2009b: 143), in Tatar, a relative clause is based on {BAR} if it introduces new information (86). In other cases, as well as in past tense, {BOL} is preferred (87–88).
- (86) North Kipchak, Tatar  
*Aķçası bar bu keşe ešlämi.*  
 money-PSS3 existent this person work-NEG.PRS3  
 'This person who has money does not work.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009b: 143)  
 Turkish: 'Parası *olan* bu kişi çalışmıyor.'
- (87) North Kipchak, Tatar  
*Aķçası bul-γan Timur Berlinya bara.*  
 money-PSS3 BOL-NFIN T. B.-DAT go-PRS3  
 'Timur, who has money, goes to Berlin.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009b: 142)  
 Turkish: 'Parası *olan* Timur Berlin'e gidiyor.'

## (88) North Kipchak, Tatar

*Elegräk aqçası bul-γan kız xäzer inde yarlı.*  
 earlier money-PSS3 BOL-NFIN girl now poor  
 'The girl, who had money earlier, is now poor.' (Ersen-Rasch 2009b: 142)  
 Turkish: 'Eskiden parası *olan* bu kız şimdi fakir.'

Further, I rarely observe the use of the negated copular marker *emes* 'not' in Kazakh and Kirghiz relative clauses expressing 'nonexistence' (89–90). According to native speakers, these clauses might in a similar reading be formed with the predicate {YOK} (91). The coverage and distribution of this interesting usage needs to be investigated.

## (89) South Kipchak, Kazakh

*Žerde de emes, kökte de emes bir altın saray ...*  
 earth-LOC also not sky-LOC also not a gold palace  
 'A palace that exists neither on the earth nor in the sky ...' (KXÄ: 29)  
 Turkish: 'Yerde de *olmayan* (*bulunmayan*) gökte de *olmayan* (*bulunmayan*) altın bir saray ...'

## (90) South Kipchak, Kazakh

*Ne kökte emes ne žerde emes, altınnan žasalıan saray ...*  
 neither sky-LOC not nor earth-LOC not gold-ABL build-PAR palace  
 'A palace, that exists neither in the sky nor on the earth, and that was built with gold ...' (KXÄ: 30)  
 Turkish: 'Ne gökte ne de yerde *olan* (*bulunan*) altından yapılmış bir saray ...'

## (91) South Kipchak, Kazakh

*Žerde de žoq kökte de žoq bir altın saray ...*  
 earth-LOC also nonexistent sky-LOC also nonexistent a gold palace  
 'A palace that exists neither on the earth nor in the sky ...'  
 Turkish: 'Yerde de *olmayan* (*bulunmayan*) gökte de *olmayan* (*bulunmayan*) altın bir saray ...'

As is obvious from the Turkish translations of the Kipchak and Turkmen examples, Turkish typically employs the verbal predicate {BOL} in relativization of existence and possessive clauses. {BAR} is not common, unless it occurs in combination with {BOL}. Similar to the analyzed complement clauses, however, the form *var ol-* denotes absolute existence ('that/which absolutely exists'); see (92–93). Consider also the Kazakh form *bar bolıan* in (94) and the Turkmen form *bar bolan* in (95). The negated form *yok ol-* usually indicates a dynamic meaning 'that disappears, vanishes', see (96).

- (92) West Oghuz, Turkish  
*Theophile Gautier için olduğu gibi o zamanki hanımlar*  
 T. G. for BOL-PAR-PSS3 like that time-KI lady-PL  
*ve beyler için de tabiat var ol-an,*  
 and gentleman-PL for also nature existent BOL-PAR  
*görülen, sevilen bir şeydi.*  
 see-PAS-PAR like-PAS-PAR a thing-COP.PST  
 'As it was for Theophile Gautier, so was it for the ladies and gentlemen of that time,  
 that nature was something which was existent, was seen and enjoyed.' (Hisar 1955: 36)
- (93) West Oghuz, Turkish  
*"Evet, kör olmak ve var ol-ma-yan ülkelere*  
 yes blind BOL-INF and existent BOL-NEG-PAR country-PL-DAT  
*kaçmak" dedi Leylek.*  
 flee-INF say-PST stork  
 "'Aye", said Stork, "going blind and fleeing to nonexistent countries"' (Pamuk 2001: 489)
- (94) South Kipchak, Kazakh  
*semyası bar bol-yan jigit ...*  
 family-PSS3 existent BOL-PAR young man  
 'the young man who has a family ...' (Jumabay 2016: 39)  
 Turkish: 'ailesi var olan genç ...'
- (95) East Oghuz, Turkmen  
*Türkmen dilinde ol Ööðleriň oðal düýpli*  
 Turkmen language-PSS3-LOC that word-PL-GEN earlier in depth  
*derňelmändigi üçin olar haýda häðire çenli-de*  
 examine-PAS-NEG.PAR-PSS3 for they about now till  
*bar bol-an maýlumatlar o diýen köp däl.*  
 existent BOL-PAR information-PL such many not  
 'Since those words have not previously been examined in depth in the Turkmen language, there has not been much information about them until now.' (Azmun 2016: 12)  
 Turkish: 'Türkmen dilinde o sözler önceleri kapsamlı bir şekilde ele alınmadığı için şimdiye kadar onlar üzerine var olan bilgiler de o kadar fazla değil.'
- (96) West Oghuz, Turkish  
*İstanbul'un yirmi yılda bir yanıp yok*  
 Istanbul-GEN twenty year-LOC a burn-CV nonexistent  
*ol-ma-yan mahallesi mi var ki kitap kalsın?*  
 BOL-NEG-PAR quarter-PSS3 Q existent JUNC book remain-IMP  
 'Is there a neighborhood in Istanbul that hasn't been burned to the ground at least once every twenty years that we might expect such a book to survive?' (Pamuk 2001: 207)

#### 4. Contact-induced patterns for embedding existence and possessive clauses

In Oghuz and Kipchak Turkic varieties that develop under the strong linguistic influence of Iranian or Slavic languages, we usually find contact-induced right-branching relative or complement clauses based on finite verb forms.<sup>17</sup> In the data for such contact languages, {BAR} is a usual predicate in embedded existence and possessive clauses. It typically appears as a finite form after a junctor, such as *ani* in Gagauz or *ki* in Iranian Azeri. Examples (97–98) from Gagauz illustrate finite and right-branching complementation of existence clauses. The clause *ani varmış gagauzlarda oşoy adet* ‘that there was such a tradition among the Gagauz’ in (97) functions as a direct object argument of the superordinate clause *Dadu annattıydı Tezaa*. Example (98) has a comparable structure. Compare the Turkish translations of these contact-induced patterns.

(97) West Oghuz, Gagauz

*Dadu annattıydı Tezaa, ani var-mış gagauzlarda*  
 grandfather tell-PST-COP.PST Teza-DAT JUNC existent-COP.EVID Gagauz-PL-LOC  
*oşoy adet.*  
 such custom  
 ‘Grandpa told Teza that there was such a custom among the Gagauz.’ (GA)  
 Turkish: ‘Dede Teza’ya Gagauzlar’da böyle bir adet *olduğunu* anlatmıştı.’

(98) West Oghuz, Gagauz

*Bu işi Simu kendi da pek islaa annardı*  
 this issue-ACC S. self also very good understand-AOR-COP.PST  
*ani var bu dünneeda işler paasız, ani*  
 JUNC existent this world-LOC issue-PL invaluable JUNC  
*alıp satılmeerlar.*  
 buy-CV sell-PAS-NEG.AOR-3PL  
 ‘Simu could understand this very well: there are things in this world which are invaluable and not for sale.’ (GA)  
 Turkish: ‘Simu kendi de, bu dünyada pahasız (pahası olmayan), alıp satılamaz işler *olduğunu* çok iyi anlıyordu.’

The Gagauz examples in (99–100) show finite relativization of existence clauses introduced by the junctors *anğî* or *ne*, respectively. (101–104) exemplify a comparable role of the finite predicate {BAR} in relativizing existence clauses in Iranian Azeri.

17 See Menz (1999) for Gagauz, Csató (2000) for Karaim, and Kırıl (2001) for Iranian Azeri.



- (99) West Oghuz, Gagauz  
*te o, ani yip var aya:nda, o benim çöjü:m.*  
 the one JUNC cord existent foot-PSS3-LOC that I.GEN son-PSS1SG  
 ‘The one who has a cord on his foot, he is my son.’ (Moschkoff 1904: 61)  
 Turkish: ‘Ayağında ip *olan*, o benim oğlum.’
- (100) West Oghuz, Gagauz  
*Kurğanın biri şişirmiştı kendisini sarķıtmıştı*  
 turkey-GEN one-PSS3 puff-PTER-COP.PST self-PSS3-ACC hang down-PTER-COP.PST  
*pupuliğasını da hiç bir şey görmezdi*  
 comb-PSS3-ACC and nothing see-NEG.AOR-COP.PST  
*ne var önünde.*  
 what existent in front-PSS3-LOC  
 ‘A turkey puffed himself up and let his comb hang, so that he could not see what was in front of him.’ (GA)  
 Turkish: ‘Hindinin biri şişirip kendini, ibiğini sarkıtmıştı ve önünde *olan* hiç bir şeyi görmüyordu.’
- (101) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Urmia  
*o resmler ki var-dī ...*  
 that custom-PL JUNC existent-COP  
 ‘those customs that exist ....’ (Doğan 2010: 235)  
 Turkish: ‘*Olan (bulunan)* adetler ...’
- (102) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Urmia  
*Bizim mentegede hasıllar ki var-dī, almadī,*  
 we-GEN region-LOC product-PL JUNC existent-COP apple-COP  
*üzümdī, sıfıjatdī, buğdadī, noxuddī.*  
 grapes-COP melon-COP wheat-COP chickpea-COP  
 ‘The products which are found in our region are apples, grapes, melons, wheat and chickpeas.’ (Doğan 2010: 351)  
 Turkish: ‘Bizim bölgemizde *olan (bulunan)* ürünler elma, üzüm, kavun-karpuz, buğday ve nohuttur.’
- (103) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Ardabil  
*O arzular ki var-rar-ıdī buların mesem ürehlerinde*  
 that desire-PL JUNC existent-PL-COP.PST this-PL-GEN innocent heart-PSS3PL-LOC  
 ‘Those desires which are found (which they had) in their innocent hearts ...’ (Karini 2009: 408)  
 Turkish: ‘Bunların masum yüreklerinde *olan* arzular ...’
- (104) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Urmia  
*o ağ seğgel ki var-dī mejlisde*  
 that white-bearded JUNC existent-COP gathering-LOC

*o:n ğabağında ğoyalla yere.*  
 he-GEN in front-PSS3-LOC put-AOR-3PL ground-DAT  
 'They put it on the ground in front of the elderly man (lit. white-bearded) who is in this gathering.' (Doğan 2010: 379)  
 Turkish: 'O toplantıda olan (bulunan) aksakalın (yaşlı kişinin) önüne koyarlar yere.'

Examples (105–107) illustrate the copied pattern for relativization of possessive clauses in Gagauz and Iranian Azeri. In the Gagauz example in (105), the possessee *kuvedi* 'his strength' (head noun) attaches to the existential predicate {BAR}, which itself follows the junctor *ne kadar* 'how much'. The relative clauses from Iranian Azeri (106–107) exhibit similar typological characteristics. Example (105) further includes a contact-induced pattern where the agreement (possessive) suffix is attached not to the possessed element (as is the usual procedure in Turkic), but to the predicate {YOK} (as similarly is the case in Persian) (see Karakoç, forthcoming). Similar finite right-branching structures based on the predicate {BAR} can also be found in Karaim, a West Kipchak contact language.

(105) West Oghuz, Gagauz

*Bakdî ufarağ kıvrağ boylu kıza da güldü*  
 look-PST small long height-DER girl-DAT and laugh-PST  
*ne kadar var-dî kuvedi.*  
 what much existent-COP.PST strength-PSS3  
 'He looked at the little, tall girl and laughed with all his strength.' (GA)  
 Turkish: 'Ufak, boylu kıza bakıp bütün gücüyle (sahip olduğu bütün güçle) güldü.'

(106) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Urmia

*... herkesin tavanî var-dî oxur, gèdir yuxarıya.*  
 someone-GEN strength-PSS3 existent-COP study-PRS3 go-PRS3 upward-DAT  
*Herkesin, tavanî yox-dî, êle penjimin aldî ya*  
 someone-GEN strength-PSS3 nonexistent-COP so fifth class complete-PST or  
*doğğuzun aldî geyidi ketde keşâverzjîlîğ eliri.*  
 ninth class complete-PST return-PRS3 village-LOC peasant-DER do-PRS3  
 '... those who have strength study and make progress. Those who do not have strength come back to the village and work as peasants, after having completed the fifth or ninth class.' (Doğan 2010: 400)  
 Turkish: 'Gücü olan okuyor, ilerliyor, gücü olmayan beşinci ya da dokuzuncu sınıfı bitirdikten sonra köye dönüp çiftçilik yapıyor.'

(107) West Oghuz, Iranian Azeri of Urmia

*bir miğda:rîn dağidar na:tavannara, olarîn ki*  
 one part-PSS3-ACC portion-PRS3 weak-PL-DAT they-GEN JUNC  
*yox-larî-dî. Olarîn ki var-rarî-dî,*  
 nonexistent-PSS3PL-COP they-GEN JUNC existent-PSS3PL-COP

*here pul      goyallar,      bi   dene   ğurbannıĝ      alallar.*  
 all   money   put-PRS-3PL   a   piece   animal for sacrifice   buy-PRS-3PL  
 'They portion out a certain part to the poor, to those who do not have (anything). Those  
 who have (property), they all contribute money to buy an animal destined for sacrifice.'  
 (Doĝan 2010: 383)  
 Turkish: 'Bir kısmını gücü *olmayanlara* (fakirlere) dağıtırlar. İmkânı (malı) *olanlar*,  
 hepsi para koyup bir tane kurbanlık alırlar.'

## 5. Recapitulation of the results

Table (2) gives a schematic overview of the morphosyntactic structures I have found in complement clauses of the investigated languages.<sup>18</sup>

Table 2: Structures of nonfinite clausal complements conveying existence or possession

	Type of clausal complementation	Morphosyntactic structure
1	Existence clause based on {BAR}	[N-LOC + N-NOM + {BAR}-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
	Possessive clause based on {BAR}	[N-GEN + N-PSS-(GEN) + {BAR}-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
2	Existence clause based on {BARLIK}	[N-LOC + N-NOM + {BAR}-LIK-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
	Possessive clause based on {BARLIK}	[N-GEN + N-PSS-(GEN) + {BAR}-LIK-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
3	Existence clause based on {BAR EKEN}	[N-LOC + N-NOM + {BAR}-EKEN-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
	Possessive clause based on {BAR EKEN}	[N-GEN + N-PSS-(GEN) + {BAR}-EKEN-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
4	Existence clause based on {BAR EKENLIK}	[N-LOC + N-NOM + {BAR}-EKEN-LIK-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
	Possessive clause based on {BAR EKENLIK}	[N-GEN + N-PSS-(GEN) + {BAR}-EKEN-LIK-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
5	Existence clause based on {BAR IDIK}	[N-LOC + N-NOM + {BAR}-IDIK-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
	Possessive clause based on {BAR IDIK}	[N-GEN + N-PSS-(GEN) + {BAR}-IDIK-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
6	Existence clause based on {BOL}	[N-LOC + N-NOM + {BOL}-NFIN-PSS-CASE] + Matrix
	Possessive clause based on {BOL}	[N-GEN + N-PSS-(GEN) + {BOL}-NFIN-PSS-CASE] + Matrix

Morphosyntactic structures found in nonfinite relative clauses are summarized in Table (3).

<sup>18</sup> Extended structures of {BOL}, such as *bol-yan-dik-* in Kazakh and *bolyan eken-* in Noghay, are not shown in this table.

Table 3: Structures of nonfinite relative clauses conveying existence or possession

	Type of clausal relativization	Morphosyntactic structure
1	Existence clause based on {BAR}	[N-NOM + {BAR}] + HN-LOC [N-LOC + {BAR}] + HN-NOM
	Possessive clause based on {BAR}	[N (possessee)-PSS + {BAR}] + HN (possessor)
2	Existence clause based on {BOL}	[N-NOM + {BOL}-PAR] + HN-LOC [N-LOC + {BOL}-PAR] + HN-NOM
	Possessive clause based on {BOL}	[N (possessee)-PSS + {BOL}-PAR] + HN (possessor)
3	Relativization of nonexistence based on {EMES}	[N-LOC + {EMES}] + HN-NOM

Table (4) illustrates the inner structures of some of the contact-induced embedded clauses.

Table 4: Contact-induced structures of embedded clauses conveying existence

Type of subordinate clause	Morphosyntactic structure
Finite complementation of existence based on {BAR}	Matrix + [JUNC + {BAR} + N-LOC + N-NOM]
Finite relativization of existence based on {BAR}	HN-NOM + [JUNC + {BAR} + N-LOC]

Concerning the distribution of these structures, the following results among others have been found:

Standard Turkish only makes use of complement structures in (6) in Table (2), and of relative clause structures in (2) in Table (3). The predicate {BAR} has extensive restrictions. This means that, being the only option, the predicate {BOL} is *per se* operative with its various static and dynamic meanings and can refer to both present and past contexts. It has been argued that this can be a potential source of ambiguities.

Some Turkish dialects still use complement structures based on the combination of {BAR} with the archaic nonfinite copular marker *-IdIK-* (structure 5 in Table 2).

In the East Oghuz language Turkmen, and in Kipchak languages, {BAR} alongside {BOL} can be attested in its different bare and extended shapes. That is, these languages display existence and possessive structures as in (1–4) in Table (2), though, especially in Turkmen, structures in (1) and (3) are often regarded as archaic, vulgar and nonstandard. Further, the relative clause structures in (1–2) in Table (3) are available in these languages. The structure in (3) in Table (3), based on the negated copular marker *emes* ‘not’, seldom occurs in Kazakh and Kirghiz relative clauses expressing ‘nonexistence’.

In languages that have both {BAR} and {BOL} at their disposal, {BAR} typically denotes static readings referring to present contexts, whereas {BOL} is usually responsible for dynamic semantic domains. Fluctuations can however be observed in the sense that {BOL} can also convey static meanings, particularly referring to past contexts. The degree of such static usages and formal preferences (for instance *bolyandik-* in Kazakh vs. *bolyan eken-* in Noghay) may vary across the languages. Furthermore, the domain for prospective existence and possession is mainly occupied by the verbal predicate {BOL}.

Gagauz, Iranian Azeri and Karaim, which to different degrees have undergone contact-induced language change, have developed right-branching and finite complement and relative clauses. In such constructions, {BAR} is the typical choice (see structures given in Table 4).

Table (5) is intended to present the results so far for the respective branches by comparing the functions of the nonfinite predicate types (which means that the contact-induced finite structures in Gagauz, Iranian Azeri and Karaim are not included in this table). In terms of the distribution of {BAR} and {BOL}, the Central Asian Oghuz language Turkmen shares common characteristics with the Kipchak languages.

Table 5: Predicate types used in nonfinite subordination of existence and possessive clauses

	West Oghuz	Kipchak Turkic & Turkmen (East Oghuz)
[+DYN]	{BOL}	{BOL}
[+STA]	{BOL} [-PST], [+PST], [+PROS] contexts	{BOL} mainly restricted to [+PST] or [+PROS] contexts
	{BAR} not common in West Oghuz, but available in complement clauses of some vernaculars	{BAR} productive in [-PST] contexts

### Abbreviations

1	First person	LIK	Suffix in <i>-LIK</i>
2	Second person	LOC	Locative
3	Third person	MOD	Modality
ABL	Ablative	N	Noun
ACC	Accusative	NEG	Negation
AOR	Aorist	NFIN	Nonfinite suffix in a complement clause
BAR	Non-verbal predicate in {BAR}	NOM	Nominative
BOL	Verbal predicate in {BOL}	PAR	Participle

CD	Conditional	PAS	Passive
COP	Copular	PL	Plural
CV	Converb	PROS	Prospective
DAT	Dative	PRS	Present tense
DER	Derivational	PSS	Possessive
DYN	Dynamic	PST	Past tense
EQU	Equative	PTER	Postterminal
EVID	Evidential	PV	Postverb
GEN	Genitive	REC	Reciprocal
HAB	Habitual	Q	Interrogative
HD	Head noun	SG	Singular
INF	Infinitive	STA	Static
INS	Instrumental	X	he, she, it
INTER	Interjection	*	Ungrammatical structure
JUNC	Junctior		

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# Kazakh hypocorisms in a comparative perspective

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The article deals first and foremost with Kazakh hypocorisms. This category is intertwined with the categories of the Diminutive and the Vocative, as well as with the category of subjective evaluation of reality, in particular in the formation of endearment and honorific terms. Diminutive markers may build hypocorisms and vocative forms (along with building new lexemes), and hypocorisms, together with endearment and honorific formations of nouns expressing interpersonal relations, may act as vocatives. Each language has its own system for expressing these categories, comprising both grammatical and lexical devices.

Hypocorisms are built in very different ways in Turkic languages, employing affixation (e.g. diminutive, endearment and honorific affixes) and other means (syncopation, ellipsis, etc.). Kazakh hypocorisms are formed with specialized affixes that are used exclusively to build endearment (affectionate) and honorific hypocorisms from reduced person noun stems, mostly not used as separate lexemes. Diminutive affixes on common nouns do not build hypocorisms. In contrast, Tuvan practically does not use any diminutive, endearment or honorific affixes to build hypocorisms, as the respective morphemes have been incorporated into Tuvan full names; instead various types of ellipsis and syncopation of full names serve this end. Most South Siberian languages (Shor, Altai, Khakas) use “general” diminutive markers, also applied to common nouns as well to express “objective” evaluation of the size of their referents. Used with person names and nouns expressing interpersonal relations, such diminutive affixes fulfill the function of subjective evaluation of reality, being expressive language means.

Keywords: hypocorisms, diminutive, vocative, endearment and honorific affixes, kinship terms, subjective evaluation, expressive language means

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## 1. Introductory remarks

This article deals with Kazakh person names and nouns denoting interpersonal social relations (e.g. kinship terms) and their categories: hypocorisms, diminutives,

forms of endearment, honorifics and vocatives that are intertwined with each other in a very complex way.<sup>1</sup>

Diminutive formations have a complex semantic structure and participate in various semantic oppositions. They express smallness in size, which is their prototypical function. The opposite of the diminutive is the augmentative, a morphological form of a word which expresses greater magnitude, often of size but also of other attributes. Thus, the category of the diminutive is connected with the category of quantity and participates in the semantic opposition of “lesser-greater” quantity together with the category of the augmentative. The assessment of whether an entity or quality is smaller than a certain “norm” is a type of subjective evaluation of reality (Plungian 2011: 149–150).

Diminutive formations are also used to render affect, e.g. an attitude or emotion that a speaker brings to an utterance. In particular, they can form terms of endearment (including nicknames and hypocorisms) expressing sympathy, pity, or a loving and caring attitude, especially when addressing children, but also other loved and cherished persons (e.g. family members, but not only). In certain contexts, they can express other emotions (disrespect, contempt, disgust, etc.), and may be used to humiliate the referent of the term. In these usages, they serve the end of expressing emotions and belong to the category of expressive language means. The latter embraces numerous additional linguistic elements, e.g. interjections, such as the Russian *ax* ‘ah!’, conveying surprise, delight, or fright, and *ox* ‘oh!’, conveying sadness or pain; the verbs *axat* ‘to say *ax*; to gasp’, *oxat* ‘to say *ox*; to moan’, derived from these interjections, etc.

Reduced forms of personal names (*hypocorisms*) practically always have expressive functions, unlike diminutive formations. Quite often, hypocorisms do not carry any diminutive morpheme, but are formed in other ways (e.g. stem syncopation). Nevertheless, they may contain a diminutive suffix. Diminutive formations from person names always have evaluative and expressive functions, unlike those from other noun classes that can only express “smallness”, i.e. the prototypical semantics of all diminutives..

In terms of social deixis, hypocorisms (with or without diminutive affixes) express informal, close personal relations. In some cultures, they even may be used when addressing people with lower social standing. In this respect, they are the opposite of honorific language means. As we will show in this article, some *hypocorisms* in Kazakh express exactly the opposite semantics, acting as honorific means.

Hypocorisms are often used as vocative forms, similar to other diminutive formations from bases denoting certain classes of persons: gender and age terms, kinship terms, terms denoting various types of social interaction (e.g. teacher, friend),

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etc. Consequently, vocatives, being a special category in Turkic languages (Juldašev 1956), also deserve our attention in this article.

In Turkic studies, diminutives have received more attention than the categories of hypocorisms and vocatives, see 2.1. Nevertheless, they remain a category that has not yet been studied sufficiently. As for research on Turkic hypocorisms, we can mention an article by Dorug-ool A. Monguš devoted to hypocorisms in Tuvan (1973, reprinted in 2009). Scattered comments on hypocorisms can be encountered in derivational morphology descriptions. It is usually stated that diminutive affixes also build diminutive forms of proper names. Concerning Turkic vocatives, we can refer to an article by A. A. Juldašev (1956) on Turkic forms of address.

Different diminutive name forms in Kazakh and other Turkic languages illustrate cultural norms and the ways of addressing each other in formal and informal situations. This article gives a general description of Kazakh hypocorisms and their functions including vocative ones in a cross-Turkic comparative perspective, with a special emphasis on a series of South Siberian Turkic languages belonging to North-East Turkic (e.g. Tuvan, Shor, Altai). Our paper will also look at further means of address used by other Turkic languages.

## 2. Diminutives

### 2.1. Turkic diminutives as an object of linguistic research

Diminutives have been a frequent topic of scientific discussion in general and typological linguistics. In particular, much research is devoted to the use of diminutives in connection with children's speech in Russian (Voeikova 1998), Hebrew (Ravid 1998), Finnish (Laalo 1998), Italian (De Marco 1998), and Lithuanian (Savickiene 1998). The formation of diminutive names in Hungarian has been the subject of special research from a phonological perspective (Weijer 1989). There are also recent descriptions of diminutives in lesser studied languages of Eurasia (e.g. see Dolozova 2007 about Itelmen diminutives).

In most Turkic languages, diminutives have not been a topic of special monographic research, a recent study of Khakas being a rare exception (Tarakanova 2011). There are a number of articles describing diminutive formations in Turkmen (Muradov 1975), Kazakh (Mamanova 1983), Shor (Esipova 1998), etc.

Diminutives are usually not mentioned in grammar books (see *Sovremennyy kazaxskij jazyk* 1962). This can be explained by their word-building status; diminutives are considered to belong to lexicon, not grammar. They are mostly described in chapters on word formation alongside other affixes building nouns from nominals. However, we will not find diminutive formations in dictionaries. Thus, they seem to be overlooked by both grammar and lexicon studies of Turkic languages.

## 2.2. Diminutives' functions

Grammatical and derivational functions of diminutive formations are often distinguished by some authors (e.g. Esipova 1998).

Diminutive affixes can fulfill purely derivational functions forming new words referring to different entities than their bases do: cf. Altai *tülkü-ček* [fox-DIM] 'fox cub' and '(my) dear fox' from *tülkü* 'fox' formed by the diminutive affix *-ček*. The usage of diminutive suffixes to build names for juvenile animals is a classic example of their derivational functions. In (1), *tülküček* is a diminutive formation that does not denote fully grown foxes that are small in size, but fox cubs. In order to express the smallness of the fox cub, the adjective *kičinek* 'small' is used.

Altai

- (1) *Kičinek tülküček ene-zi-niñ kuyruğ-i la kire.*  
 small fox.cub mother-POS3-GEN tail-POS3 PTCL till  
 'A small fox cub is as long as its mother's tail.'

Along with their derivational use, diminutive formations can express subjective evaluation of an entity. Esipova (1998: 90) distinguishes emotional and non-emotional subjective evaluation expressed by diminutives.<sup>2</sup> In case of non-emotional evaluation of entities, their size is evaluated as comparatively smaller than a certain "norm": e.g. *üy* 'house' and *üy-ček* [house-DIM] 'a small house'. It is an "objectivized", non-emotional evaluation.

In the case of emotional evaluation, a caring and loving attitude, or in certain contexts, disrespect or irony can be expressed by diminutive formations: e.g. neutral *üy* 'house' and *üy-čegeš* [house-DIM] '(my) dear small house', or 'a tiny (old) house'. In this case, the size of the house does not really matter; one can use *üy-čegeš* when speaking about a relatively big house, which probably became very old. In certain contexts, *üy-čegeš* can be used ironically, referring to a big villa as if it were a modest small house. Thus, expressive discourse does not have anything to do with the truth value of propositions expressed by it. Esipova (1998) stresses that Shor diminutives are very often used in emotional expressive speech. Because smallness of living beings is often connected with warm feelings towards them (e.g. attitude toward children), it is not always possible to distinguish these two types of subjective evaluation from each other. Diminutives can express both semantic components simultaneously: the smallness of an object and the speaker's loving attitude toward it.

2 Compare the position of Marcel Erdal (2004) who also distinguishes two types of evaluative semantics expressed by diminutives: pragmatic evaluation and expressive evaluation.

### 2.3. The status of diminutive formations

Diminutive formations are mostly treated as separate lexical entities. However, they are quite systematic formations with predictable semantic results (if we leave aside the rather limited lexicalized entities), especially those with evaluative semantics. How should we define diminutive affixes that express the category of subjective evaluation—as grammatical or as derivational ones?

Of course, this is an open question for general and Turkic linguistics. Normally, we would define something as a lexeme and not as a word form if it is stored in the lexicon as a whole and is not composed “on demand” according to certain rules. The opposite is true for grammatical forms of the same word. A lexeme preserves its lexical meaning in all its grammatical forms that are marked by grammar affixes. Derivational affixes form new words with their own paradigms.

Thus, where do evaluative diminutive formations belong—grammar or the lexicon?

In order to answer this question, we also need to take into consideration the following aspects of diminutive formations.

Firstly, diminutive affixes are present in a series of already petrified entities undoubtedly belonging to the lexicon. In this case, their derivational status is clear.

Secondly, there is a variety of diminutive suffixes in each Turkic language; their choice is mostly determined by the morphological context. Thus, in Altai (Čumakaev 2017), the diminutive suffix *-AK* is added to two-syllable stems ending in *n* and *š*: *koyon-ok* ‘a dear little hare / a leveret, a young hare’ (*koyon* ‘hare’),<sup>3</sup> *čičkan-ak* ‘a dear little mouse / a young mouse’ (*čičkan* ‘mouse’), *töñöž-ök* ‘a dear small stump’ (*töñöž* ‘stump’). The suffix *-Aš* is added to two-syllable stems ending in *k*, *ķ* and *ŋ*: *ayağ-aš* ‘a dear little cup’ (*ayağ* ‘cup’), *teertpeeg-eš* ‘a dear little flatbread’ (*teertpeek* ‘flatbread’), *torboğ-oš* ‘a dear little bull / a young bull’ (*torboğ* ‘bull, ox’), *ķayŋ-aš* ‘a dear little birch’ (*ķayŋ* ‘birch’); its variant *-š* is added to three-syllable words ending in *o*: *oboğoš* ‘a dear little haystack’ (*oboğo* ‘haystack’). The suffix *-(I)čAk* is added to disyllabic stems ending in a vowel or to one-syllable words ending in a consonant (other than *k*, *ķ* and *ŋ*): *tura-čaķ* ‘a dear little house’ (*tura* ‘house’), *taž-ičaķ* ‘a dear little stone’ (*taš* ‘stone’).

Thirdly, diminutive affixes can be combined with each other building complex diminutive markers: Altai *suu-čag-aš* [river-DIM-DIM] ‘dear little river’ (*suu* ‘river’).

Fourthly, various diminutive forms of the same substantive can exist; cf. Shor *üy-ček* ‘a little house’, *üy-čeg-eš* ‘a dear little house’.

3 With animal names, it is especially difficult to distinguish between the derivational and evaluative functions of diminutives. Diminutives seem to be the most frequent way to form names of young animals. In addition, juvenile animals can be denoted by special lexemes, e.g. Altai *ķulun* ‘foal, colt’, and by lexicalized possessive phrases with the head word *bala* ‘child’, e.g. Altai *čičkan* ‘mouse’—*čičkan-niŋ bala-zı* [mouse-GEN child-POS3] ‘a young mouse, lit.: mouse’s child’.

These features of diminutive formations bring them closer to the lexicon than to grammar. It is typical that they are considered to be a part of the word building system of a language and, consequently, that diminutive formants are evaluated as word building ones (Erdal 2004). See, however for example Esipova (1998) who has an opposing point of view on the status of diminutives in Turkic languages, considering them to be representatives of a grammatical category of subjective evaluation of reality (when they serve evaluative and expressive functions).

### 3. Hypocorisms

Hypocorisms are built in very different ways in Turkic languages, employing affixation (e.g. diminutive, endearment and honorific affixes) and other means (syncopation, ellipsis, etc.).

#### 3.1. Kazakh hypocorisms

Some Kazakh hypocorisms are built by syncopating their parts, which are distinct morphemes (*-bek*, *-bay*, etc.), e.g. *Žamal* from *Žamalbek*. However, they are typically formed by specialized affixes. The Kazakh language has a number of affixes that form hypocorisms, which are primarily used in direct address, but not only. More than one hypocorism can be formed from the same stem. Due to long-term close contacts with the Russian language, Russian diminutive suffixes are sometimes used in such formations.

We distinguish two classes of such formations: hypocorisms expressing affection and endearment, and those expressing respect, which are used as honorific language means.

##### 3.1.1. Kazakh affectionate diminutive names related to children and close relatives

There are a number of patterns of forming hypocorisms that are used to address children and close relatives.

###### 3.1.1.1. Pattern I. Hypocorisms formed by the affix *-(V)š ~ -koš*

The suffix is added to anthroponomical stems ending in a vowel. These hypocorisms express personal closeness and informality.

Official name	Hypocorism (PN stem -š)
<i>Madīna</i> (f)	<i>Madīna-š</i> 'dearest Madina' (compare <i>Madīn-očka</i> , with the Russian suffix <i>-očka</i> )
<i>Amīna</i> (f)	<i>Amīna-š</i> 'dear Amina' (compare <i>Amīn-očka</i> )

If the name ends in a consonant, the stem should be shortened to one syllable; if it ends in a consonant, a variant of the suffix *-š* with a preceding vowel is added; after a reduced stem on a vowel or a sonant, the variant *-koš* is used.

Official name	Hypocorism (shortened PN stem <i>-Vš</i> / <i>-koš</i> )
<i>Ahmet</i> (m)	<i>Ah-oš</i> 'dear Ahmet' (compare <i>Ahmet-ik</i> )
<i>Aynur</i> (f)	<i>Ay-koš</i> 'dear Aynur' (compare <i>Aynur-očka</i> )
<i>Žanar</i> (f)	<i>Ža-koš</i> 'dear Zhanar' (compare <i>Žanar-očka</i> )

If the name consists of more than two syllables, the affix is added to a shortened form of the name consisting of the first two syllables, the last of which should be an open syllable. Distinct morphemes are normally omitted. However, some shortened stems do not form a hypocorism, probably for semantic reasons; *balta* is just 'hammer', not \**Balta* '\*dear Balta'; *Žuma* is 'Friday', not \**Žuma* '\*dear Zhuma'.

<i>Baltabay</i> (m)	<i>Balta-š</i> 'dear Baltabay' (compare <i>Baltabay-čik</i> )
<i>Žumabike</i> (f)	<i>Žuma-š</i> 'dear Zhumabike'

If the second syllable is closed, the final consonant is omitted.

<i>Žamalbek</i> (m)	<i>Žama-š</i> 'dear Zhamalbek' (compare <i>Žamal'-čik</i> )
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The hypocorism with the affix *-š* of the name *Abdraxman* (m) is *Ab-iš* 'dear Abdraxman' (compare *Abdraxman-čik*); probably because the consonant clusters are difficult to pronounce, it gets reduced to one syllable.

This suffix is also added to common nouns referring to persons. In a well-known Kazakh lullaby it is added to the stem *böpe* 'baby', see (2).

(2) <i>Äldi äldi aq böpe-m</i>	Hushaby my sweet baby child
<i>Aq tösekke žat böpe-m</i>	My baby, sleep in the safe (white) bed
<i>Aynalayın böpe-š-im</i>	My dearest sweetheart baby
<i>Taptım baqıt öziñnen</i>	I found happiness from you
<sup>y</sup> <i>Uqtay γoyšī köke-š-im</i>	Sleep my sweetheart.
(Kazakh folk lullaby)	

Such formations express affection and love. Affectionate names with the stem containing the suffix *-š* are used by family members to express parents' strong feeling of adoration for their children, grandparents' for grandchildren or relatives' for cousins, nephews and nieces. This is how the elders express their gentle feeling of fondness towards younger ones.

Characteristic features of this pattern are as follows:

Addressee's age:	Speaker's age:
newly born till adult	much older than the addressee

### 3.1.1.2. Pattern II. Hypocorisms formed by the affix *-š* + the suffix *-ka*

This is a variant of the previous pattern; it combines hypocorisms formed by the Kazakh diminutive suffix *-š* with the suffix *-ka*, apparently copied from Russian. These derivatives express a high degree of personal closeness and informality.

Official name	Hypocorism
	(shortened name stem <i>-(V)š</i> / <i>-koš</i> + <i>-ka</i> )
<i>Bota</i> (f)→	<i>Bota-š-ka</i> 'dearest Bota' (c. <i>Botaš-eč-ka</i> )
<i>Mayra</i> (f)→	<i>Mayra-š-ka</i> 'dearest Mayra' (c. <i>Mayra-š-eč-ka</i> )
<i>Arman</i> (m)→	<i>Arma-š-ka</i> 'dearest Arman' (c. <i>Arman-čik</i> )
<i>Ahmet</i> (m)→	<i>Ah-oš-ka</i> 'dearest Ahmet' (c. <i>Ahmet-ik</i> )

As we see, these suffixes (also combined together) are added to already shortened personal names in order to form their especially affectionate forms.

### 3.1.1.3. Pattern III. Hypocorisms formed by the morpheme *-žan*

The cliticized morpheme *-žan* (from the Persian noun meaning 'soul') is a dedicated morpheme expressing the speaker's endearment and affection. The *-žan* marker is also used in Uzbek (e.g. *Akmal-žan*; *Xafiz-žan*), Turkmen (*Orað-žan*, *Göðel-žan*), and elsewhere (Žanuzakov 1971: 159).

Official Name	Hypocorism
	(PN stem- <i>žan</i> )
<i>Aynur</i> (f)	<i>Aynur-žan</i> 'dearest Aynur, sweetheart Aynur'
<i>Aysulu</i> (f)	<i>Aysulu-žan</i> 'dearest Aysulu, sweetheart Aysulu'
<i>Serik</i> (m)	<i>Serik-žan</i> 'dearest Serik, sweetheart Serik'
<i>Ahmet</i> (m)	<i>Ahmet-žan</i> 'dearest Ahmet'

In cases where the morpheme *-žan* has become part of a full name, the latter does not form a hypocorism with the same affix: *Ayžan* (f), *Gülžan* (f), *Seytžan* (m), *Ahmetžan* (m), compare the hypocorism *Ahmet-žan* from the full name *Ahmet*.

Formations with *-žan* express personal closeness and informality; see (3). They are also encountered in Kazakh folklore (4) and (5), indicating that this element entered the Kazakh language a long time ago.



- (3) [*Serik Astana-ya ket-keli žat-ır.*]  
 Serik Astana-DAT go-INF lie:AUX-AOR  
 “*Serik-žan, žol-ıñ bol-sın de-p” ata-sı*  
 PN-DIM way-POS2SG be-IMP3 say-CV grandfather-POS3  
*bata-sın ber-d-i.*  
 blessing-POS3ACC give-PST-3  
 ‘[Serik is going to Astana.] “Dearest Serik-dzan, let your way be (successful)  
 (i.e. I wish you good luck),” his grandfather blessed him (lit.: gave his blessing).’
- (4) *Aynalayın, Šege-žan,*  
 dear PN-DIM  
*söz-ıñ-e sonda sen-eyin!*  
 word-POS2SG-DAT then believe-IMP1SG  
 ‘Dearest , Shege, I will then rely on your word (lit.: believe your word)!’  
 (Qız Žibek 2008: 84)
- (5) *Žibek-žan žigıt tañda-y bıl-d-i eken!*  
 PN-DIM fellow choose-CV know-PST-3PTCL  
 ‘It seems that dearest Žibek knew how to choose a fiancé!’ (Qız Žibek 2008: 35)

Characteristic features of formations with *-žan* are as follows:

Addressee’s age:	Speaker’s age:
newly born till 12	elderly people

#### 3.1.1.4. Pattern IV: Hypocorisms with the suffix *-tay*

The marker *-tay* is added to shortened stems consisting of the first syllable of the name. Hypocorisms with this suffix express sympathy, as well as a loving and caring attitude towards a child on the part of a grown up.

Official Name	Hypocorism
	(PN stem- <i>tay</i> )
<i>Batırhan</i> (m) →	<i>Ba-tay</i> ‘dearest Batyrkhan’
<i>Alımžan</i> (m) →	<i>Al-tay</i> ‘dearest Alimzhan’
<i>Külīmhan</i> (f) →	<i>Kül-tay</i> ‘dearest Kyulimkhan’
<i>Kaldıkül</i> (m) →	<i>Kal-tay</i> ‘dearest Kaldykyul’

Characteristic features of formations with *-tay* are as follows:

Addressee’s age:	Speaker’s age:
from 12 till 18	elderly people

The marker *-tay* can be added to Kazakh kinship terms. The resulting formations express a feeling of tenderness while addressing beloved and cherished family members, e.g.:

Kinship terminology → Diminutive with <i>-tay</i>	
<i>apa</i>	<i>apa-tay</i> ‘beloved granny, grandmother’ (equivalent to the Russian <i>babulja</i> )
<i>ata</i>	<i>ata-tay</i> ‘beloved grandfather’ (equivalent to Russian <i>dedulja</i> )
<i>ženge</i>	<i>ženge-tay</i> ‘beloved sister-in-law’
<i>aya</i>	<i>aya-tay</i> ‘beloved elder brother/uncle’

*Žengetay* is mostly used as a vocative word; see (6). It expresses close relatives’ respect and affection for their sister-in-law.

- (6) *Ženge-tay,*                      *šay*      *ber-iñiz-ši!*  
 sister-in-law-DIM      tea      give-IMP2PL-PTCL  
 ‘Beloved sister-in-law, be so kind and serve me tea!’

The possessive marker of the first person singular can be added to these formations to express special affection, personal closeness and respect, see (7)–(10).

- (7) *Apa-tay-īm,*                      *awır-ma-iñiz-ši!*  
 grandmother-DIM-POS1SG      be.ill-NEG-IMP2PL-PTCL  
 ‘My beloved grandmother, please, don’t be ill.’
- (8) *Apa-tay-īm*                      *šarša-d-ı.*  
 grandmother-DIM-POS1SG      get.tired-PST-3  
 ‘My beloved grandmother has got tired.’
- (9) *Ženge-tay-īm*                      *aq.köñil.*  
 sister-in-law-DIM-POS1SG      white.heart  
 ‘My beloved sister-in-law is a very sincere person (lit: ‘white heart’).’
- (10) *Aya-tay-īm*                      *Taraz-da.*  
 grandfather-DIM-POS1SG      Taraz-LOC  
 ‘My beloved brother is in Taraz (a city).’

### 3.1.1.5. Pattern V: Hypocorisms with the suffix *-KAN*

In Kazakh, hypocorisms with the marker *-KAN* are widely used to express the small size of their referents (equivalent to formations with the English suffix *-y/-ie*, e.g.: *Elizabeth* → *Betty*, *Lizzie*). They convey warm affectionate feelings towards the referred person. The *-KAN* markers are added to the first syllable of the name if this

syllable is closed. Its last consonant is omitted if it has a low vowel. In case the first syllable starts with *k*-, the suffix is added to the second syllable:

Official name →	Hypocorism (shortened PN stem plus <i>-Kan</i> )
<i>Šahmuhambet, Šakarım, Šaymerden</i> →	<i>Šá-ken</i> '(my) dear Shaken'
<i>Sadwaqas, Sársenbek, Seyfulla</i> →	<i>Sá-ken</i> '(my) dear Saken'
<i>Qožahmet, Qožamqul</i> →	<i>Qoža-kan</i> '(my) dear Kozhakan'
<i>Rışgöl</i> →	<i>Rış-ken</i> '(my) dear Rysken'

### 3.1.2. Hypocorisms with honorific semantics

Kazakh has special honorific hypocorisms formed from shortened stems of personal names plus a number of honorific affixes. Honorific forms of personal names convey respect, and are used when addressing or referring to a person.

#### 3.1.2.1. Pattern I: hypocorisms with the affix *-Ake*

These are formed from shortened stems (only the first syllable of the official name) by adding the suffix *-áke/-eke*. Their function is to express friendly, informal politeness combined with the highest respect. This suffix is used with both male and female names.

Official name	Honorific hypocorism (first syllable of full PN stem plus <i>-Ake</i> )
<i>Askar</i> (m) →	<i>Aseke</i> '(our) highly respected Askar'
<i>Asau</i> (m)	<i>Aseke</i> '(our) highly respected Asau'
<i>Álibek</i> (m) →	<i>Áleke</i> '(our) highly respected Alibek'
<i>Baylan</i> (m) →	<i>Báke</i> '(our) highly respected Baglan'
<i>Žabayhan</i> (m) →	<i>Žáke</i> '(our) highly respected Zhabaykhan'
<i>Malıka</i> (f) →	<i>Máke</i> '(our) highly respected Malika'
<i>Saltanat</i> (f)	<i>Sáke</i> '(our) highly respected Saltanat'
<i>Raušan</i> (f)	<i>Ráke</i> '(our) highly respected Raushan'
<i>Seryazı</i> (m) →	<i>Sáke</i> '(our) highly respected Sergazy'
<i>Dınuhammed</i> (m)	<i>Dımeke</i> '(our) highly respected Dinmuhammed'
<i>Kıldubala</i> (f) →	<i>Kıleke</i> '(our) highly respected Kyuldubala'
<i>Gülžaxan</i> (f) →	<i>Güleke</i> '(our) highly respected Gylzhaxan'

When the first syllable is closed, its final consonant is omitted (except for *l*) while its vowel is replaced by the first vowel of the affix: *Baylan* > *Báke*. If the name begins with the vowel *a* and the first syllable is closed, the affix is placed after the final consonant: *Askar* > *As-eke*. However, if the names start with the vowel *a* followed

by the consonant *m*, the vowel is omitted.<sup>4</sup> Thus, names like *Amangeldi* (m), *Amına* (f), *Amantay* (m, f), *Amangıl* (f) etc. all have the same honorific hypocorism *Mäke*. Names consisting of more than three syllables retain two first syllables; the rules should be applied to the second syllable: *Dinmuhammed* > *Dimeke*, (with assimilation of *n* to *m* and contraction of *mm*).

All in all, the rules for building such hypocorisms are not always straightforward and regular. Connotations and how the resulting name sounds play a certain role in this, along with the morphological context and the syllabic word structure. It is not always possible to separate the word stem from the affix.

In modern Kazakh, honorific forms of personal names are widely used in everyday life and the official press, both in oral and written communication. They can be applied to people of any social standing. In cases where the status of the addressed person is higher than that of the speaker, this form expresses respect and distinction. If the status of both participants in the communication is equal, it expresses respectful politeness. A wife can use this form when addressing her husband in the presence of other people in order to show his high status in the family and the respect with which he is treated in the family.

One can even address the President of Kazakhstan, *Nursultan Nazarbaev*, with the honorific hypocorism *Nureke*; see (11) introducing an open letter to the President of Kazakhstan.

- (11) “*Assalaumayaleykum, qurmetti Nureke, men zaıayı*  
greeting respectful PN:HYP I just  
*öz-ııız sıına-ıan pedinstitut-tıı rektor-ı*  
self- POS2PL criticize-PP pedagogical.institute-GEN rector-POS3  
*Aldamžarov-pın*”,— *de-d-ım. Nureke-ı de kol-ın soz-a*  
PN-1SG say-PST-1SG PP:HYP-POS2SG PTCL hand-POS3ACC stretch-CV  
*menıı kol-ım-dı al-ıp: “Men, Zäke, sıız-dı*  
my hand-POS1SG-ACC take-CV I PN:HYP you: PL-ACC  
*bıl-e-m ıoy*”,—*de-d-ı.*  
know-PRS-1SG PTCL say-PST-3  
“Assalaumayaleykum, highly respected Nureke. I am Aldamžarov, the rector of the  
Pedagogical Institute, whom you have just criticized”, I said. The highly respected  
Nurekeı greeted me stretching out his hands: “I know you, respected Zäke”, he said.’

This highly productive affix is also used to form honorific hypocorisms from foreign names: *Nikolay* > *Näke*, *Lars* > *Läreke*, *Andrey* > *Äleke*.

It is used as a form of address, but not only. When it is used in the absence of the person referred to, it can have ironical connotations.

4 The first two sounds of such names would give a word denoting the female sex organ; this combination of sounds is therefore not considered suitable for a respectful form of address.

In Žanuzakov's opinion, this marker goes back to the marker *-aka* (Žanuzakov 1971: 162). In western Kazakhstan, this archaic marker is still used as a honorific to express the highest respect of the referent: *Seytqalī* → *Seyt-aka*; *Šamyalī* → *Šam-aka* (Žanuzakov 1971: 161).

In Uzbek, *ākā* is used as a separate lexeme expressing the highest respect only of a male person, e.g. *Kamal-ākā*; *Dilmurat-ākā*; *Zakir-ākā*. The wife addresses her husband with the component *ākā* and using the second person plural verb forms. In Kazakh, there is no gender differentiation; the marker *-Ake* can be added to male and female name stems.

Characteristic features of formations with *-Ake* are as follows:

Addressee's age: from 35	Speaker's age: appr. same as the addressee' (+/-5 years)
Addressee's status: high (administrative position, standing in the family hierarchy, or other)	Speaker's status: same or lower

The marker *-Ake* is used with kinship terms in the speech of Kazakhs from China who migrated back to their historical motherland after the 1990s (interview with Prof. Tursunkhan Zaken, 52 years old, Astana 2016), e.g.:

*Aya—ayeke* 'cherished elder brother'  
*Apa—apeke* 'cherished mother'  
*Äke—äkeke* 'cherished father'  
*Ata—ateke* 'cherished grandfather'  
*Äže—äžeke* 'cherished grandmother'

In Kazakh folklore, the marker *-Ake* is widely used with both person names and kinship terms, to express friendly, informal politeness combined with the highest respect; see (12)–(15). In (14), the honorific hypocorism is combined with the possessive marker of the 1st person singular.

- (12) *Šešeke, bīr kuanīš-tī kör-d-īm de-y-dī.*  
 mother.HON one happiness-ACC see-PST-1SG say-PRS-3  
 "“Cherished mother, I saw one happiness”, he says.  
 (“Qozi Körpeš Bayan Suluu” 1959: 104)

- (13) *Bayan kīz-dīñ kīyew-ī men, eneke.*  
 PN girl-GEN husband-POS3 I mother-in-law.HON  
 ‘Respected mother-in-law, I am the husband of the girl (by name) Bayan.’  
 (“Qozi Körpeš Bayan Suluu” 1959: 192)

- (14) *Ákeke-m*                      *tıl-ın*                      *al-ma*                      *de-gen*.  
 father.HON-POS1SG   tongue-POS3ACC   listen-NEG   say-PF  
 ‘My dearest father told me not to listen to him.’  
 (“Qozı Körpeş Bayan Suluu” 1959: 143)
- (15) *Rawşanbek-tı*    *sat-ıp*    *al-ıp*                      *Qaždeke-m* (<*Qaždembek*)  
 PN-ACC                      buy-CV   take.AUX-CV   PN.HON-POS1SG  
*kün*   *bat-kan*    *soñ*    *saray-ın-a*    *en-e-dı*.  
 sun   set-PP   after   palace-POS3-DAT   enter-PRS-3  
 ‘My dear Qaždembek who has bought Raushanbek, enters the palace after sunset.’

### 3.1.2.2. Pattern II: honorific hypocorisms with the affix *-eken*

The marker *-eken* is added to person name stems shortened to their first syllables. When it is a closed syllable, its final consonant is omitted. If the syllable ends in two consonants, the last one is omitted: *Lars* > *Lareken*.

Hypocorisms with *-eken* are used with the names of officials in the press, on TV etc.; e.g. Nursultan Nazarbaev can be referred to as *Nüreken*.

This marker usually expresses warm, sincere feelings towards elder persons, respected officials, writers, composers, singers whose creations are popular, and whom people respect and love: *Yafu* → *Yaf-eken* (Yafu Qayyrbekov is a famous Kazakh poet); *Qasımbek* → *Qas-eken* (Kasymbek Bukhmetov was a respected person, who founded a number of museums about famous Kazakhstani people); *Nursultan* → *Nur-eken*.

It is characteristic of all Kazakh diminutive or honorific affixes encountered in Kazakh hypocorisms that they are only used to build formations from person name stems or from stems denoting participants in various interpersonal relations (kinship terms, social bonds, etc.). These formations have evaluative and expressive semantics and express endearment, affection, love and sympathy on the one hand, or respect, distinction, politeness, on the other. They are not used for building diminutives from nouns denoting non-animate entities.

## 3.2. Hypocorisms in South Siberian Turkic languages

In the course of the conversion of the Turkic peoples of South Siberia to Christianity, many adopted Christian names as pronounced in Russian, with some adaptation to the rules of Turkic phonetics. This happened in the Mountainous Altai, Mountainous Shoria, Khakassia and other places. Nevertheless, with Christian names, inherited affixes are mostly used (see 4.5). The Tuvan people were not converted and have preserved the original system of personal names and their hypocorisms to a greater extent (see 3.2.1.).

Some peoples that adopted Christianity kept their original names for domestic use and gave their children an official “public” name and a secret “home” name. At present, mostly native names are given to newly born children in South Siberia. All these processes need describing and studying. Here, we use some results of the

sparse research that was available to us. Still, big differences in building hypocorisms in different Turkic languages are quite obvious.

### 3.2.1. Hypocorisms in Tuvan

Diminutive forms of personal names (*hypocorisms*) constitute a unique anthroponomical system in each Turkic language. The peculiarities of the Kazakh system are especially visible if we compare Kazakh hypocorisms to Tuvan ones. A description of Tuvan hypocorisms was made by D. Monguš (1977, reprinted in 2009). Below, we use his observations and examples.

It is interesting that Tuvan hypocorisms are normally formed without any diminutive markers.

Tuvan personal names consisting of two stems are shortened by omitting their second part: *Anay-Xaak* > *Anay*, *Oynaar-ool* > *Oynaar*.

If the first part of the name used to be a nickname, it can be omitted: *Čoon-Šīva* > *Šīva* (*čoon* 'fat').

Personal names consisting of one stem can be shortened if they have two or more syllables. Often it is an affix which is syncopated: *Salbaḳḳay* > *Salbaḳ*, *Mildikpan* > *Mildik*, *Čečekmaa* > *Čeček*, *Saarbaj* > *Saar*, etc. Paradoxically, originally diminutive affixes that have become a part of the full name can also be omitted (see *Salbaḳḳay* > *Salbaḳ*).

The affixes *-ČAK* ~ *-ČXK*, *-KAy*, *-Ay*, *-l(D)Ay*, *-BAy*, *-BAA*, *-ČAp*, and *-ČX* are most frequently omitted. The first six affixes are originally diminutives. If there are two diminutive affixes that have become part of the full name, only the last of them is omitted: *Ḳara-š-pay* > *Ḳaraš*, *Ool-čuk-ḳay* > *Oolčuk*, *Ool-aḳ-ḳay* > *Oolaḳ*.

Personal names consisting of one syllable do not get shortened.

In two- and three-syllable underived words (also if we cannot divide them into morphemes synchronically), the following rules determine the production of hypocorisms.

In words with a long first vowel and an open second syllable, the last vowel is omitted (*Šooma* > *Šoom*); if such a word has a closed final syllable and an open penultimate one, the last two sounds are omitted (*Sodunam* > *Sodun*); when the penultimate syllable is closed, the last syllable is omitted completely (*Čadamba* > *Čadam*). The resulting hypocorisms have closed last syllables.

These rules also apply if a name has a long first vowel. There are not many Tuvan names of this structure, but many loaned Russian names with a stressed first syllable belong to this class, as the stressed vowel is borrowed as a long vowel into Tuvan; consequently, they also follow these rules in building their hypocorisms: *Miša* [mi:ʃa] > *Miš* [mi:ʃ].

Other types of two-syllable words do not get shortened. As for four-syllable personal names (quite rare), they lose their last two syllables, but the last syllable of the resulting hypocorism should be closed.

The resulting hypocorisms have evaluative and expressive functions. However one should bear in mind that we can speak of a hypocorism only when the longer form exists as a full name. Since there are many full names that have diminutive (or other) affixes as parts of their full stems, hypocorisms may be homonymous with full names. Only the contrast between a diminutive and the corresponding full name determines whether or not it is a hypocorism.

One may suppose that diminutive affixes used to be evaluative at some stage of the Tuvan historical development and lost this function when becoming parts of full names. Since diminutive affixes have become parts of official names in Tuvan, they are not used for building hypocorisms here. The only exception is the suffix *-ČXq* which may either add a loving and tender attitude, or bear ironical connotations, depending on the context, the hypocorism *Ƙoynaa-žik* (from *Ƙoynaa*) may mean 'dear Koynaa' or 'despised Koynaa'. Monguš even states that the ironical connotations prevail in cases where such formations are used. However, he also states that this affix sometimes expresses a loving and caring attitude, and thinks that this trend could be fostered by contacts with the Russian language, which uses diminutives abundantly.

Thus, Tuvan has practically "lost" its use of diminutive affixes as a means of expressing the category of subjective evaluation. Hypocorisms are instead formed by syncope of full names.

#### 4. Vocatives

Most hypocorisms are primarily, but not exclusively, used as forms of address. However, in the traditional cultures of most Turkic peoples, certain taboos restrict the use of personal names by younger family members. Kinship terms are used instead of personal names. These receive a special morphology when used as forms of address, which often coincides with the morphemes building hypocorisms.

##### 4.1. An overview of Turkic forms of address

In sentences containing vocative forms, the latter usually occupy the initial position. In most cases, there are no special forms of address. The vocative function is fulfilled by a specific intonation pattern, with a pause after the address word: Tatar *ji-git, tır!* 'Stand up, young man!' However, some Turkic languages have special vocative morphology (see Juldašev 1956).

In Kumyk, the affix *-(A)w* is applied to the words denoting the addressed person, e.g. *ini* 'younger brother', *aya* 'uncle', *egeči* 'aunt', as well as to some further words: *Iniw!* 'Younger brother!'; *Ayaw!* 'Uncle!'; *Ečiw!* 'Aunt!'; compare 4.2.1.1. In Kumyk, the same affix can be applied to hypocorisms, though in that case the resulting forms can be used in more than just the vocative function: *Zakaw* (from the personal name *Zakar'ya*), *Kaliw* (< *Kalimat*), etc. This shows that it is a regular means of building vocative word forms.



The affix *-(A)y* can also be used in this function in Kumyk and in many other Turkic languages (e.g. Tatar, Bashkir, Kirgiz, Altai, Khakas, etc.). Its usage is confined to addressing people: *ana-y* ‘Mother!’ (Kumyk), *ata-y* ‘Father!’ (Kumyk, Bashkir), *inā-y/äsā-y* ‘Mother!’ (Bashkir), *qız-ıy* ‘Girl!’ (Tatar), *tuğan-ay* ‘Sibling!’ (Tatar). In Tatar, the word *jıngā* ‘wife of an older brother’ has the vocative form *jıngı* (with the Tatar correspondence of *-i* to *-äy* with the vocative *-y*). Tatar personal names also have diminutive forms (hypocorisms) with the final *-y* added to their shortened stems: *Ibray* (< *Ibrahim*), *Kamay* (< *Kamaletdin*), etc.; see also 4.2.1.2. The Altai language has only a few formations with the suffix *-y*: *ada* ‘father’ > *ada-y*; *ene* ‘mother’ > *ene-y*. These can be considered vocative words and belong to the lexicon. With other stems, the possessive affix of the 1st person singular is used when addressing younger persons: Bashkir *ul-ım* ‘my son’.

In the discussed cases, the affixes *-(A)y* and *-(A)w* have grammatical functions that serve to form vocatives. However, there are also words that are not used without the vocative element (Juldašev 1956); Bashkir *äpsäy* ‘Mother!’ has only this form, and is used only as a form of address. Consequently, it is a vocative word, and the suffix *-y* here combines the purely derivational semantics with the grammatical function of address. Such words should be included in dictionaries.

In Old Turkic, there used to be a vocative case with the marker *-(A)y*. It is logical to suppose that such formations are remnants of this formerly much more widely used case form.

These are specialized morphemes pertaining to the category of the vocative. There are also other, non-specialized morphemes that have vocative functions in certain contexts: e.g. possessive affixes combined with a specific intonation of address may also serve the function of vocative markers.

In Khakas, when addressing close relatives and older family members, the affix of the second person singular is obligatory alongside the vocative intonation; e.g. when addressing one’s grandfather it is necessary to say *ağa-ŋ* [grandfather-POS2SG] ‘grandfather! (lit.: your.SG grandfather!)’, when addressing one’s uncle, to say *aŋa-ŋ* [uncle-POS2SG] ‘uncle! (lit.: your.SG uncle!)’, and when addressing one’s elder sister to say *čaŋa-ŋ* (from *čaŋa* ‘elder sister’). Here, the possessive affixes serve a vocative function, as the possessive semantics is not expressed here. You are addressing your own sister, not the sister of the listener; compare also the use of the second person singular possessive marker with the hypocorism *Nüreke* in (11). Also in Khakas, some formations are not used at all without the possessive suffix, and thus are vocative words: *tayŋ!* ‘Uncle (on the mother’s side)!’ does not exist without the possessive marker, which has become a part of the stem.

It is a regular phenomenon in Turkic languages that possessive affixes are used with kinship terms in the vocative functions. It is connected with various taboos to use personal names when addressing family members. In the Tatar language, the wife addresses her husband as *äti-si!* [father-POS3] ‘Husband! (lit.: his/her father!)’. In Turkmen, it is necessary to indicate the name of the son or the daughter while

addressing his/her father; it gets the marker of the genitive case: *Murad-ıñ dädä-θı!* 'Husband (lit.: the father of Murad)!'.

In all Turkic languages, the possessive affix of the first person singular is used in vocative functions. However, while the above-described cases present the vocative function proper of the possessive affixes of the 2nd and 3rd person singular, the possessive suffix of the 1st person also has evaluative semantics and expresses a loving and caring attitude toward the addressed person: Uzbek *bâla-m!*, Turkmen *çağa-m!* 'My child!', Tatar *ķız-ım!* 'My daughter!', etc. Some forms of address are impossible without the possessive affix of the 1st person singular, e.g. Bashkir *ķusıñm!* 'My brother!'.

Diminutive affixes can also be applied to forms of address. Juldaşev distinguishes diminutive affixes proper and affixes of affection (Russian *laskatel'nye*, lit.: 'caressing' affixes) used in forms of address. The former can be used with the function of "objective evaluation" of the size of objects. The latter are applied only to living beings and fulfill only expressive functions.

Affixes of affection, in their expressive and evaluative function, are broadly used when addressing people close to the speakers in all Turkic languages: Bashkir *äsä-ķäy!* / *inä-ķäy!* 'Dear mother!', Kirgiz *ana-ke!* 'Dear mother!', *opa-żon!* / *oyı-żon!* / *aba-żon!* 'Dear mother!', etc. They are also added to personal names (in their full or syncope form) to build hypocorisms: Azeri *Ākbārjan*, *Fāridājan*, Turkmen *Orađ-żan*, *Gađelżan*, Uzbek *Aķmalżān*, *Xafızżān*, Tatar *Fazlıķay*, etc.

Addressing a child, one can use both affixes of affection and possessive affixes of the 1st person singular: Uzbek *bâla-żān-ım*, Tatar *bala-ķay-ım* / *bäbi-ķäy-ım* 'my dear child'; Uzbek *üyli-ginā-m*, Tatar *uļı-ķay-ım* 'my dear son', etc.

Diminutive affixes proper, when addressing living beings, serve only expressive functions of subjective evaluation. They can be used alone or in combination with possessive affixes of the 1st person: Khakas *xız-ıjax*, *xız-ım* 'my dear daughter', Altai *bala-çağ-ım*, *bala-m* 'my dear child'.

Although the primary semantics of affixes of affection is one of subjective evaluation and expression of emotions, the frequent use of some formations with these affixes in addressing people, led in some cases to a fading out their emotional semantic components. Thus, some words with these affixes became just vocative words: Tatar *āniki!* 'Mother-in-law!' (compare *āni* 'mother'), *ātiki!* 'Father-in-law!' (compare *āti* 'father'). The presence of the affix of affection *-Kāy* in their stems can be detected only with the aid of an etymological analysis. These Tatar formations are used only as vocative words for addressing family members; compare *āniki!* 'Mother-in-law!' and *ķayınana* / *biyana* 'mother-in-law'.

#### 4.2. Kazakh vocatives

All hypocorisms can be used as vocative forms. In addition, there are other formations that serve vocative functions.

#### 4.2.1. Formations with vocative affixes proper

##### 4.2.1.1. Affix *-(A)w*

The Kazakh affix *-(A)w* is applied only to kinship terms and builds forms expressing feelings of affection toward the addressed persons: *Aɣaw!* ‘Uncle!’, *Apaw!* ‘Mother!’, *Ataw!* ‘Grandfather!’, *Žezdew!* ‘Brother-in-law!’.

##### 4.2.1.2. Affix *-(A)y*

A characteristic feature of Kazakh etiquette is that personal names should not be used when addressing older members of the family. Within a family, younger persons address their elders using the kinship terms with the *-y* marker expressing respect and affection at the same time:

*ata* → *ata-y* ‘respected grandfather’  
*āže* → *āže-y* ‘respected grandmother’  
*āke* → *āke-y* ‘respected father’  
*apa* → *apa-y* ‘respected mother/elder sister’  
*aɣa* → *aɣa-y* ‘respected elder brother / uncle’  
*ženge* → *ženge-y* ‘respected auntie / sister-in-law’

Using some of these formations, one can address close family members, or even unknown older persons, e.g. *ženge-y* ‘respected auntie / sister-in-law’. See (16)–(18).

- (16) *Ženge-y      ƙanša      bala-ŋžz      bar?*  
 aunt-VOC    how.many    child-POS2PL    there.is  
 ‘Auntie, how many children do you have?’

- (17) *Āke-y      demalīs-ƙa      šīk-t-ī.*  
 farther-VOC    rest-DAT      go.out-PST-3  
 ‘(Our respected/beloved) daddy retired.’

The form *ženge-y* can be used with reference to a relatively young woman if the interlocutor wants to stress his/her respect for her husband, who is either older than the interlocutor, or whose social position is higher than that of the interlocutor; see (18).

- (18) *Biz-dīŋ    ženge-y      žaksī    adam.*  
 we-GEN    sister-in-law-VOC    good    person  
 ‘Our respected sister-in-law is a nice person.’

The kinship term with the vocative *-(A)y ženge-y* can accept another vocative marker *-(A)w*. In this case, such an address form expresses surprise and astonishment; see (19).

- (19) *Ženge-y-aw, siz<sup>w</sup> osiñi da bil-me-y-siz be?*  
 aunt-VOC-VOC you:PL that.ACC PTCL know-NEG-PRS-2PL Q  
 ‘Auntie, don’t you know that?’

- (20) *Ženge-y-aw, bұл қалай бол-ған-ı?*  
 aunt-VOC-VOC this how happen-PP-3  
 ‘Auntie, how has it happened?’

#### 4.2.2 Vocative with possessive affixes

All the vocative forms can additionally take a possessive marker of the 1st person singular in order to express especially cordial and informal address, usually when addressing younger people. Hypocorisms with affixes of affection can also be used with this possessive marker; see 3. It is also used with stems without any affix of affection: *қыз-ім!* ‘My dear daughter!’.

#### 4.3. Terms of endearment (affectionate nicknames) used as forms of address

Each Kazakh child has his/her own affectionate nickname, often a zoomorphic term or other term of endearment. Here, we will list only a few such forms of address, typical of Kazakh culture.

Zoomorphic terms of endearment:

Affectionate nicknames connected with different kinds of birds:

*қарға-м* [crow-POS1SG] ‘my (little baby) crow’;  
*сұңқар-ім* [falcon-POS1SG] ‘my (little baby) falcon’.

Affectionate nicknames connected with different small animals:

*құлш-ім* [foal-PPS1SG] ‘my dearest (little) foal’;  
*бота-ш-ім* [colt-DIM-POS1SG] ‘my dearest little colt’;  
*қоз-ім* [lamb-POS1SG] ‘my dearest (little) lamb’.

Terms of endearment connected with names of planets, stars:

*ай-ім* [moon-POS1SG] ‘my moon’;  
*күн-ім* [sun-POS1SG] ‘my sun’;  
*жұлдіз-ім* [star-POS1SG] ‘my star’.

Terms of endearment connected with kinship terminology:

*көке-ш-ім* ‘my dear father/uncle’ < *көке* ‘father/uncle’;  
*әке-ш-ім* ‘my dear father’ < *әке* ‘father’.

#### 4.4. Polite terms of address in Kazakh

Kazakh hypocorisms with the honorific affixes are used as polite forms of address today.

Kazakh people use the possessive affixes of the 3rd person when addressing family members in a very polite manner. This is especially typical for the speech of elder generations, e.g. *ata-sı!* [grandfather-POS3] (lit.: his/her grandfather) ‘respected grandfather!’ or *apa-sı!* [grandmother-POS3] (lit.: his/her grandmother) ‘respected grandmother!’.

Before the Soviet era, there used to be polite forms of address expressing respect towards the addressed person: *mırza* ‘mister’, *bıkeš* ‘madam’ (the -š-form of the word *bıke* ‘woman’), *taqsır* ‘lord’, *katın* ‘miss’, etc. After Kazakhstan gained its independence in 1990, there were attempts to revive these forms of address; see (21). These forms have not, however, been adopted by modern Kazakh society and are not used in everyday life.

- (21) *Batır-ı Eset-tey ǵalım-ı Zұлqарнай мірза-day,*  
 warrior-POS3 PN-SIM scientist-POS3 PN mister-SIM  
*әнші-сі Гүлнәз ханым-day халық бақитті,*  
 singer-POS3 PN lady-SIM people happy  
*ұлы халық,— де-д-і “ol” “oılan-іp” зат-pas-tan*  
 great people say-PST-3 s/he think-CV lie.AUX-AOR.NEG-ABL  
 ‘He answered immediately (lit.: without thinking), “The nation that has warriors like Eset, scientists like Mr. Zұлqарнай, singers like Mrs. Gyulnaz is a happy great nation.’

#### 4.5. Altai, Khakas and Shor hypocorisms and vocatives

The first description of the morphology of the Altai language (*Grammatika altajskogo jazyka* 1869) stated that special affixes are added to personal names or kinship words to express love, affection and respect: e.g. the affix -(X)š: *Ivan* > *Yıbanıš* ‘(my) dear Ivan’; *Nikita* > *Nikitiš* ‘(my) dear Nikita’.

In modern Altai fine literature we find further diminutive affixes used to form hypocorisms: *Miša* > *Miš-ek* ‘(my) dear Misha’ (the suffix -*ek* is added to the shortened stem of the personal name).

Personal names of Altai origin take diminutive affixes proper which are also used to build forms of common nouns, similar to the formations of Khakas and Shor hypocorisms: Khakas *Xordı-jax!* ‘Dear Xordy!’ < *Xordı* (f).

Also, formations with the vocative affix -(A)y are used to form both hypocorisms and vocative words from kinship terms: Khakas *u:ǵay* ‘dear granny’ < *u:ǵa* ‘grandmother on the father’s side’, *xaday* ‘dear wife’ < *xat* ‘woman, wife (not respectful)’, Khakas Kyzyl dialect *aǵay* ‘uncle’ < *aǵa* ‘grandfather on the father’s side, uncle’. The affix is used to form hypocorisms (*Gena-y* < *Gena*, *Kolya-y* < *Kolya*), and in forms of address after the possessive affix of the 1st person singular: *kuday-ım-ay!* ‘my dear Kuday! (Oh, my God!)’. It can also form diminutives from common stems:

Khakas *töŋey* ‘hillock, mound; knob, protuberance’ < *töŋ* ‘hillock’ (Tarakanova 2011: 40).

However, in Shor and Khakas, the affix *-(A)s* (Khakas) / *-(A)š* (Shor) is used to build only vocatives and endearment forms from kinship terms: Khakas *aĵa-s!* ‘dear older brother!’ < *aĵa* ‘older brother’, *piĵe-s!* ‘dear older sister!’ < *piĵe* ‘older sister’, (Tarakanova 2011: 36), Shor *eneš* ‘dear mother’ < *ene* ‘mother’. In Altai, some kinship names may get the affix *-š*, and sometimes formations with this affix have a clear semantic shift: *aba* ‘father’ > *aba-š* ‘grandfather’.

## 5. Conclusion

The categories of diminutives, terms of endearment and respect, vocatives and hypocorisms have various means of expression in Turkic languages. Each language has its own system for expressing these categories, comprising both grammatical and lexical devices. All these categories are intertwined with each other in complex ways: diminutive markers may build hypocorisms, vocative forms and new lexemes; hypocorisms act as vocatives.

One should distinguish between diminutives proper, evaluative diminutives (which also may be used in both purely diminutive functions and in subjective evaluations of reality), endearment and honorific terms, and vocatives. The status of each of these categories may be different in a specific Turkic language.

The category of vocative forms was formerly built by two main specialized morphemes in all Turkic languages—the affixes *-(A)w* and *-(A)y*. This category can be assessed as a lexical one, and the corresponding formations as lexical items belonging to the lexicon on the following grounds: these formations are limited in number; and they cannot be formed synchronically from nouns used in the vocative function. The majority of such formations are stems denoting close relatives, and some of them have become opaque and can no longer be divided into morphemes, as their stems, without the vocative affix, do not exist as independent lexemes.

Although specialized vocative affixes are no longer active, a number of non-specialized affixes are used synchronically in vocative formations: primarily the possessive affixes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person singular and some affixes of endearment. Alongside person names, the vocative morphology is applied to certain classes of nouns: those denoting kinship terms and terms of other interpersonal relations. The vocative formations with affixes of endearment from common nouns denoting kinship terms have become opaque in most cases. Thus, only possessive affixes are productive markers of vocatives at present (in combination with the specific intonation).

Hypocorisms are used in vocative functions, but not only. Thus, they are a separate category, one that has not yet been studied sufficiently, if at all, in many Turkic languages. Our research on Kazakh hypocorisms has shown that Kazakh has specialized affixes that are only used to build affectionate and honorific hypocorisms from

reduced person noun stems. In Kazakh, diminutive affixes used with common nouns do not build terms of endearment and respect.

In contrast, Tuvan hardly uses any diminutive, endearment or honorific affixes to build hypocorisms; various types of syncopation of full names serve this end instead.

In Kazakh, nouns referring to person names possess a grammatical evaluative category expressing the speaker's attitude to their referents. It has two main members—terms of endearment and honorific forms. These semantic types are expressed by specialized morphemes that can be applied to all person names synchronically and produce hypocorisms following certain rules.

Thus, evaluative and expressive formations from Turkic person names and names of various interpersonal relations, alongside vocatives, make up a very promising research field. It is clear that this article cannot give an exhaustive description of any of the above-mentioned categories, even for one language, but can only delineate some directions for further investigation. We hope that this article will stimulate further interest in this topic among our colleagues.

### Abbreviations

ABL	ablative case	PF	perfect (TAM)
ACC	accusative case	PL	plural
AOR	aorist	PN	person name
AUX	auxiliary	POS	possessive
CV	converb	PP	perfect participle
DAT	dative case	PRS	present TAM
DIM	diminutive	NEG	negation
GEN	genitive case	PST	past TAM
HON	honorific	PTCL	particle
HYP	hypocorism	Q	question particle
IMP	imperative	SG	singular
INF	infinitive	SIM	simulative case
LOC	locative case	TAM	tense/aspect/mood

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# A note on the Old Turkic denominal verb formatives *+lA-*, *+A-*, *+tA-*, and *+lAn-*

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Conceptual representations of the denominal verb formative *+lA-*, *+A-*, *+tA-* and *+lAn-* that were previously characterized with the schema DO-base in Lim (2011a 2011b) are now refined with the ENGAGE-base schema and the responsive DO-schema with the INDUCE-base schema. Thus, we have

- (1) *+lA-* is the ENGAGE-base schema ‘to gainfully ENGAGE the literal capacity of the base without an object or to gainfully ENGAGE an association of the base with an object’;
- (2) *+A-* is the ENGAGE-base schema ‘to gainfully ENGAGE the metaphorical capacity of the base without object or to gainfully ENGAGE an association of the base with an object’;
- (3) *+tA-* is the ENGAGE-base schema ‘to gainfully ENGAGE the metonymical capacity of the base without an object or to gainfully ENGAGE an association of the base with an object’;
- (4) *+lAn-* is the INDUCE-base schema ‘to gainfully INDUCE the literal or referential attributes or capacity of the base without an object or to gainfully INDUCE an association of the base with an object.’

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## Introduction

In Lim (2011a and 2011b), some of the denominal verb formatives, notably *+lA*, *+A*, *+tA* and *+lAn*-, were characterized as various forms of conceptual representations, all involving the schema DO-base. Specifically, these are *+lA*- ‘literal DO-base schema with and without an object’, *+A*- ‘the referential DO-base schema’, *+tA*- ‘the synecdoche DO-base schema’, and *-lAn*- ‘the responsive DO-base schema’. Here we will refine these conceptual characterizations with a more specific yet still cogent formulation by replacing the DO-base schemas with the ENGAGE-base schema and the responsive DO-schema with the INDUCE-base schema. Thus,

- (1) *+lA*- is the ENGAGE-base schema ‘to gainfully ENGAGE mostly the literal capacity of the base with or without an object’ (Lim 2011a: 5–43);

(2) *+A-* is the ENGAGE-base schema ‘to gainfully ENGAGE mostly the metaphorical capacity of the base’ (Lim 2011a: 43–50);

(3) *+tA-* is the ENGAGE-base schema ‘to gainfully ENGAGE mostly the metonymical capacity of the base’ (Lim 2011b: 203–205);  
and in response to the expectations of *+lA-*

(4) *+lAn-* is the INDUCE-base schema ‘to gainfully INDUCE the literal or referential attributes of the base’. (Lim 2011b: 205–231).

### Examples of the use of the templates

First we rephrase some of the selected citations in items (2) and (3) using the templates of the revised schemas. Note that the designations *a* and *b* in parentheses () refer to references Lim (2011a) and Lim (2011b) respectively and the accompanying numbers are page numbers in the reference.

(a43)

*a:š* ‘food’

*a:š+a-* ‘to eat’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of food to be edible’

*a:š+a-* ‘to enjoy s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metaphorical capacity of food (equating food to s.t. enjoyable)’

(a43)

*mang* ‘gait, a fast gait’

*mang+a-* ‘to tread’, or ‘to gainfully engage (the metaphorical capacity of gait)

(equating gait to trampling)’

(a44)

*beḡiz* ‘ornamentation, picture, painting’

*beḡiz+e-* ‘to adorn s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metaphorical capacity of a picture (equating picture to decoration) on s.t.’

(a44)

*esin* ‘breezes, gentle wind’

*esn+e-* ‘(of breeze) to blow, to yawn’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of breezes’

(a44)

*esin* ‘breezes, gentle wind’

*esn+e-* ‘to yawn’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metaphorical capacity of breezes (equating a breeze to the ‘wind’ of yawning)’

(a45)

*köngül* ‘the mind’

*köngl+le-* ‘to think seriously about s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of the mind’

(a46)

*ört* ‘flame’

*ört+e-* ‘to light or burn s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of a flame’

(a47)

*su:v* ‘water’

*suv+a-* ‘to irrigate land, to water animals’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of water’

(a48)

*tepiz* ‘an envious person’

*tepz+e-* ‘to be envious’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of an envious person’

(a49)

*ya:ğ* ‘grease, fat’

*yağ+a-* ‘to present a sacrifice’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metaphorical capacity of fat (equating fat to an item of sacrifice in the old Turkic culture)’

(b204)

*al* ‘dirty trick, device’

*al+ta-* ‘to trick s.o.’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of dirty trick’

*al+ta-* ‘to soothe, to console’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metonymical capacity of a device, associating the meaning of devices or tricks with the meaning of comforting placebos’

(b204)

*ba:ğ* ‘bond, tie’

*bağ+da-* ‘to trip s.o.; to cross one’s legs’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metonymical capacity of a tie, associating the meaning of bond, tie with the meaning of feet or legs in contact’

(b204)

*i:z* ‘footprint’

*is+te-* ‘to seek s.t. or to ask for it’, or ‘to gainfully engage the metonymical capacity of a footprint, associating the meaning of footprint with the meaning of information’

(b205)

*tl* 'the tongue'

*tl+da-* 'to use the tongue; to make excuses; to incite', or 'to gainfully engage the literal or metonymical capacity of the tongue, associating the meaning of using the tongue with the meaning of making arguments'

(b205)

*ün* 'the sound of a human voice'

*ün+de-* 'to call', or 'to gainfully engage the literal capacity of the sound of a human voice'

*ün+de-* 'to summon; to invite', or 'to gainfully engage the metonymical capacity of the sound of a human voice, to call up s.t., associating the meaning of using the sound of a human voice with the meaning of calling up s.t. in mind or calling up s.o. for a social function'

In light of the reflexive nature of the Turkic deverbal formative *-Xn-*, as discussed in Lim (2008a: 22–56), we now have the INDUCE-base schema *+lan-* as a response to the expectations of the ENGAGE-base schema *+la-*. The INDUCE-base schema is akin to the ablative formation in the denominal noun domain, inducing attributes from the base, while the ENGAGE-base schema is akin to the dative formation in the nominal case vocabulary. We can now rephrase the following citations excerpted from Lim (2011b) and observe the use of the templates for the two schemas (1) and (4).

(b206)

*aḍak* 'leg, foot'

*aḍak+la-* 'to fit legs on furniture', or 'to gainfully engage the capacity of legs to be put on furniture'

*aḍak+la-* 'to trample on', or 'to gainfully engage the capacity of legs to trample on s.t.'

*aḍak+la-* 'to give s.o. a leg up onto a horse', or 'to gainfully engage the capacity of legs to help in mounting'

*aḍak+la-* 'to measure in paces', or 'to gainfully engage the capacity of legs to measure distance'

*aḍak+lan-* 'to have legs', or 'to gainfully induce the presence of legs'

*aḍak+lan-* 'to stand or move on legs', or 'to gainfully bring forth the function of legs'

(b208)

*beḍük* 'big, great, high, tall'

*beḍük+le-* 'to be or become big, to consider to be big', or 'to gainfully engage the literal capacity of bigness'

*beđük+len-* ‘to grow’, or ‘to gainfully induce the referential capacity of the genesis of greatness’

(b209)

*borta* ‘thin sheet of gold’

*borta+la-* ‘to fasten plates of gold on s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of plates of gold’

*borta+lan-* ‘to be gilded with plates of gold’, or ‘to gainfully induce the value of gold plates’

(b210)

*butık* ‘branch of a tree’

*butık+la-* ‘to prune’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of branches of a tree, to be pruned’

*butık+lan-* ‘form branches’, or ‘to gainfully induce the presence of branches, bring forth branches’

(b213)

*et* ‘flesh’

*et+le-* ‘to fatten’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of the flesh’

*et+len-* ‘to put on flesh’, or ‘to gainfully bring forth the presence of flesh’

(b216)

*ka:r* ‘snow’

*kar+la-* ‘to snow’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of snow to fall’

*kar+lan-* ‘to be full of snow’, or ‘to gainfully induce the presence of snow’

(b217)

*kır* ‘top of mountain’

*kır+la-* ‘to travel through a mountain’, or ‘to gainfully engage a mountain top’

*kır+lan-* ‘(of mountain) to come to a peak’, or ‘to gainfully induce the nature of a mountain top’

(b222)

*sak* ‘awake, alert’

*sak+la-* ‘watch over’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of alertness’

*sak+la-* ‘to comply with’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of alertness’

*sak+lan-* ‘to protect oneself, to be protected’, or ‘to gainfully induce the nature of being alert’

*sak+lan-* ‘to keep watch over’, or ‘to gainfully induce the quality of being alert’

(b223)

*sinir* ‘muscle, sinew, tendons, bow string, nerve’

*sinir+le-* ‘to cut the leg tendon’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of the tendon subject to cut’

*sinir+le-* ‘to put a bow string on a bow’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of the bow string’

*sinir+len-* ‘(beef meat) to be stringy’, or ‘(beef meat) to gainfully induce the nature of sinew’

(b224)

*sirke* ‘a nit’

*sirke+le-* ‘to pull nits’, or ‘to gainfully engage nits’

*sirkelen-* ‘(bof s.o.’s head) to have nits’, or ‘to gainfully induce the presence of nits’

(b224)

*su:v* ‘water’

*suv+la-* ‘to irrigate’, or ‘to gainfully engage water’

*suv+lan-* ‘to be moist and full of water’, or ‘to gainfully induce the nature of water’

(b225)

*tilkü* ‘fox’

*tilkü+len-* ‘to behave like a fox’, or ‘to gainfully bring forth the nature of a fox’

(b227)

*tu:z* ‘salt’

*tuz+la-* ‘to salt s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage salt’

*tuz+lan-* ‘to be salted, to be made salty’, or ‘to gainfully induce the nature of salt’

(b228)

*uruğ* ‘seeds’

*uruğ+la-* ‘to sow seeds’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of seeds’

*uruğ+la-* ‘to swarm’, or ‘to gainfully engage the referential capacity of seeds in large numbers’

*uruğ+la-* ‘(of crops) to form ears’, or ‘to gainfully engage the literal capacity of seeds’

*uruğ+lan-* ‘to form seeds’, or ‘to gainfully bring forth the presence of seeds’

(b229)

*ya:ğ* ‘grease’

*yağ+la-* ‘to grease s.t.’, or ‘to gainfully engage grease’

*yağ+la-* ‘to be oiled’, or ‘to gainfully induce the benefit of grease’

(b229)

*yat* 'rain magic, rain storm'*yat+la-* 'to perform magic ceremonies with stones to bring rain', or 'to gainfully engage the literal capacity of rain magic'*yat+lan-* 'to perform magic ceremonies', or 'to gainfully induce the referential capacity (the ceremony) of rain magic'

(b231)

*yumur* 's.t. round'*ymur+la-* 'to knead s.t. into a ball', or 'to gainfully engage in the literal capacity of s.t. round'*ymur+lan-* 'to round up a flock of animals', or 'to gainfully induce the referential quality of s.t. round'**References**

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## Reports

# Finnish Tatars and the trilingual Tatar-Finnish dictionary

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The first part of the article gives an account of the history and characteristics of the Finnish Tatar minority of approx. 700 people. This group was formed about a hundred years ago when Mishar Tatar-speaking merchants from Tsarist Russia began to settle in Finland. Special emphasis is given to factors explaining the vitality of the Tatar heritage language. The second part describes the compilation and characteristics of the Tatar-Finnish dictionary, which contains both Kazan Tatar and Finnish Tatar vocabulary. The problems encountered in dictionary making are treated as evidence giving insight into the language ecology of the Finnish Tatar language community.

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## Introduction

There are some seven million Tatar speakers in the world. Most live in the Russian Federation (over five million). Kazan Tatar is an official language in the Republic of Tatarstan, which is located in the Volga region in Russia. Compared to the millions of Volga Tatars, the present-day Finnish Tatars are a tiny minority consisting of approx. 700 people<sup>1</sup> in a country with a population of 5.5 million.

- 1 The estimate is based on the number of members in the two Finnish Tatar Islamic organizations. The Finnish Islamic Congregation centered around the Finnish capital Helsinki is the largest with 570 members as of February 2017 (source: the Population Register Centre of Finland). Its sister organization, the Islamic Congregation of Tampere, had 83 members at the beginning of 2017 (source: the congregation itself). The total number of members in these two congregations is 653. Practically all traditional Finnish Tatars, whose ancestors came to Finland about a hundred years ago or earlier, are members of these two organizations. In recent decades, the number of Finnish Tatars has been

In 2016, Arto Moisio and Okan Daher published an 11,000 word Tatar-Finnish dictionary *Tataarilais-suomalainen sanakirja*,<sup>2</sup> which combines Kazan Tatar and Finnish Tatar in one trilingual dictionary. This article illuminates the special character of this dictionary and describes the practical lexicographical problems encountered in its preparation, taking into account the historical and sociolinguistic background of the Finnish Tatar language community.<sup>3</sup> The difficulties and phases of the dictionary editing process are treated as evidence revealing interesting facets of the language ecology of the Finnish Tatar variety.

### The origin and language of the Finnish Tatars

The Finnish Tatars came to Finland from Russia during the latter half of the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th century. They mainly originate from Tatar villages of the Sergach district in the province of Nizhniy Novgorod in Tsarist Russia. Ancestors of today's Finnish Tatars practiced agriculture as smallholders in their home villages. Due to declining income from farming, they began developing trading activities in their own province. Trade trips gradually began to reach all the way to Saint Petersburg along the railway, and then to Finland, which was then a grand duchy belonging to Russia. After Finland became an independent state in 1917 and the situation in Russia was chaotic after the communist revolution, itinerant Tatar merchants began to settle in Finland with their families, establishing textile, clothing and fur shops in towns and provincial centers. Trade guaranteed a stable income for Tatar families, and it also brought Tatars into contact with the Finnish population, thus preventing isolation and marginalization. This resulted in their quick and successful integration into Finnish society (Daher 2016: 96).

The migrant Tatars were speakers of the western Mishar dialect of Tatar. In Finland, the language of these migrants developed in a new linguistic and cultural environment, producing a new variety, Finnish Tatar. Minor differences between the languages of different cities, or between families, can be observed. Finnish Tatars previously used Arabic script, but this was later gradually replaced by a Latin orthography superficially rather similar to that of Turkish, though with two extra letters, *ñ* (Kaz. *н*) and *ä* (Kaz. *ә*); for an overview until the 1990s, see Daher (1999).

slowly declining. There are also an unknown number of new Tatars living in Finland, who have immigrated, often in connection with marriages, during the past two decades.

- 2 The dictionary was compiled at the Research Unit for Volgaic Languages (University of Turku, Finland). The project received financial support from the Kone Foundation. The Research Unit has also previously published materials on Turkic languages: the electronic word lists of Tatar and Chuvash (2016), a Chuvash-Finnish dictionary (2007), and a Reverse dictionary of Chuvash (2009); see the list of references.
- 3 A good reference for those interested in the Finnish Tatars is the anthology (in Finnish) of articles from different times on Finnish Tatars edited by Beretdin (2011).

### **The characteristics of the Finnish Tatar community**

The first and the second generation after immigration created a strong mental and material basis for building the Finnish Tatar community. They were industrious and showed mutual solidarity; education was highly valued. Unemployment has not been a problem among Finnish Tatars (Daher 2016: 97, 102).

The life of Finnish Tatars is centered on the family, the home, which is supported by a well-organized community. The most central organization of the community is the Finnish Islamic Congregation<sup>4</sup> (est. 1925), which usually only accepts Tatars as members.<sup>5</sup> It provides for the members' religious services, organizes children's education in religion and Tatar language and culture, and arranges cultural and sports activities. The congregation also functions as the national representative body of the Finnish Tatars (Daher 2016: 96, 99–101).

Due to their full integration and participation in Finnish society, the Tatars have developed a dual identity. In a balanced way they have combined their own linguistic and cultural heritage and religion with the values of the Finnish mainstream society. On the other hand, integration has brought massive influence from the majority culture; in contexts such as mixed marriages and bilingual families the two cultures meet every day on all levels (Daher 2016: 97–98). A gradual assimilation to the Finns seems irreversible in the long term, but new small-scale immigration in connection with marriages of Finnish Tatar men with women from Tatarstan or other Tatar communities of the world gives new hope for the preservation of Tatar language and culture in Finland.

### **How have the Finnish Tatars been able to keep their language alive?**

The Finnish Tatars living today represent the 4th and 5th generations since the emigration from Russia. Their ability to retain their heritage language in active use for so long time is admirable. In the following, we will discuss various themes or factors that are crucial if one wants to explain the vitality of the Finnish Tatar language.

Because the structure and the sound system of Tatar resemble those of Finnish, it was easy for the immigrating Tatars to learn the new language. On the other hand, not being genealogically or areal-linguistically related, the two languages were not easily mixed. So the Tatars became fully bilingual. The spheres of use of the two languages are clearly defined: Tatar is spoken at home and with other Tatars in social organizations and at international events, but Finnish is used in non-Tatar contexts. Finnish Tatars have highly developed language awareness and linguistic iden-

4 A sister organization, the Islamic Congregation of Tampere, was established in this inland city in 1943.

5 When Tatars are married with non-Tatars, both spouses can be members if both are Muslims. Most often this is the case in marriages between Finnish Tatars and representatives of other Turkic peoples.

tity; there does not seem to have been any essential conflict between the languages (Daher 2016: 96, 98–99).

Tatar is commonly spoken in families and the community, and so children learn it as their first language. The family ties are strong, and grandparents and relatives also take part in the Tatar education of the youngest ones (Daher 2016: 98).

The Tatars had their own primary school in Helsinki called the Turkish Primary School between 1948 and 1969, which in addition to the Finnish primary school curriculum gave instruction in the Tatar language, and the religion and history of Turkic peoples. Today, children's study of the mother tongue is supported by a play group which the Finnish Islamic Congregation organizes on weekends, and by mother tongue courses in the autumn and spring terms and during summer vacations. The young people can also, for example, participate in choir and theatre performances arranged by a cultural society (Daher 2016: 98, 100).

The Islamic religion, which the Finnish Tatars have inherited from their ancestors in the Volga region, is highly important to the small community. Religious education is given by the congregation's imam in the Tatar language. Weekly meetings arranged by the congregation offer recreational activities and an opportunity for pensioners and the elderly to meet each other. The congregation publishes *Mähallä Habärläre* (Congregation News), which appears sporadically in the form of magazine or newspaper. The Finnish Tatar literature includes song books, religious textbooks, books of fairy tales, cook books, poetry and fiction, but the total quantity is rather small (Daher 2016: 99–100).

Finnish Tatars have a practical and realistic attitude towards their native language. During the past century, language change has been slow and undramatic. There do not seem to have been any extreme views in linguistic matters, or unrealistic aspirations to change the character and societal status of the language. Even the most controversial issue of all time, the change from Arabic to Latin orthography, which did cause some disputes, did not divide the community.

The Finnish Tatar language has received strength from two powerful centers of Turkic languages. The first power center, which was most important in the Soviet era, is Turkey. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Tatarstan took over as the most prominent source of influence (Daher 2016: 98–99). These linguistic power centers, however, are located far from Finland. Unlike prominent neighboring languages, distant sources of influence are less likely to assimilate their weaker neighbors. Due to the great distance, only very small-scale emigration of Finnish Tatars to the Turkic-speaking centers has taken place.

The preceding paragraphs have highlighted the strong sides of the Finnish Tatar community. Paradoxically, the weaknesses seem to be concealed in the same phenomena that give strength. The relatively closed community is cautious about accepting Tatar speakers from outside as full members, which might prevent the community from growing. The place of religion in the center of activities might make it difficult for fully secularized Tatars to feel at home in the community. The strict

principle of holding all events in the Tatar language might keep bilinguals with poor Tatar knowledge from participating fully.

In these days when social life has partially moved to the virtual reality of social media, Finnish Tatars do not deal with each other in real life as much as in earlier decades. Participating in social organizations has also become less attractive to young Finnish Tatars.

### **Language policy and language planning**

In the 19th century, and for the writers of the first constitution of Finland (1922), the question of the linguistic rights of small minorities was not yet prominent. We can, however, note that in those times Finland was more multilingual and therefore probably more tolerant than in the latter half of the 20th century. The new constitution of Finland, which took effect in 2000, grants linguistic rights to several named minorities, and to “other groups” to which the Tatars belong (Const 2000). Finland has also ratified the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages,<sup>6</sup> which protects and promotes historical regional and minority languages traditionally used by the nationals of the European states (Chart 1992). The general attitude towards Tatars in Finland has traditionally been positive, but they are so fully integrated into society that their existence is seldom remembered.

There has probably never been an organization or committee that would have set as its main goal the developing and planning of the Finnish Tatar literary language. The Finnish Islamic Congregation, however, also functions as a language society in the sense that it is the main organizational body for and producer of Finnish Tatar literature. The board of the congregation can, for instance, propose new rules of orthography to the general meeting of the members. This has happened at least once, when the letter *ä*, after a vote, was added to the Finnish Tatar alphabet in 2004. The congregation currently has a Committee of the mother tongue,<sup>7</sup> which arranges instruction in the Tatar language. Due to the small size of the community and the absence of a specific institutional language-planning organ, the Finnish Tatar literary language has mainly been developed through the efforts of individuals: teachers, scholars, imams, and others whose work included conscious handling of written Tatar.

### **How the dictionary came into being**

The work on the Tatar-Finnish dictionary began in 2009 as a hobby of Arto Moisio who, while attending a course in the Tatar language held by Mansur Saykhunov from Kazan, started to compile a Tatar-Finnish word list for his personal use. During

6 The Charter was signed in 1992 and ratified by Finland in 1994, and it came into force in Finland in 1998.

7 Formerly, matters of teaching, publishing and culture were combined under one committee.

the following years, this word list evolved into a Tatar-Finnish dictionary project which was included in the working plan of the Research Unit for Volgaic Languages. Moisio continued to supplement the manuscript with lexemes from various Tatar vocabularies and dictionaries that happened to be available in Turku (see the list of dictionary sources). The most important of those were two Tatar-Russian Dictionaries: *Татарско-русский словарь—Татарча-русча сүзлек* (2004; 25,000 entries), and *Татарско-русский словарь—Татарча-русча сүзлек* (1966; 38,000 entries). Another important source was a list of the 10,000 most frequent word forms in contemporary Tatar texts produced by Jorma Luutonen. This list was used as a guide in selecting words from large dictionaries. A number of words were collected from Tatar news pages on the Internet, as well as the Tatar Wikipedia. In this phase of the work, the manuscript only contained Kazan Tatar words.

Around 2013, Moisio and Luutonen began to think that introducing vocabulary from the language of Finnish Tatars would increase the value of the dictionary. Contact was established with a representative of Finnish Tatars, Okan Daher, lecturer in Tatar in the University of Helsinki and honorary president of the Finnish Islamic Congregation. By deciding to invite a recognized Tatar teacher and former organizational leader to the dictionary project, the project team inadvertently continued the tradition of influential individuals being the prime agents in the development of Finnish Tatar literary language. During the editing process, Okan Daher consulted other Finnish Tatars, some representatives of the oldest generation, and some scholars in Kazan.

There were no previous Finnish Tatar dictionaries<sup>8</sup> for the project team to use. The time frame and limited resources of the project precluded doing field work among Finnish Tatars, or compiling a Finnish Tatar text corpus for the use of the project. As Finnish Tatar is close to Kazan Tatar and most of the Kazan Tatar vocabulary can also be used by the Finnish Tatar, the simplest way of filling the slot reserved for Finnish Tatar in the dictionary was to transcribe the Kazan Tatar entry words into the alphabet used by Finnish Tatars. This conversion from Cyrillic to the Latin alphabet was done by Mansur Saykhunov in Kazan using a computer program. The change was not straightforward because of the peculiarities of the Kazan Tatar orthography. The transcribed words were then checked and adjusted to the phonetic patterns of the Finnish variety by Okan Daher. He also supplemented the dictionary with words typical of Finnish Tatar but not known by the Kazan Tatars. Many of these are loanwords from Turkish and European languages. If the transcribed Kazan Tatar word represented a concept not known to Finnish Tatars, e.g. concepts pertaining to the Russian societal and political system, it was deleted and replaced by a hyphen (-).

8 Ymär Daher, PhD and Docent of Turcology, who taught Tatar at the University of Helsinki before his son Okan Daher, worked on a Tatar-Finnish dictionary, but the location of the manuscript is currently unknown.

The method chosen for compiling the Finnish Tatar material in the dictionary makes it practically impossible to draw a clear line between Finnish Tatar vocabulary and the transcribed Kazan Tatar words which may or may not have been used by the Finnish Tatars. This reflects, on the one hand, the relative proximity of the two varieties, which makes most Kazan Tatar words *potential* Finnish Tatar words, and, on the other hand, the limitedness of Finnish Tatar literary tradition, which is not able to provide enough specifically Finnish Tatar material for the dictionary project. The floating line between Finnish Tatar and Kazan Tatar in the dictionary also mirrors the language-ecological situation, where the slowly assimilating population of Finnish Tatar speakers hopes to get new strength from the direction of Tatarstan.

The present Finnish-Tatar dictionary is a hybrid by nature. It is a bilingual Kazan Tatar-Finnish dictionary supplemented by Finnish Tatar counterparts to most lexemes. The floating line between Finnish Tatar and Kazan Tatar in the dictionary makes the status of the Finnish Tatar material unclear in the sense that the user of the dictionary cannot know whether a certain word is really used in the language community. On the other hand, including the lexemes given as Finnish Tatar words in the dictionary codifies them as part of the Finnish Tatar literary language.

Problems encountered in introducing words representing the Finnish Tatar language into the dictionary will be discussed in the following sections. Certain differences between the Finnish and Kazan varieties became fascinatingly tangible during the work; they will be explained against the historical and sociolinguistic background of modern Finnish Tatar.

### The structure of the entries, and the appendices

The structure of entries can be seen in the following example.

**абынырга** *abınırğa* kompastua, kompuroida.  
**бусагага абынырга** kompastua kynnykseen.

The Kazan Tatar Cyrillic entry word (boldface) comes first, followed by the Finnish Tatar equivalent in Latin letters (italicized) and the Finnish equivalents *kompastua*, *kompuroida*. Then, after a period, an example of the use of the word in Kazan Tatar (boldface) is given accompanied with a Finnish translation ('stumble over the threshold').

The only Finnish Tatar part of the entry is the italicized equivalent of the Kazan Tatar word. The usage examples, as well as all semantics (expressed in the dictionary by the Finnish equivalents or translations) were taken from Kazan Tatar-Russian dictionaries. It is clear that the languages differ semantically from each other in many cases, and in particular idioms formed according to Russian models are not part of the Finnish Tatar language. At first it was planned to distinguish semantics common to both varieties from meanings only typical of Finnish Tatar or Kazan

Tatar, but consistent marking of this distinction proved to be impossible to carry out in the frame of this project.

In many cases, the word given as the Finnish Tatar equivalent is a completely different word, e.g. in the entry

**клумба** *çäçäklek* kukkapenkki

where a Turkic word for ‘flower bed’ is used in Finnish Tatar instead of the Russian loanword in Kazan Tatar. Two equivalents for the Kazan Tatar word can be found in several cases, e.g. in the entry for the word meaning ‘cinema’:

**кино** *kino, sinema* elokuva.

Here we have two international variants from the same Greek root *kin-*. In a couple of cases, three words are given, e.g. the entry for ‘stock, depot, storehouse’:

**склад** *stok, depo, ambar* varasto.

An example of a word with no apparent Finnish Tatar equivalent is the Russian loanword meaning the very important document in the Soviet era, ‘pass, permit’:

**пропуск** *kulkulupa*.

The entries have been listed in the Cyrillic alphabetical order, which means that Finnish Tatar speakers who do not know Cyrillic letters may find it difficult to find Finnish Tatar words in the dictionary. In addition to a transliteration table (Appendix 1 in the dictionary), some five hundred words thought to be the most problematic in this respect are listed in Appendix 2. In this list, the Finnish Tatar word is given first, and then the Kazan Tatar entry word under which the translation of the word into Finnish can be found. For instance, the following word pairs can be found in the list:

<i>afu</i>	гафу
<i>kimä</i>	көймә
<i>kanvert</i>	конверт
<i>eskrim</i>	фехтование
<i>hisap</i>	счёт
<i>Almanya</i>	Германия
<i>kristal</i>	хрусталь
<i>yäş</i>	яшь.

One can see that the reasons for the differences between Finnish and Kazan Tatar words in the list can be diverse: dialectal (*afu* ‘pardon’, *kimä* ‘boat’); writing the



word as it is pronounced in old Russian loans (*kanvert* 'envelope'); loanwords taken from different languages (*eskrim* 'fencing' < Turkish cf. *фехтование* 'id.' < Russian); Russian loanwords in Kazan Tatar (*счѐт* 'bill, account'); international words received through different languages (*Almanya* 'Germany' < Turkish cf. *Германия* 'id.' < Russian; *kristal* 'crystal' < Finn. *kristalli* 'id.' cf. *хрусталь* 'id.' < Russian); orthographical peculiarities of Kazan Tatar Cyrillic spelling (*yäş* 'young' cf. *яшь* 'id.'). Providing a full list of Finnish Tatar words with references to their Cyrillic counterparts in the appendix would have been ideal, but that would have expanded the dictionary too much.

### Loanwords

Finnish Tatars have had continuous contact with Classical Arabic through religious rites where prayers and citations from the Koran are read in that language. A regional variety of Chaghatay, the "Volga Turki", which was used in writing by the Volga Tatars before modern literary Tatar, also contained Arabic elements. In the Tatar-Finnish dictionary, the pronunciation and spelling of many old Arabic loanwords in Finnish Tatar differ somewhat from those of Kazan Tatar. The postvelar /ɣ/ of Kazan Tatar often has no counterpart in Finnish Tatar words, e.g. *ayep* 'fault' cf. *zaen*; *lanät* 'curse' cf. *ләгънәт*; *mosizä* 'miracle' cf. *могъџиза*; *şair* 'poet' cf. *шагыйрь* (cf. Daher 1999: 47). In many words, a back vowel, usually /a/, sometimes also /u, o/, is used in Finnish Tatar instead of a front vowel in Kazan Tatar, e.g. *rahmät* 'thanks' cf. *рәхмәт*; *rähat* 'comfort' cf. *рәхәт*; *ahlak* 'moral' cf. *әхлак*; *möbaräk* 'blessed' cf. *мөбәрәк*; *mährum* 'deprived' cf. *мәхрүм*; *mohtäräm* 'respected' cf. *мөхтәрәм*. Differences can also be found in old Persian loanwords, e.g. *finduk* 'hazelnut' cf. *фундук*; *numır* cf. Finn. *numero*, Swed. *nummer* 'number' (Kaz. *цифр* 'number' < Russ. *цифра* < Arab.).

Russian loanwords can be divided into old and new ones. The old loans are known to Finnish Tatars and are written like they are pronounced, e.g. *adiyal* cf. Kaz. *одеял*, Russ. *одеяло* 'blanket'; *padval* cf. Kaz., Russ. *подвал* 'cellar', *patnos* cf. Kaz., Russ. *поднос* 'tray'; *piçät* cf. Kaz., Russ. *печать* 'seal, stamp'; *tavar* cf. Kaz., Russ. *товар* 'goods, product'; *vagzal* cf. Kaz., Russ. *вокзал* 'station'. In some cases, the Finnish Tatar pronunciation differs somewhat from Russian, e.g. *banna* cf. Kaz., Russ. *ванна* 'bath'; *bilauka* cf. Kaz., Russ. *булавка* 'pin'; *çomadın* cf. Kaz., Russ. *чемодан* 'suitcase'; *piraşuk* cf. Kaz., Russ. *порошок* 'powder'. In rare cases Finnish Tatar is closer to Russian than Kazan Tatar: *piç* cf. Kaz. *мич* < Russ. *печь* 'stove'. Some loans have a prothetic vowel before a word-initial consonant combination in the source language, e.g. *eskelet* cf. Kaz., Russ. *скелет* 'skeleton'; *estena* cf. Kaz., Russ. *стена* 'wall'; *ıstakan* cf. Kaz., Russ. *стакан* 'glass, tumbler'; *işkaş* cf. Kaz., Russ. *шкаф* 'cupboard'. An epenthetic vowel making the pronunciation easier can be found in *noyaber* cf. Kaz., Russ. *ноябрь* 'November'.

The new Russian loanwords are a result of the massive influence of Russian during the past hundred years. Most of them are unknown to Finnish Tatars. In some

cases, the Russian loanwords represent meanings or concepts not relevant in the cultural context of present-day Finland, e.g. *пропуск* 'pass, permit', *станок* 'machine-tool'; such words lack a Finnish Tatar equivalent in the dictionary. If the concept is familiar, Finnish Tatar words not representing the same lexeme are given as equivalents; see *клуба* and *склад* in the preceding section.

Finnish Tatars have had close contact with Turkey, especially during the Soviet era, which resulted in numerous Turkish loanwords not familiar to Kazan Tatars, e.g. *eskrim* and *Almanya* in the preceding section; *anayasa* 'constitution', *bayrak* 'flag', *bira* 'beer', *sigorta* 'insurance', *dürbün* 'binoculars', *grev* 'strike (of workers)', *havacılık* 'aviation', etc. During the dictionary editing process, a search for a Finnish Tatar equivalent for a Kazan Tatar word quite often led to selecting a Turkish word for the Finnish Tatar equivalent. This reflects the fact that Turkish is still an important source for new vocabulary, especially for the older generation.

The Finnish Tatar material of the dictionary does not contain any borrowed indigenous Finnish words. This might at first sight be surprising because the contacts between Tatars and Finns in Finland have been very close for a century. The main reason for the absence of Finnish loanwords obviously has to do with the way the Tatar-Finnish dictionary was compiled: the work was based on editing the transcribed Kazan Tatar word list, and Finnish loanwords were not specifically collected. In spoken Finnish Tatar, Finnish words are often used if a suitable Tatar expression does not come to mind. Nisametdin (2011: 310), who describes the spoken Finnish Tatar in the beginning of the 1970s, notes that words for new concepts, e.g. 'car', 'electricity', 'ice hockey' and 'atmosphere', are taken from Finnish (*auto*, *sähkö*, *jääkiekko*, *tunnelma*) but inflected according to the rules of the Tatar language. The research team only observed that—except for international words received through the mediation of the Finnish language—there are no Finnish loanwords in the Tatar-Finnish dictionary a few days before the book was going into print. This probably reflects, on the one hand, a certain degree of self-sufficiency of the Finnish Tatar language in its domain of use, and, on the other hand, the clear separation between Tatar and Finnish in the language awareness of Finnish Tatars; though Finnish words are used, they are not conceived belonging to the heritage language by Tatars.

### **The problem of international words**

From the viewpoint of the working process, words of foreign origin, especially those that can be called international words, were the tricky ones. Practically all international words have been mediated to Kazan Tatar by the Russian language, whereas Finnish Tatars have usually received the corresponding words through the Finnish language, or, generally, from the Northern and Central European cultural sphere. Due to the primacy of spoken language among the Finnish Tatars, their literary tradition is relatively weak. Nevertheless, we can fairly confidently state that the most commonly used international words are part of the Finnish Tatar lexicon. In the case

of less frequently used internationalisms, we cannot answer the question of their existence or non-existence in Finnish Tatar because no extensive text corpus of Finnish Tatar is available. On the other hand, the compilers have done a kind of performative act by including a great number of international words in the dictionary, thus preliminarily establishing them as part of the Finnish Tatar language. The mediating language in most cases is Kazan Tatar, which thus—on the pages of this dictionary—has superseded Turkish, Finnish and other European languages in this role. Including the new international words in the dictionary, however, does not make them real for the members of the language community unless they begin to use them.

As the spelling of international words often varies in languages, the exact phonological and orthographical form of international words sometimes constituted a minor problem. For instance, the Kazan Tatar word for ‘lexicon’ is *лексика* whereas in Finnish the form is *leksikko*. Instead of these, *leksikon* was selected as the Finnish Tatar form of the word (cf. Swed. *lexikon* and German *Lexikon*). In some cases, the chosen orthographical form resembles that of the corresponding Turkish word, e.g. *lisä* ‘high school’ cf. Turk. *lise* (< French *lycée*), Finn. *lyseo*, Kaz. *лицей*. The absence of specific orthographical principles for writing international words in Finnish Tatar resulted in most of them being left in the form they had after being transcribed from Kazan Tatar Cyrillic orthography, e.g. *advokat* ‘lawyer’, *adekvat* ‘adequate’, *administrativ* ‘administrative’, *administrator* ‘administrator’, *admiral* ‘admiral’, *adres* ‘address’, etc. The decision to do so can be justified by stating that most of these words have already been successfully adapted to the Tatar word structure patterns by Kazan Tatars. There are some systematic differences however. Kazan Tatar and Russian international words beginning with *g* (Cyr. *з*, e.g. *гармония*, *гонорар*) regularly begin with *h* in Finnish Tatar, as in Finnish and many western languages: *harmoniyä* ‘harmony’, *honorar* ‘fee, honorarium’. The Cyrillic *х* of Kazan Tatar and Russian is represented by *k* in many Finnish Tatar words, both in the beginning and middle of the word, e.g. *arkiv* ‘archive’, *kimik* ‘chemist’ cf. *архив*, *химик*; here again Finnish Tatar resembles Finnish and many western languages. The Cyrillic *ц* in Kazan Tatar is usually replaced by *s* in Finnish Tatar, e.g. *sement* ‘cement’, *konsert* ‘concert’, *tradisiyä* ‘tradition’ cf. *цемент*, *концерт*, *традиция*. Finnish Tatar word-initial *au* usually corresponds to Kazan Tatar *av* if a consonant follows, e.g. *august* ‘August’, *Austriyä* ‘Austria’ cf. *август*, *Австрия*. A similar case is *eu* in *euro* ‘€’ cf. *евро*. In some cases, the Finnish Tatar word seems to be a mixture of traits from east and west, e.g. *libanlı* ‘Lebanese’ cf. Kaz. *ливанлы* (Finn. *Libanon*, Russ. *Ливан* ‘Lebanon’).

### Indigenous words

From the viewpoint of the working process, common indigenous words of Kazan Tatar and Finnish Tatar proved to be quite easy to manage, which is understandable because these words are usually closely related to spoken language, which is regu-

larly used in communication among Finnish Tatars. Indigenous transcribed Kazan Tatar words were simply adapted to the Finnish Tatar phonology, which is based on the Mishar Tatar dialect.

It is possible that among the transcribed indigenous Kazan Tatar words listed in the dictionary as Finnish Tatar words there are also words that have never been in use among Finnish Tatars. However, since Mishar and Kazan Tatar are close to each other, and the separation of Finnish Tatars from their relatives in the Volga region has not been longer than about one hundred years, there is no need to suppose that the number of these “additional” Finnish Tatar words in the dictionary is great.

It is important to notice that although spoken Finnish Tatar and Kazan Tatar are linguistically in a dialectal relation to each other, the Tatar-Finnish dictionary is no more a dialect dictionary of Finnish Tatar than it is of Kazan Tatar. The languages it aims to represent can be characterized as literary norms, though in the case of Finnish Tatar, the codification of the literary standard is still in a nascent stage. If the Finnish Tatar material had originated during extensive field work among Finnish Tatar speakers, or if it had been collected from a large text corpus, the resulting dictionary would have been different. For instance, much more variation would have been visible. Generally, the Finnish Tatar material in the present dictionary reflects the conception of mother tongue in its written form held by educated Finnish Tatars having contact with both Tatarstan and Turkey.

Keeping in mind the reservations expressed in the preceding passage, some remarks can be made about the most conspicuous differences between Finnish Tatar and Kazan Tatar variants of lexemes. Perhaps the most striking difference between the varieties is the existence of only velar /k/ and /g/ in Finnish Tatar, whereas Kazan Tatar has both velar (/k/, /g/) and postvelar (/q/, /ɣ/) phonemes. Thus, Finnish Tatar orthography only needs the graphemes k and g. A laryngeal *h* is also missing in Finnish Tatar, and the *h* sound resembles the corresponding consonant in Finnish. Nisametdin (2011: 307–310) compares spoken Finnish Tatar (at the beginning of the 1970s) to the Mishar dialect and the Kazan Tatar literary language. She gives examples of words in which the vocalism of Finnish Tatar differs from that of Kazan Tatar, e.g. Finn. Tat. *bögön* ‘today’ cf. Kaz. *бүген*; Finn. Tat. *monça* ‘sauna’ cf. Kaz. *мунча*. In the Tatar-Finnish dictionary, the Finnish Tatar variants are *bügen* and *munça*, thus representing Kazan Tatar vocalism. In all, Nisametdin gives about fifty example words where Mishar type vocalism or consonantism differing from that of Kazan Tatar could be seen in the 1970s. When we compare these words to those in the Tatar-Finnish dictionary, we observe that an overwhelming majority of them are found in a form that essentially corresponds to that in Kazan Tatar. The small number of words differing from standard Kazan Tatar language have to do with old Arabic loanwords discussed earlier in this article. However, the dictionary contains some individual dialectal Mishar words, e.g. *kimä* ‘boat’ (cf. Kaz. *көймә*); *ü* ‘house, home’, which is only used in spoken language (cf. Kaz. *өй*). One trait usually mentioned as typical of Sergach Mishar dialect, namely the use of the affricate *c* instead of *č*, had already partly disappeared, according to Nisametdin (2011: 309), by the

1970s. She notes that “those Finnish Tatars who know well their mother tongue use the *č* sound, which is typical of the Kazan Tatar literary language” (transl. by J. L.). The change of the Finnish Mishar Tatar dialect towards the standard of modern Kazan Tatar was noted by Halén (1999: 330) in the 1990s. The prominence of the Kazan Tatar lexical pattern in the Finnish Tatar material of the dictionary, though in transcribed and adjusted form, could be seen as a further step in the direction already discernible in the preceding decades.

At present, Kazan Tatar’s influence on the Finnish Tatar language is growing. One factor strengthening the trend is that the new Tatar teacher who gives instruction to children is not a representative of Finnish Tatars.

### Conclusion

We hope that the description of the dictionary making process in its historical and sociolinguistic context will give users of the dictionary enough background information to find the best way of utilizing the Finnish Tatar material in it. We have also demonstrated how various features of the dictionary reflect the language ecology of the community speaking and writing in the language.

The Finnish Tatars are an interesting example of a minority that has been able to retain the vitality of its language heritage for a relatively long period. We could say that the Finnish Tatars have found a way of integrating with the majority population without assimilating to it. On the other hand, we lack detailed information about the language habits of the youngest generation. We do not know, for instance, to what extent Finnish Tatar is present in social media. A sociolinguistic investigation of the language use of different generations would give a scientific basis for the evaluation of the current degree of vitality of the Finnish Tatar language. Further, a fundamental study has not yet been carried out of how the Mishar Tatar dialect of the small immigrant group gradually changed into the Finnish Tatar variety. One problem for this kind of research project would presumably be the scarcity of suitable linguistic material. For instance, no digital corpus of Finnish Tatar texts has been created. Collecting the existing texts from public and private owners and digitizing them could be a first step towards producing such a resource. Better availability of materials of the mother tongue would also help with the launching of a language revitalization program for the Finnish Tatar minority.

### Abbreviations

Arab. = Arabic  
 Finn. = Finnish  
 Finn. Tat. = Finnish Tatar  
 Kaz. = Kazan Tatar  
 Russ. = Russian  
 Swed. = Swedish  
 Turk. = Turkish

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# **Linguistic topics at *Turkologentag 2016*: Second European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Hamburg, September 14–17, 2016**

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Between 14 and 17 September 2016 an international scientific conference focusing on Turcology, Turkish and Ottoman Studies, *Turkologentag 2016*, took place at Hamburg University, Germany. This was the second time that *Turkologentag* was jointly organized by a local organizer, in this case the Department of Turcology of Hamburg University and the Society for Turkic, Ottoman, and Turkish Studies (Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeiforschung, GTOT). The first *Turkologentag* was held in 2014 at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich, Germany, locally organized by the Institute for the Near and Middle East. The predecessor of the *Turkologentag* was the conference series *Deutsche Turkologenkongferenz*. The first of these conferences took place in 1987 in Bamberg, Germany. When it comes to participants, the target group of this conference widened over the years from German Turcologists to German speaking Turcologists, and finally European (including Turkish) Turcologists, which is clearly visible in the conference proceedings that initially were German-only publications. The first English contribution, published in the proceedings of the 1999 conference, was the only non-German contribution in this volume. The proceedings of the 2002 conference contain several English as well as the first Turkish contribution. The organizers of the 2014 conference consequently opted for a change of name as well as an official change in the scope of the target group. Since 2014, the conference aims at reaching all European researchers in the fields of Turcology, Turkish, and Ottoman Studies. More than 400 participants from 25 countries and their contributions were selected to attend the *Turkologentag* in Hamburg. The contributions were divided in altogether 12 scientific sections. Two of these sections were explicitly dedicated to



language topics, the section for *Linguistics* and a section for *German-Turkish Languages Research*. The sections on *Cultural Studies* and *Social Sciences and Migration Studies*, as well as the section *Studies on Central Asia/Volga Region/Siberia* also contained contributions with linguistic topics. In what follows, I will briefly present the language-related contributions.

The panel *Turkic Languages and Literatures under Persian Influence*, jointly organized by Elisabetta Ragagnin and Benedek Péri, was held on the first day of the conference in the section on *Studies on Central Asia/Volga Region/Siberia*. In her paper titled *Turkic-Persian language contact in Iran*, Ragagnin gave a general overview of the Persian linguistic influence, while the other three papers in this section were dedicated to more specific problems regarding literature and language: Benedek Péri, *Two sides of the same coin: Fuzûlî's The Weed and the Wine and the Anonymous Book of Secrets*; Ferenc Péter Csirkés, *Sadiqi Beg and the Politics of Turkic in Safavid Persia*; Réka Stüber, *The Language of Wisdom: Evidence from the Qutadgu Bilig for Persian syntactic interference*.

In the section *Linguistics*, five panels were held, one of which was a thematically organized panel, while the other four contained individual contributions on Turkic languages.

The panel titled *Five Dimensions of Distance in the Turkic Language Family*, was organized by Lars Johanson, whose contribution introduced five parameters, genealogical distance, typological distance, lexicostatistical distance, intelligibility distance, and perceived distance, which can be used to measure the distance between various Turkic varieties. The ultimate aim behind measuring the degrees of distances between the various Turkic languages is to gain new insights into their family-internal relations. The remaining three contributions of the panel presented case studies for the degrees of distance between various linguistic varieties spoken in different regions of the Turkic-speaking world: Irina Nevskaya, *Chalkan's distance to Shor and Southern Altai*; László Károly, *On the Yakut-Mongolic-Tungusic triangle: Its consequences on language distance*; Éva Á. Csató & Astrid Menz, *The intimacy of Eastern European Turkic: Gagauz and Karaim*.

The remaining four linguistic panels comprised contributions to Modern Turkish and Turkic Languages. Some of the announced contributions, however, had to be cancelled because their speakers could not travel to Germany due to the confusing situation at Turkish universities in the aftermath of July 15.

Diana Hayrapetyan from Yerevan State University talked on *Reduplications and duplicate forms with synonymous components of Modern Turkish*.

Gülschen Sahatova attempted an alternative evaluation of the use of *-miş* in the Turkish dialect of Cyprus: *-dl vs. -mlş: Vermittelte Evidentialität am Beispiel des Zyperntürkischen* (Conveyed evidentiality on the example of Turkish from Cyprus).

Mevlüt Erdem's *Asymmetry and dissymmetries on the accusative and dative marking in Turkic languages* discussed cases where the accusative and dative cases are not isomorphic in Turkic languages. He looked into the question of to what extent the accusative or dative marking of the verbs affects syntactic operations and

their codification in the mental lexicon, and claimed that there is no one-to-one mapping, at least for some verbs, between grammatical relations and morphological markings in Turkic languages.

Irina Nevskaya & Saule Tazhibayeva, in their lecture on *Diminutives and honorifics in North-West and North-East Turkic*, compared the diminutive forms and their pragmatics in Kazakh, a Kipchak Turkic language, to those in Shor, a Siberian Turkic language. They looked at the areal distribution of such diminutive morphemes, their etymologies, and at the patterns used for diminutive forms of personal names in the Turkic languages under study.

Bülent Özkan, from Mersin University, reported on his project of establishing a database-supported corpus platform for Turkish that will enable a researcher to build a corpus matching her research question: *Türkçe için kendi kendine derlem platformu oluşturma projesi* (The project of a self-composing corpus platform for Turkish).

Lusine Sahakyan, in her talk on *Microtoponyms in the district of Chayeli (Province of Rize)* presented the findings of her fieldwork on names for smaller geographical units like pastures, meadows, etc. While most of the toponyms in the area where she worked are Armenian words, some are mixed Turkish-Armenian compounds.

Ahmet Aydemir, in his paper *Typen von Finalsätzen im Tuvinischen* (Types of purpose clauses in Tuvan), spoke on on adverbial clauses of purpose in Tuvan. He demonstrated the various types with data from written standard Tuvan, as well as from various dialects.

Sema Aslan Demir presented a paper with the title *Türkmencede ER- ekfilinin (copula) yan cümledeki izleri* (Traces of the copula ER- in dependent clauses in Turkmen) on the function of the copula as a predicator in dependent clauses in Turkmen. The use and function of this copula in Turkmen is unique among the Oghuz languages.

Sultan Tulu's contribution titled *Dede Korkut'ta sıfat-fiilli tamlama grupları* (Participle phrases in the Kitab-ı Dede Qorqut) deals with some passages in the *Kitab-ı Dede Qorqut*, where it is unclear whether the passage in question should be read as a converb consisting of participle + locative or as the participle followed by the particle da/de.

In a session on Cultural Studies Astrid Menz, in her talk *Neues von Dr. Kvergić*, presented a hitherto unknown typewritten dictionary by the (in-)famous Hermann Feodor Kvergić, whose contribution to the formation of the Sun Language Theory in the 1930s is still debated.

Altogether four panels dealt with Turkish in the diaspora. One of them took place within the broader section *Social Sciences and Migration Studies*. Organized by Kutlay Yağmur under the title *What can we learn from the second wave of Turkish-maintenance studies?*, the panel discussed sociolinguistic topics related to the presence and especially the maintenance of Turkish as a heritage language in Europe, Australia and the USA. Different maintenance patterns in various regions, as well as intergenerational differences, were the scope of the four presentations in

this panel: Memet Aktürk-Drake, *How do Turkish speakers in Sweden differ from the rest of Western Europe?*; Feyza Altınkamaş & Hülya Özcan, *Immigrant bilingualism at home contexts: Voices of the young bilinguals*; Mehmet-Ali Akıncı, *From first to third generation Turks in France: What researches show us about language practices*; Kutlay Yağmur, *Intergenerational differences in language maintenance and shift patterns of Turkish: Speakers in Australia and the USA*.

Three thematic panels were related to Turkish-German language research.

In a panel given the title *Remembering, Learning, and Moving Multilingualism* Annette Herkenrath gave a presentation *Remembering multilingualism: Oral narratives of Turkish speakers in Germany* illustrating the thematic organization of memories in discourse and the grammatical procedures that occur.

Emel Türker-van der Heiden & Gözde Mercan's paper *Learning Turkish as a second/foreign language: Genitive and possessive structures* was related to the acquisition of the Turkish genitive construction by native speakers of Norwegian.

Till Woerfel, Christoph Schroeder & Juliana Goschler presented a study on the differences in acceptability of manner-of-motion verbs with so-called path satellites between monolingual and bilingual speakers of Turkish, *The encoding of motion by Turkish-German bilinguals—Evidence for a German-Turkish variety*. The findings of their study are taken as one piece of evidence for the development of a Turkish variety in Germany that is influenced by certain characteristics of German.

The panel titled *Acquisition and Use of Turkish by Turkish-German Bilinguals* was organized by Yazgül Şimşek together with Zeynep Kalkavan-Aydın and Jochen Rehbein. It focused on the evaluation of fieldwork results and research on the acquisition of Turkish by bilingual children in Germany. The first contribution, by Zeynep Kalkavan-Aydın *Sprachbiographien und Spracherwerb deutsch-türkisch bilingualer Kindergartenkinder—Daten aus dem SPREEZ-Projekt* (Language biographies and language acquisition of German-Turkish bilingual pre-school children), investigated the language acquisition of pre-school bilinguals. The remaining three contributions dealt with spoken and written language data of students between 12 and 18 years old: Yazgül Şimşek, *Tense and aspect in written texts of Turkish-German bilingual students*; Esin Işıl Gülbeyaz, *Syntaktische Entwicklung in der Erst- und Zweitsprache* (Development of syntax in first and second language); Nur Bülbül, *Textsortenbasiertes Schreiben im Türkischen am Beispiel von Sachtexten des Türkischunterrichts der Sekundarstufe I* (Turkish text production on the example of non-fictional texts for Turkish classes secondary schools, 1st to 5th year).

The third panel on Turkish-German language research was titled *Continuity, Contact, and Dominance Patterns (Turkish-German, Turkish-French)*. Due to a cancellation, the French-Turkish aspect was not discussed; the two remaining contributions concentrated on the German-Turkish situation. Carol Pfaff, in her talk on *Continuity and contact-induced change in Turkish in Germany: Pronominal and demonstrative usage in three generations of children and adolescents in Berlin*, presented findings from her 20 years of studies of Turkish-German bilingualism and its effects on Turkish. Birsal Karakoç & Annette Herkenrath, in their contribution *The*

*pragmatics of evidentiality in bilingual Turkish: A corpus-analytical approach*, reported on their corpus-based research on how the cognitive-mental category of “evidentiality”, linguistically realized in Turkish by the grammatical markers *-mİş* and *-(y)mİş*, is realized in the Turkish of bilingual children.

The numerous and diversified contributions at the conference in Hamburg indicate the importance of linguistic studies within the broader field of Turcology. The fact that four panels dealt solely with the presence of Turkish in Northwest Europe clearly shows that linguists and Turcologists are collaborating productively.

## Reviews

Bernt Brendemoen: Review of Silje Susanne Alvestad *The Uppsala manuscript of Muḥammed Hevā'ī Ūskūfī's Maḳbūl-i 'ārīf (1631) from a Turcological perspective*. (Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes 105.) Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2016.

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Writing rhymed dictionaries cannot be said to have been *en vogue* in the Ottoman empire (or elsewhere), but still, from the 16th century onwards, at least three have come down to us. The first one, which served as a methodological pattern for the subsequent ones, is Šāhidī Ībrāhīm Dede's Persian-Turkish versified glossary the *Tuḥfe-i Šāhidī* (1544); the second is a Bosnian-Turkish glossary, Muḥammed Hevā'ī Ūskūfī's *Maḳbūl-i 'ārīf* from 1631, and the third one an Armenian-Turkish dictionary by Refī'i Kālāyī from around 1800. Of these, *Maḳbūl-i 'ārīf* has received the most attention. Not long after it was written, it was mentioned by Evliyā Çelebī in the section of the *Seyāhatnāme* where he deals with Bosnia, and Evliyā gives long examples from the text. However, the text has experienced a revival in modern times, not only because it is the first "dictionary" of any South Slavic language, but also because Ūskūfī is one of the very first to name the language "Bosnian", a fact that without doubt has given the text high prestige in modern times. However, the claim that "Ūskūfī is to Bosnian what Dante is to Italian"<sup>1</sup> seems to be a gross exaggeration.

In 2011, the 380th anniversary of Ūskūfī's glossary and the 410th anniversary of the birth of its writer were celebrated in Bosnia. In that connection, a new edition was prepared, and it appeared in Tuzla the same year.<sup>2</sup> Some years previously, a manuscript of the text had been "rediscovered" at the University library in Uppsala. This manuscript is reproduced in facsimile in the Tuzla book, but the transcribed text is unfortunately not a transcription of this manuscript, but has been reproduced from earlier editions of the text based on different manuscripts. In some places, there are important divergences between the transcribed text and the Uppsala manuscript. What Silje Susanne Alvestad has now done, is to make a critical edition of the Uppsala manuscript, comparing it with earlier editions. She also gives the first English translation of the text, and addresses some important questions raised by the text itself.

<sup>1</sup> Suggested by the Bosnian historian Enver Imamov; see p. 1 in the book under review.

<sup>2</sup> Kasumović, Ahmet & Mønnesland, Svein: Bosansko-Turski Rječnik. Muhamed Hevai Uskufi, 1631 godine. Tuzla 2011.

Each line of the text is rendered first in transliteration, then in transcription (using Modern Turkish characters such as *ç* and *ş*) as well as in the transcriptions of earlier scholars such as Okumuş (2009) and Kadriç (2011), and finally in English translation. The author writes (p. 27) that her principles for transliterating and transcribing the text are inspired by Christiane Bulut's 1997 edition of the section of Evliyâ Çelebî's *Seyâhatnâme* that deals with the journey from Bitlis to Van, but she is obviously unaware of the (in my view, unjust) criticism Bulut received because her transliteration principles were so unorthodox, since she does not comment on it.

The rhymed glossary is the central part of the *Maḳbūl-i 'ārif*, but it is preceded by a long introduction and followed by a short afterword, both written in versified high style Ottoman. (The afterword is missing from the Uppsala manuscript, but for the sake of completeness, the author has used the text from the Tuzla edition.) The Turkish language of the glossary part, however, is much simpler. Elaborating the views of Kerima Filan (p. 18), the author defends the (actually quite obvious) view that the target group of the book is not Bosnians who want to learn Turkish, but Turks who wish to learn Bosnian, since Bosnian, alongside the other South Slavic languages, was frequently heard in court circles in Istanbul, where it was spoken by the *devşirmes*, who almost exclusively came from the Balkans. The fact that the target group was Turks must be the reason why Turkish is the "meta language" not only in the glossary, but also in the introduction and the afterword. The Bosnian component consists entirely of independent words. Besides, the introduction and afterword, with their heavy literary style, would also be incomprehensible to anyone not very familiar with Ottoman Turkish. The author also holds the view that Üsküfî himself was a *devşirme* boy who was taken to Istanbul and received his education there, and she mentions the possibility, based on the introduction, that he wrote his glossary after returning to Bosnia as a pensioner (p. 11). (Üsküfî may still have been a Muslim by birth, since Muslim boys were also occasionally brought to Istanbul as *devşirmes*.)

Another possible target group of the glossary, not mentioned by the author, could be Turks who were not at the court in Istanbul, but who lived and worked in Bosnia but did not know Bosnian.<sup>3</sup> The Ottoman officials and clergy were probably not recruited from among the local Muslims, but were appointed from Istanbul and came from different parts of the empire. Although Turkish was the language of the rulers, most of the local population did not learn to speak it, although during the centuries of Ottoman rule their Slavic language was inundated by all kinds of Turkish terminology. In this respect, the high status enjoyed by the Turkish clergy and

3 Whatever the target group may have been, it should be pointed out that *Maḳbūl-i 'ārif* has a weak pedagogical structure. Although the glossary starts with primary concepts such as "God" and "man", we soon find verses such as *Şo tuzdur, riç sözdür, susasın da muçi ti!* "So is salt, riç is word, and you shut up! is muçi ti!" (p. 59), where the logical consistency between the "entries" is rather weak.

officials should not be underestimated.<sup>4</sup> This brings us into the question whether there has ever really been a Turkish dialect of its own in Bosnia. The Turkish vocabulary of *Maḳbūl-i 'ārif* at least gives no indication of any Balkan Turkish element at all. There is a great difference between the Turkish in the introduction and the afterword on one side and the Turkish in the glossary on the other, but the difference has nothing to do with dialect differences. Based partly on the previous research by Kerima Filan and partly on her own investigations, Alvestad clearly shows that the highly literary language of the introduction and the afterword abounds in Arabic and Persian elements, while the language of the glossary is quite simple and unsophisticated, using almost entirely Turkish words (pp.116–119). There are phonological characteristics reflecting 17th century Turkish (pp. 120), such as lack of labial harmony in some suffixes, but similar forms are found all over the Turkish-speaking area.

In some manuscripts, *Maḳbūl-i 'ārif* bears another title, *Potur Šahidiḡa*. This enigmatic title is discussed at length in the book (pp. 21–25). The last element must refer to Šāhidī Ībrāhīm Dede, the writer of the Persian-Turkish versified glossary mentioned above, which also must have been widely known, since the meaning here must be “book in Šāhidī’s style”, i.e. “versified glossary”. The element *potur* means “Bosnian Muslim”, i.e. “convert to Islam”, especially from the rural areas of Bosnia, and has slightly pejorative connotations. The etymology, however, is not clear; either it comes from Slavic *poturica*, which would mean ‘little Turk’, or there is a connection with the designation of the special kind of baggy trousers used in the Balkans, where only the part from the waist to above the knees is baggy, while the lower part of the legs is very narrow. Such trousers are indeed called *potur*, which possibly has an Armenian etymology. Evliyā Çelebī states that the Bosnians were called *potur* because of the trousers they wore, but Dr. Alvestad indicates that it could also be the other way around. It is difficult to give a proper answer, but it should be kept in mind that using the name of a characteristic piece of clothing to refer to the whole group of people wearing it (by the way of *pars pro toto* or metonymy), especially in a pejorative meaning, is not uncommon, cf. *Blackshirt* or *Camicia nera*, ‘member of an armed squad of Italian fascists under Mussolini’, later used

4 In an (unfortunately) unpublished PhD thesis, *Turkish Loanwords in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Bosnian and Bulgarian Franciscan Texts*, Florence Graham (Oxford University) has shown the abundance of Turkish lexical elements in the kind of colloquial language in the two areas where one would expect the Turkish impact to be weakest. There seems, however, to be an important difference between the areas in that agricultural terminology is mostly found in Bulgaria. This could perhaps indicate that the contact between Turkish- and Bosnian-speakers was largely an urban phenomenon in Bosnia because the Turks there largely belonged to the clergy or administration, while there were considerable waves of Turkish immigration from Anatolia into Bulgaria from the 14th century onwards.

more generally with the meaning ‘militant fascist’, or *burqa* with the meaning ‘woman wearing a burqa’, etc.

Silje Susanne Alvestad has done a very thorough job indeed, studying the *Maḵ-būl-i ‘ārif* with new both Turcological and Slavicist eyes, and without neglecting previous work on the field, thus making an important step forward in philology.



Bert Fragner: Review of Éva Á. Csató, Lars Johanson, András Róna-Tas, and Bo Utas (eds.) *Turks and Iranians. Interactions in language and history*. (Turcologica 105.) Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag 2016, 296 pp. ISSN 0177-4743. ISBN 978-3-447-10537-8.

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This volume is published on the occasion of The Gunnar Jarring Memorial Program at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study—a very appropriate setting for a project dealing with Turko-Iranian historical and linguistic interactions. It ought to be added that such “interactions” in history and linguistics/philology almost automatically include aspects of cultural studies as well. There are scholars for whom this goes without saying; particularly regarding Turkic and Iranian peoples it is worth stressing that in many cases different linguistic conditions do not immediately indicate analogous diversity in cultural matters. There is too much evidence throughout history of the fact that linguistic domains are not at all congruent with cultural domains; in many cases the overlapping aspects are much more significant than those of separation.

It is this perspective that is scrutinized by the contributors to this exceptional volume. The initiative to compile such a volume was presumably taken by Éva Á. Csató and Lars Johanson, but there is no doubt that an active part was also taken by scholars deeply rooted in Iranian Studies, such as Bo Utas, Prods Oktor Skjærvø, the late Werner Sundermann, Judith Josephson and Donald Stilo. Readers of the contributions to this volume may repeatedly be reminded of the famous saying *tatsiz türk bolmās bašsiz bōrk bolmās* ‘There is no Persian except in the company of a Turk, (just as) there is no cap unless there is a head to put it on’<sup>5</sup> preserved by Maḥmud Kashghari’s *Dīvānū l-lūgati Türk*.

Historically, cases of Irano-Turkic interaction are focused on two main areas, the steppe regions of Central Asia and the Plateau of Iran, both understood broadly so as to include Eastern Europe, Anatolia and the Balkans, not to mention the Subcontinent. Some appetizers deserve to be mentioned: Peter B. Golden offers an excellent historical framework for the basic concept of the volume (*The Shaping of the Turks in Medieval Eurasia*) as something like a thematic overture; Skjærvø and the late professor Sundermann offer case studies concerning what I call the “Turfan complex”. Shifting topographically toward the Iranian Plateau, Bo Utas places the quest for differences between Middle Persian and New Persian onto the Turko-Iranian grid, and Judith Josephson does something similar for middle Persian verbal struc-

<sup>5</sup> Dankoff, Robert & Kelly, James (eds.) 1984. *Maḥmūd al Kāšgarī. Compendium of the Turkic dialects. (Dīwān Luyāt at-Turk)*. Washington, D.C.: Harvard University. Vol. 2: 103.

tures. András Róna-Tas offers *Nine notes on Turks and Iranians in Eastern Europe*, and Golden contributes an intrinsic study concerning Türk and Khazaro-Iranian interaction in the Middle Ages.

Lars Johanson touches explicitly on the quest for convergences between Turkic and Iranian languages quoting Gerhard Doerfer's hyperbolic *aperçu*, according to which northern vernacular Tajik from the vicinity of Tashkent can be perceived as something like a "Turkish language *in statu nascendi*". This is probably not a scholarly definition, but it may serve as a plausible illustration of the close and tightly interwoven relationship between Turkic and Iranian languages—not only in a strict linguistic sense but also in a cultural and historical sense. It seems to me that there is a particular and even delicate problem here: in a cultural and historical perspective the "Iranian" and the "Turkic" realms cannot practically be separated, and most scholars concerned with these topics will immediately agree with such a statement. Nevertheless, it seems difficult to subordinate theoretically diverse phenomena to the domains of one or the other of these two disciplines. It seems to me that the problem is rooted in the traditions of the two disciplines themselves; for generations, Turkic/Turkish Studies and Iranian Studies were primarily defined by (historically comparative) linguistic criteria. There were also, however, closely related researchers who might have perceived themselves as at home in something vague like "Oriental" or "Islamic" studies, and more recently "Middle Eastern" Studies, and who cared much less about this kind of taxonomical subordination.

One of the Russian ancestors of our studies, Vladimir Bartol'd, has never defined himself as a Turkologist or an "Iranologist"; he saw himself rather much more pragmatically, as belonging to the family of "Orientalists". Neither historians belonging to the "Turkic" side nor those from the "Iranian" side can refrain from identifying themselves as the scholarly descendants of Bartol'd among others. A similar pattern can be ascribed to Joseph von Hammer-Purgstall. His position as an ancestor of "Ottoman Studies" is undeniable, but he enjoys equal standing for having been at the forefront of the scholarly study of Persian Poetry and history as well.

This consideration is not very much questioned and reflected upon in the volume. Instead, it is dedicated to a large number of substantial case-studies of Turkic-Iranian interaction. Cases of linguistic interference, not to say convergence (reminding me of Gerhard Doerfer!), are treated in a masterly fashion by among others Donald Stilo and Christiane Bulut. There are two contributions which I especially appreciate, because they so intensely represent how Iranologists can benefit from Turkologist activities: Heidi Stein's "Persian Syntactic Influence on Irano-Turkic Texts (16th century)" and István Vásáry's "The Role and Function of Mongolian and Turkic in Ilkhanid Iran". They are relevant for themes and questions which I have tried to deal with for more than thirty years.

After so many attempts at thematic rapprochement and convergence, this volume is definitely a milestone, and we have to thank its editors and contributors for having presented such a beautiful specimen of intellectual and disciplinary cross-fertilization. The volume invited me to think more substantially about possibilities of estab-

lishing an institutional body (something like a “permanent conference”) to promote enduring contacts and exchange of perspectives between Turcologists and Iranologists. Referring to Vladimir Minorsky, Hans Robert Roemer once made the remark—with particular reference to the period of Timurid reign—that Turks and Iranians (in his wording “Tajiks”) are like oil and water, they do not mix. Flatly rejecting this statement, Beatrice Manz coined the beautiful *bon mot* that “Turks and Persians are not like oil and water; they are much more like oil and vinegar”. In my view this metaphor applies to Turcologists and Iranologists as well.

Saule Tazhibayeva: Review of Aynur Abish *Modality in Kazakh as spoken in China* (Turcologica 107.) Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz. 2016. 250 pp. ISBN: 978-3-447-10626-9

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The reviewed book is a comprehensive study of the expressions of modality in Kazakh as spoken in China. The Kazakh population in China is about 20 million. The Kazakh language is used in a very wide area both in Kazakhstan and outside of it with little dialectal variation. The Kazakhs have a strong national and linguistic identity; all speakers throughout the world understand each other easily, and share similar national and cultural traditions. This became especially evident when repatriated Kazakhs began to return to their historical motherland from various countries. Although Kazakh varieties are quite similar in spoken communication, the language is currently written in three distinct alphabets: Cyrillic, Arabic and Latin. Kazakhs understand each other in oral speech, but the different writing systems cause problems, especially in scholarship. Because of this, it is especially important to study Kazakh varieties that became separated from the main ethnic area as a result of the deportation in the 1930s during the collectivization in the USSR and in the period of the famine. The variety of Kazakh spoken in China is preserved in the form in which it had existed before the Soviet era in Kazakhstan, when Kazakh was strongly dominated by Russian. At present, there are rapid processes of cultural assimilation of Kazakhs to Chinese culture. Therefore it is important to describe the language in a well-defined theoretical framework, as has been done in the reviewed monograph.

Abish's study begins with an introduction. Here she points out that she does not provide any systematic comparison with the Kazakh varieties spoken in Kazakhstan. This opens up a perspective for future comparative research on the Kazakh language in China and in Kazakhstan.

The volume is well structured and consists of five main chapters logically connected with each other. A detailed list of references and an appendix are added.

The linguistic data used in this study comes exclusively from Kazakh as spoken in China. In the introduction, Abish gives a brief review of research on Kazakh in China, including important sociolinguistic data such as number of speakers, education, institutions, publications, and broadcasting using Kazakh. This is an important contribution providing general information about Kazakh in China for English-speaking readers.

Modality, the main issue of the monograph, is analyzed in a framework based on the works of Lars Johanson, whose framework defines semantic notions of modality from a functional and typological perspective. Kazakh applies three formal devices, grammaticalized suffixes, particles, and lexical markers, to express various modal

notions. A great advantage of the work is that examples are presented in Turcological transcription with interlinear annotation and a free translation.

In the chapter *Modality*, the conceptual domain of modality is defined. Modality markers convey the expression of attitudes towards the proposition; these can be notions of volition, epistemic evaluation, and deontic evaluation. Notions of volition include demands, requests, directives, commands, impositions, entreaties, admonitions, warnings, exhortations, proposals, recommendations, advice, encouragement, incitement, etc. Epistemic evaluation covers various types of assessments of the propositional content that can reflect a commitment to the truth value of the proposition, i.e. to its certainty, probability, possibility, etc. Deontic evaluation expresses directives that impose or propose that an action should be carried out in order to compel, incite or encourage to action, in the sense of ‘should’, ‘ought to’ and the like. Further distinctions between subjective (p. 13) and objective modality (p. 14), personal and impersonal constructions (p. 16), and illocutionary modality are also discussed in the study. Some examples of non-modal notions, i.e. inherent properties, are also presented.

Three chapters describe modal notions that are conveyed by moods, modal particles, and lexical expressions respectively.

Turkic languages have rich and well developed systems of grammatical moods. This is well illustrated by the example of Kazakh as spoken in China. In the chapter *Moods* (pp. 18–69), grammaticalized suffixes expressing different modal notions are presented:

highly grammaticalized inflectional forms of verbs (imperative, voluntative, optative, hypothetical);  
 the non-productive imprecative in  $\{-G^4I^2r\}$ ;  
 modal nuances expressed by the aorist  $\{-(A^2)r\}$ ;  
 periphrastic expressions of modality;  
 $\{-G^4I^2\}$  + possessive personal markers + *kel-* or *bar*  
 $\{-sA^2\}$  + *iygi* + *’edi*;  $\{-sA^2\}$  + *deymın*;  $\{-sA^2\}$  + *kerek*.

The forms, basic semantic and syntactic properties, and usages of moods, imperative, voluntative, optative and hypothetical are presented in detail. The author points out that imperative and voluntative are different paradigms. In some Turkic grammars, the paradigms are merged into a so-called “imperative” paradigm including the imperative and the third-person voluntative, or into a so-called “optative” paradigm that also includes voluntatives of the first persons.

In the chapter *Modal particles* (pp. 70–113), the author studies the peculiarities of modal particles in Kazakh expressing cognitive or affective attitude towards the events described. The particles dealt with include  $I^2oy$ ,  $\check{s}I^2$ , *aw*,  $’\ddot{o}zi$ ,  $D^2A^2$ ,  $mI^2s$ ,  $’ya$ , *á*, *de*, *dešĭ*, *deseñšĭ* and *bilem*. Abish describes their variants, their syntactic positions, their basic semantic properties, and their usages.

It is important to note that all the above-mentioned particles are treated in the academic grammar of modern Kazakh (Žanpejsov & Xusajnov & Oralbaeva eds. 2002). The particles play a significant role in spoken communication.

The chapter *Lexical expressions* (pp. 114–153) is devoted to lexical means of expressing modal notions with the help of adverbs and verbal and nominal constructions. The most frequently used lexical expressions of modality are classified according to their semantics.

The author classifies modal adverbs with respect to their modal meanings:

Possibility: *balkım* ‘maybe, perhaps’, *balkiy* ‘perhaps’, *mümkün* (МҮМКІН) ‘possible’;

Probability: *áytewir/áytew* ‘anyway’ or ‘anyhow’, *báribir* ‘all the same, nevertheless’, *čaması* ‘probably’, *siyaǵı* ‘seemingly’, *ásili* ‘actually’, *sıra* ‘apparently, probably’, *zadı* ‘essentially’, *tegi* ‘obviously, apparently’;

Certainty: *arine/álbette* ‘of course, certainly’, *sözsiız, sözjoq* ‘surely’.

Modal meanings of volition can be expressed by verbs of different semantics such as

*bıyır-* ‘to order to be done’, *ötin-* ‘to entreat, ask’, *sura-* ‘to beg’, *talap<sup>y</sup>et-* ‘to request, ask’, *usınus<sup>y</sup>et-* ‘to suggest’, *qala-* ‘to want, wish’, *tile-* ‘to wish, desire’, *ümüt<sup>y</sup>et-* ‘to hope’, *armanda-* ‘to hope, aim at’, *kökse-* ‘to wish, desire’.

Modal meaning of necessity can be expressed by nominals such as

*qajet, kerek, tiyis* ‘needed, necessary’, *lazım* ‘necessary, ought’, *jön* ‘right, correct, suitable’ or *abzal* ‘right, correct, admissible’, *durus* ‘right, true, correct’, *layıq* ‘suitable, appropriate’, *šart* ‘essential’, *mındetti* ‘obligatory’, *mázbür* ‘constrained, compelled’.

Modal meaning of possibility can be expressed by verbs such as

*boladı* ‘to be possible’, *jolber-* ‘to allow’, *ruqsat<sup>y</sup>et-* ‘to permit’, *joıoy-* ‘to allow’, *tiyim sal-* ‘to forbid, prohibit’, *čekte-* ‘to forbid’, *teje-* ‘to restrict, limit’ or *jolberme-* ‘not to allow’, *ruqsat<sup>y</sup>etpe-* ‘not to permit’.

The following constructions expressing probability are presented:

*bolar* ‘to become, be possible’, *čıǵar* ‘can turn out to be’, *körinedi* ‘it seems’, *uqsaydı* ‘it looks like’, *siyaqtı* ‘like, similar’, *şıqıldı* ‘like, similar’, *sekıldi* ‘like, similar’, *álpetti* ‘like, similar’, *mümkün* ‘possible’, *ıktimal* ‘probable’, *kádik* ‘improbable’, *bolmasın* ‘it is hopefully not’.

Exactly parallel usages of the same verbs are also found in Modern Kazakh. Only a few of them are not preserved in modern Kazakh: *kökse-* 'to wish', *jolyoy-* 'to allow', *teje-* 'to restrict', *kädik-* 'probability'.

The definition of modality employed in this research excludes the notions of ability and intentionality. They are not included among the modal categories dealt with. However, descriptions of some non-modal categories are given by the author in the chapter *Non-modal expressions* in which Kazakh data is compared to literary and colloquial Uyghur.

The Appendix contains nine texts recorded by the author in the Kazakh-speaking regions of Xinjiang. Examples from these texts are used to illustrate modal notions discussed in the study.

The author makes some comparisons between Kazakh, Uyghur, and Turkish. I think this is a valuable contribution to comparative Turkic linguistics. In the future it would also be important to compare Kazakh as spoken in China with modern Kazakh as spoken in Kazakhstan. This would be valuable for Kazakh linguistics, especially with regard to the theme of the monograph. In Kazakhstan, several dissertations have been defended on different aspects of modality: Žanpeyisov (1958), Išanov (1968), Mamadilov (1996), Medetov (1982), and Ғұлманов (2004). Modality as a grammatical category, and modal expressions as a separate part of speech have only been included in academic grammars since Žanpeyisov & Xusajnov & Oralbaeva eds. (2002). However, there is no specific research on modality from a functional typological perspective.

It is my conviction that the young scholar Aynur Abish has published a serious piece of research on a theoretically complicated problem. The analysis she has conducted is profound and deep. Her scientific background in German and Swedish academic traditions has helped Aynur Abish to conduct research which is also important for its practical applications. The results of the research can be used in teaching at Kazakhstani universities in the new Kazakhstani multilingual education. The results of the monograph are also important for Kazakh linguistics with respect to making Kazakh better known nationally and internationally.

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