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Preface

The articles collected in this volume go back to papers presented at a workshop with the title “The Lexicon-Grammar Interface in the Synchrony and Diachrony of Armenian – Workshop on Armenian Linguistics”, held in hybrid format at the University of Würzburg on April 4–5, 2022. It formed part of the activities within a Humboldt fellowship that Petr Kocharov carried out from March 2021 to November 2022, studying the history of the Armenian verb.

The papers in the volume cover a broad range of linguistic topics from phonology via morphology to morphosyntax, word formation and lexicon as well as the development of digital tools for Armenian.

Historical phonology: Birgit Olsen reassesses the development of the clusters PIE $*t_j$, $*d_j$ and $*d^h_j$ in Armenian, arguing that they yield c' , c and \check{y} respectively. For the apparent lack of parallelism which scholars have taken as an argument in favour of supposing a development of $*t_j$ and $*d_j > \check{c}'$ and \check{c} , respectively, next to $*d^h_j > \check{y}$, she presents similar cases of dissymmetric developments from Romance languages. Among other things, the sound changes in question have a strong bearing on the diachronic analysis of Armenian verbal stem-formation.

Morphology and morphosyntax: Ronald Kim studies the inflexional type of nouns in $-n$, plural $-ownk'$: ever since Meillet (1898), the noun *mianjn* ‘monk’, pl. *mianjownk'*, has been taken as a precious archaism showing the same ablaut pattern found in Greek compounds like ἄ-φρων ‘irrational’ next to φρήν ‘midriff, mind’. As Kim’s meticulous study shows, doubts about this equation are very appropriate.

Petr Kocharov studies the Armenian causative formation in $-oyc'$ - and proposes a new derivation from a syntagm consisting of adjectives and abstract nouns in $-oyc'$ and the verb *arnem* ‘to make’, a relatively late Proto-Armenian morphosyntactic change, which follows a typologically common grammaticalisation path.

Robin Meyer discusses the Armenian perfect construction pointing out minor patterns beside the most frequent type with participle in $-eal$ and

the copula such as the combination of the former with *kam* ‘to stand, remain’, *linim* ‘become’ and *ownim* ‘to have’.

Grammar and lexicon: Andrea Scala studies the interplay between plural marking and semantics in the modern dialect of K‘esab. When compared to its probable antecedent, Cilician Middle Armenian, this dialect reveals an increased role of lexical semantics in the selection of plural markers.

Daniel Kölligan discusses the functional differences between agent nouns and participles in *-ič‘* and *-ol, -awl*. The semantic nuances expressed by these formations in the early Classical Armenian texts are analysed with recourse to the model of individual and stage level predicates.

Vincent Martzloff proposes a new etymology for Arm. *mtanem* ‘to enter’ which he relates to Lat. *mundus* ‘world’, showing that originally it must have referred to a subterranean cavern with an entrance.

Hrach Martirosyan presents a detailed study of nouns for sexual organs in both Classical Armenian and modern dialects. With less focus on the grammar, this study offers a thorough contribution to Armenian lexicography and etymology.

Digital Humanities: Victoria Khurshudyan presents an outline of how the nominal and pronominal morphology of Modern Eastern Armenian has been encoded for the Eastern Armenian National Corpus along with statistic data on the frequency of different morphological types.

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