

Title: Passive in Turkic

In my presentation I will talk about passive in Turkic from a general perspective. In the first part I will address terminological issues found in the Turkological literature. I argue that the often used terms 'voice' and 'diathesis' are misleading and make cross-linguistic comparison difficult. At the same time I propose to describe passive and other related categories within the valency framework.

In the second part of my presentation, I will illustrate how passive is constructed in the Turkic languages. Besides prototypical passives, I will elaborate on closely related categories such as anticausative, reflexive, deagentive/desubjective, reflexive-causative, double passive, and passive-like constructions. Glossed examples from various Turkic languages will provide a complete picture of available forms and constructions.