

C1: Sentence Types and Modality in the Turkic Languages

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Many Turkic languages stand out due to a high number of morphologically different modal forms (among others to mark sentence types). In addition there are analytic verb forms that admit a wide range of variation in interpretation (e.g., as deontic or epistemic modality). The goal of this project is, on the one hand, the classification of different form types to function types; on the other hand, the systematic capture of restrictions for the use of mood and modal elements and the description of the effects of iterating modal elements.

Among other things, we will turn our attention to:

- The role of indirectivity and its relation to epistemic modality (in various Turkic languages).
- The different varieties of the imperative and the interaction of adverbial meaning and imperative, respectively.
- Indicative forms and modal use.
- The use of conditional forms.