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Title: Reanalysis and lexical innovation in the Dakkhini Urdu pronominal paradigm

Abstract: Dakkhini-Urdu is a contact language that is a result of sustained contact between Hindi-Urdu(Indo-Aryan), and Telugu (Dravidian). In this talk I illustrate that the influence of the Telugu substrate causes two changes in the pronominal paradigm of Dakkhini. First; a shift towards a nominative-accusative system resulted in a loss of the Hindi-Urdu ergative third person pronouns. Second; the replication of these Telugu nominative-accusative structures in Dakkhini creates the need for an additional set third person animate pronouns in the nominative case in Dakkhini, while the existing nominative third person pronouns are reanalysed to have more restricted usage as demonstratives.