As a cross-linguistic phenomenon, the prospective has attracted the attention of general linguistics only recently.

Evidence from Turkic, Iranian and beyond

The Symposion will provide a forum to present case studies of a large number of Turkic and Iranian varieties in contact with each other, as well as with other languages (Mongolic, Tungusic, Ugric, Armenian, Aramaic, etc.).

The areal distribution of prospective forms and phenomena of language contact have not yet been studied. Other topics that need to be investigated include the relations between the categories of Prospective, Future, Intention and further phenomena dealing with planned and/or anticipated actions.

Mae hi ar fin bwrw glaw. Welsh
It’s about to rain. English
Bârân āmad. Persian
Нарбүр чагаргачыр. Shor

Yamghur yaghay däp turidu. (Lit.: rain says, ‘let me fall’) Modern Uyghur

Д’ангымдильарга д’астаган турбай. Altai-kızı
Boraan ča:arya duru. Dzungar Tuvan
Nerdeyse yağmur yağacak. Turkish

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