

The Prospective as a Grammatical Category: Evidence from Turkic, Iranian and beyond

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

Mae hi ar fin bwrw glaw.

Welsh

It's about to rain.

English

Bārān āmad.

Persian

Нағбур чағарғачыр.

Shor

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.

Yamghur yaghay dāp turidu. (Lit.: rain says, 'let me fall')
Modern Uyghur

Д'анмырларга д'астаган турбай.

Altai-kiži

Boraan ča:arɣa duru.

Dzungar Tuvan

Nerdeyse yağmur yağacak.

Turkish

The Symposium 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.).

Welsh example courtesy of www.saysomethinginwelsh.com

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