

Introduction*

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1. General Remarks

The Special Feature of the present volume is an outcome of the ILCAA joint research project “Cross-linguistic studies on clause combining” (April, 2010–March, 2013). As the name suggests, the aim of the project was to bring together linguists working on typologically diverse languages to carry out cross-linguistic studies on clause combining. In the course of the three years of the project, we investigated clause combining of various types across typologically different languages in order to examine the diversity, types, and commonality of the phenomenon. We treated not only the commonly recognized constructions of coordination and subordination, but also “insubordinating” constructions, i.e., the use of formally subordinate clauses without matrix clauses (Evans 2007; also Mithun 2008).

Aside from the present volume, Nicholas Evans and I are editing one dedicated to insubordination. It will be an outcome of the eighth meeting of the project—Symposium: “Dynamics of Insubordination,” which was held in October of 2012. (See 3 below for the program.)

2. The Present Volume

The present volume contains four papers as the Special Feature. The papers are written by four of the members of the project and represent parts of the results of the project. Although they were not commissioned as such, interestingly, two papers are on clause combining and two are on insubordination.

The first two papers deal with insubordination in the so-called “Altaic-type” languages.

Shigehiro Kato treats insubordination in Japanese. Insubordinated clauses, also referred to as suspended clauses, are abundantly attested in this language. Kato describes the insubordination of adverbial and relative clauses. For insubordinated

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nominal clauses, he argues for what he calls an “additional insubordination,” rather than Evans’s (2007) elliptical insubordination. In such clauses, a pseudo-head NP is attached (or added) at the end of the clause, and then the nominal clauses thus formed behave like main clauses. Kato also argues that rigid right-headed languages, like Japanese, are flexible in that speakers can change the construction of a sentence in the middle of an utterance, by leaving out the main clause at the end. This gives rise to insubordinated clauses.

Shinjiro Kazama’s contribution covers a genetically and geographically broader group of languages, namely the so-called “Altaic-type” languages. Among the languages he treats, he finds that there are those in which adjectives behave like nouns and those in which adjectives behave like verbs. “Altaic languages” (which include genetically unrelated Tungusic, Mongolic, and Turkic languages) belong to the former type, whereas Nivkh and Korean belongs to the latter. Kazama observes this difference is reflected in how these languages form insubordination. Old Japanese belongs to the latter type; however, Contemporary Japanese has differentiated adjectives into those which behave like nouns and those which behave differently from both nouns and verbs.

The importance of studying connected speech for research on clause combining is clearly demonstrated in the paper by Asako Shiohara. She describes the different strategies of clause combining in Sumbawa, an Austronesian language spoken in Indonesia. Two texts from different eras are studied, one from early 1900’s and the other more recent from Shiohara’s own research. She finds that constructions often encountered in elicitation are not found in either of these two texts.

Iku Nagasaki treats the relative clauses in Kolyma Yukaghir, a language isolate spoken in northeastern Siberia. There are three non-finite verb forms that are used in relative clauses. At first, the three forms appear to be almost interchangeable; however, Nagasaki carefully disentangles their uses, and argues that definiteness of the relativized nouns and pragmatics play important roles in determining which form is used in particular context.

3. Project Meeting Programs

Eight meetings were held in total, including two international workshops (in 2010 and 2011) and a major international symposium (in 2012).

The programs, with the dates, authors, and paper titles, are as follows:

The 1st meeting

Date: 22, 23 May 2010; Venue: Room 302 (Small Conference Room), ILCAA

1. Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “Aims and plans of the project ‘Cross-linguistic Studies on Clause Combining’ at ILCAA”
2. Shinjiro KAZAMA (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Tokyo University of Foreign

Studies): “‘Verbals’ and the dependency among clauses”

3. Shigehiro KATO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Hokkaido University): “An overview of clause types in Japanese”
4. Hideo SAWADA (ILCAA): “An overview of clause types in Lhaovo, a Tibeto-Burman language of Kachin State, Northern Burma”
5. Kazuhiro KAWACHI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, National Defense Academy of Japan): “An overview of clause linkage patterns in Sidaama (Sidamo), a Cushitic language of Ethiopia”
6. Shen LI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Doshisha University): “On the complex sentences in Chinese: What is clause-linking?”
7. Hideki TSUKAMOTO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Ehime University): “Verbal/Adjectival predicate clauses and nominal predicate clauses in Japanese and Korean: A contrastive linguistic approach”
8. [Public lecture (ILCAA Forum)] Andrej MALCHUKOV (Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, The National Institute for Japanese Language): “Constraining typology of nominalizations”

The 2nd meeting

Date: 4 July 2010; Venue: Room 302 (Small Conference Room), ILCAA

1. Iku NAGASAKI (ILCAA): “An Overview of Non-finite Clauses in Kolyma Yukaghir”
2. Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “An Overview of Clause Types in Sliammon Salish”
3. Michinori SHIMOJI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Gunma Prefectural Women’s University): “Transitivity Hypothesis revisited: clause-chaining, discourse, and transitivity in Irabu Ryukyuan”

The 3rd meeting: “International Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Studies on Clause Combining”

Date: 29–31 October 2010; Venue: Room 304 (Multimedia Conference Room), ILCAA

[Special Talk] Nicholas EVANS (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Australian National University): “Fieldwork in Southern New Guinea: A Little-known Hotspot of Linguistic Diversity”

[Special Talk] Marianne MITHUN (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara): “Swiss Army Knives for Linguists—The Utility of Complementary Methodologies”

[Discussion] Discussant: Arienne M. Dwyer (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Kansas)

1. Kazuhiro KAWACHI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, National Defense Academy of Japan): “Syntactic Linkage and Event Relations in Multi-Verb Constructions in Sidaama (Sidamo), a Cushitic Language of Ethiopia”
2. Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “Coordination, Subordination, and their ilk in Sliammon Salish”
3. Shigehiro KATO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Hokkaido University): “Clause Reduction and Grammaticalization in Japanese—How are new auxiliary verbs produced?”
4. Arienne M. DWYER (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Kansas): “The Development of Complex Predication in Turkic: Uyghur Light Verbs”
5. Marianne MITHUN (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara): “The Dynamism of Complexity”
6. Toshihide NAKAYAMA (ILCAA): “The Nature of Clause Combining in Nuuchahnulth”
7. Discussion
8. Iku NAGASAKI (ILCAA): “Three Types of Participles in Relative Clauses in Kolyma Yukaghir”
9. Nobuko YONEDA (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Osaka University): “Relative Clauses in Swahili—Internal Relation and External Relation”
10. Shinjiro KAZAMA (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) & Michinori SHIMOJI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Gunma Prefectural Women’s University): “Clause-hood, Finiteness, and Subordination of Converbs: A Cross-linguistic Survey”
11. Nicholas EVANS (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Australian National University): “Natural Parallel Data, Clause Linkage and Psychosocial Cognition: The Family Problems Picture Task”

The 4th meeting

Date: 11 June 2011; Venue: Room 302 (Small Conference Room), ILCAA

1. Michinori SHIMOJI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Gunma Prefectural Women’s University): “The “full-fledged sentence” in Irabu: with a special focus on conversational texts.”
2. Shigehiro KATO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Hokkaido University): “Clause reduction and the dependency of subordinate clauses in Japanese.”
3. Izumi HOSHI (ILCAA): “Amalgam constructions in Tibetan.”
4. Discussion

[Report] Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “What is “joint research” in linguistics: report and discussion.”

[Report] Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA) & Iku NAGASAKI (ILCAA): “Technical information for linguistic research.”

The 5th meeting

Date: 10 July 2011; Venue: Hongo Satellite 5F

1. Kumiko NAKAYAMA (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies): “Japanese *kedo*, revisited: insubordination, discourse genre, and grammaticization”
2. Yukari NAGAYAMA (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Hokkaido University): “An overview of clause types in Alutor”
3. Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “Plans and discussions about future meetings”

The 6th meeting: “International Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Studies on Clause Combining”

Date: 11–13 November 2011; Venue: Room 304 (Multimedia Conference Room), ILCAA

[Special Talk] Arienne M. DWYER (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Kansas): “Areal Characteristics of Inner Asian Clauses”

[Special Talk] Marianne MITHUN (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara): “Marking Syntactic Complexity: Some internal and external processes of development”

1. Kazuhiro KAWACHI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, National Defense Academy of Japan): “Clause Combining and Insubordination in Kupsapiny, a Southern Nilotic Language of Uganda”
2. Anna BERGE (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Alaska, Fairbanks): “Insubordination in Aleut”
3. Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “Varying Degrees of Dependency in Sliammon Clause Linking”
4. Marianne MITHUN (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara): “Shifting Degrees of Finiteness: Definitization, Refinitization, and Emancipation”
5. Asako SHIOHARA (ILCAA): “Jussive and Purpose Clause in Sumbawa, an Indonesian Language”
6. Nicholas EVANS (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Australian National University): “Insubordination as modal vagueness: unspecified attitudes and unanchored minds”
7. Iku NAGASAKI (ILCAA): “Complement Constructions with Perception Verbs in Kolyma Yukaghir”
8. Shigehiro KATO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Hokkaido University): “Clause Reduction and Pragmatic Preference in Japanese”
9. Shinjiro KAZAMA (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Tokyo University of Foreign

Studies): “Verbals and Suspended Clauses in Altaic-type Languages”

10. Arianne M. DWYER (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Kansas): “Diachronic and Synchronic Insubordination in Turkic and Mongolic”

The 7th meeting

Date: 7 July 2012; Venue: Room 306 (Multimedia Seminar Room), ILCAA

1. Olga POTANINA (ILCAA Research Fellow, Tomsk Polytechnic University, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow): “Towards the syntax of Eastern Khanty complex sentences”
2. Yasuhiro KOJIMA (ILCAA): “Mood and tense in complement clauses in Georgian”
3. Tokusu KUREBITO (ILCAA): “A study on Chukchee complex sentences”

The 8th meeting: *Symposium “Dynamics of Insubordination”*

Date: 25 October 2012 - 28 October 2012; Venue: Room 303 (Large Conference Room), ILCAA

1. Nicholas EVANS (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Australian National University): “The Dynamics of Insubordination: An Overview”
2. Jean-Christophe VERSTRAETE (KU Leuven): “Running in the Family: Patterns of Complement Insubordination in Germanic”, joint work with Sarah D’HERTEFELT
3. Edoardo LOMBARDI VALLAURI (Universita Roma Tre): “Insubordinated Conditionals in Spoken and Non-Spoken Italian”
4. Pedro GRAS MANZANO (Universitat de Barcelona, KU Leuven): “Revisiting the Functional Typology of Insubordination. Que-initial Sentences in Spanish”
5. Scott A. SCHWENTER (The Ohio State University): “Independent si-Clauses in Spanish: Functions and Consequences for Insubordination”
6. Jeanne-Marie DEBAISIEUX (Universite Paris 3 Sorbonne Nouvelle) & Philippe MARTIN (Universite Paris Diderot): “Insubordination in French: Syntactic and Prosodic Aspects”
7. Simeon FLOYD (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics): “Insubordination in Interaction: the Cha’palaa Counter-assertive”
8. Honoré WATANABE (ILCAA): “Dependency and Insubordination in Sliammon Salish”
9. Anna BERGE (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Alaska, Fairbanks): “Dependent Marking, Indirectness and Insubordination in Aleut”
10. Bernard COMRIE (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, University of California Santa Barbara): “Insubordination in the Tsezic Languages”, joint work with Diana FORKER and Zaira

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11. Martine ROBBEETS (University of Mainz): “Insubordination and the Establishment of Genealogical Relationship”
12. Arienne M. DWYER (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of Kansas): “Ordinary Insubordination as Transient Discourse”
13. Toshio OHORI (The University of Tokyo): “Toward a Taxonomy of Insubordination: Grammaticalization Paths and Discourse Motivations”
14. Seiko FUJII (The University of Tokyo): “Insubordination of Conditional Constructions in Japanese”
15. Heiko NARROG (Tohoku University): “Insubordination in Japanese Diachronically”
16. Marianne MITHUN (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara): “How Fascinating! Insubordinate Exclamations”
17. Kazuhiro KAWACHI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, National Defense Academy of Japan): “Pitch Accent Patterns and Meanings of Full and Insubordinated Conditional Constructions in Sidaama (Cushitic, Ethiopia)”
18. Sonia CRISTOFARO (Universita di Pavia): “Routes to Insubordination: A Typological Perspective”
19. Discussion

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