

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION IN THE CHAOZHOU DIALECT SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY

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ABSTRACT


This paper aims to explore the $k^h\gamma^2-i^{33}$ 乞伊 VP construction in the Chaozhou dialect. $k^h\gamma^2-i^{33}$ 乞伊 VP is a construction correlated with an adversative sense, which is called affective construction. A contrastive study on 19th-century Chaozhou dialect documents and the current dialect reveals that the affective construction is derived from the formal passive construction as a result of topicalization and syntacticization. This construction exists in many varieties of the coastal Min dialect group due to the topic-prominent property of this dialect group. This property causes coastal Min dialects to differ from other Chinese dialects in terms of typology, while having a strong internal consistency in the evolution of some syntactic structures, such as the affective construction at issue and the resumptive disposal construction.

KEYWORDS

Chaozhou dialect Affective construction Evolution of syntactic structures Topic-prominent Syntacticization

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十九世纪以来潮州方言蒙受句的演变

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摘要

在潮州方言中,有一种带消极色彩的“乞伊 VP”句式,本文称之为蒙受句。通过对十九世纪潮州方言文献与当今潮州方言的考察,以及当代方言之间的比较,本文认为蒙受句是“形式被动句”经过话题化、句法化而形成的。沿海闽方言大都存在这种蒙受句,这与闽方言话题优先的特点有关。话题优先的特点使得闽方言在某些句式(例如蒙受句和复指型处置句)的演变方面存在较强的内部一致性,具有一定的类型学意义。

关键词

潮州方言 蒙受句 句式演变 话题优先 句法化