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Diachronic and areal trends of argument marking across Slavic languages

This paper explores areal effects in argument marking of 43 typically bivalent verb meanings across all major Slavic languages including Old Church Slavic. I focus on such factors as transitivity prominence, non-nominative marking of the first argument, the ratio of alternations, etc. The paper concludes with a dendogram of Slavic languages which, interestingly, is not only structured by the genealogical signal but is also subject to areal pressures as well.