

## **Verb-Verb Compounds in Turkish and Turkic Languages**

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The aim of this presentation is to explore the nature of compound verbs in Turkish and Turkic to determine what types of V-V sequences are available and to what extent the notion of grammaticalization is applied. The constructions that will be discussed include syntactic compounds as well as lexical ones. The syntactic compounds have not been discussed extensively in traditional Turkological literature. I will propose various tests to identify a syntactically formed verbal compound. I also shed light on newly formed Verb-Verb complexes found in language contact situation. A few restrictions on the variety of Verb-Verb combination are explicated based on not only synchronic perspective but also diachronic perspective. The languages to be discussed include Azerbaijani, Kashkay, Orkhon Turkic (the earliest attested form of Turkic), Turkish and Uyghur.