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Palestra
Head-Marking Tendencies in Indo-European

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Resumo

Since Johanna Nichols (“Head-Marking and Dependent-Marking Grammar”, *Language* 62 [1986], 56-119) the difference between head- and dependent-marking strategies has become one of the standard criteria for the typological classification of languages. While Indo-European languages and their reconstructed ancestor language Proto-Indo-European are generally dependent-marking, the development of head-marking features can be observed in the history of individual daughter languages, such as the Izafe-construction in Iranian languages. Although deemed a stable feature over time and hence a possible criterion for establishing language relationship in spite of different morphological material, it has been argued more recently that languages may change with respect to their overall marking strategies (cf. for Semitic R. Hasselbach, *Case in Semitic. Roles, relations, and reconstruction*. Oxford, 2013). The talk will look at various features of the grammar of Proto-Indo-European that may be related to this phenomenon, among them relative clauses, nasal presents and subject- and object-ellipsis in various ancient Indo-European languages.