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Gorum, Sora and the Munda verb

Some remarks on historical verb morphology

In this talk, I discuss the history of Munda verb morphology and propose a minimal reconstruction of the Proto-Munda verb, departing from my work on Gorum. As a starting point, I propose a reconstruction for the structure of the Proto-Sora-Gorum verb along the lines of (1):

(1) NEG - [STEM] - ASPECT - VOICE - OBJ - VENTIVE = PL

On the basis of this reconstructed Proto-Sora-Gorum verb and further comparative data from other Munda languages, the following minimal reconstruction of the Proto-Munda verb can be given:

(2) [STEM] - ASPECT - VOICE

The traditional account adds subject prefixes and object suffixes to the core structure (cf. Pinnow 1966 and Anderson 2004).

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