

Reflexivization and Reciprocalization in Ghulfan

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In this talk, I will discuss the processes of reflexivization and reciprocalization in Ghulfan, a Kordofan Nubian dialect spoken in the northern Nuba Mountains in the center of Sudan. In doing so, I will focus on both processes in mono- and ditransitive constructions.

Reflexives are marked in Ghulfan with a proform made up of object pronoun+GEN/POSS+reflexive marker and take case makers.

This proform is the only reflexive maker in a clause, since there is no reflexive marking in the tense aspect system. However, there are two ways the form can be ordered: *reflexive marker+pronoun+GEN+OBJ* or *pronoun+poss+reflexive marker+OBJ*.

Unlike reflexives, reciprocals are marked within the TAM system, with the reciprocal marker incorporated into TAM as part of the verbal morphology.

Based on the data we have so far, it appears that morphological reciprocal marking is not allowed for ditransitive constructions. Rather, reciprocation is expressed in a complex clause.