3 x 209 Challenges Accepted: Compiling the Typological Database of the Volga Area Finno-Ugric Languages

Our talk presents a shortly ending project running at the Finno-Ugric Department of the Eötvös Loránd University, which has aimed at compiling a typological database for (some of) the Volga Area Finno-Ugric languages, namely, Udmurt, Komi-Permyak, and Meadow Mari. First, we present the "pre-history" of the project: the genesis of the idea of creating a typological database for all Uralic languages, and the end product of a previous project, the Typological Database of the Ugric Languages (available at https://utdb.elte.hu/). We then turn to the project of the Typological Database of the Volga Area Finno-Ugric Languages by presenting the structure and the key notions of the database, such as *parameters* and *values*. The second part of the talk concentrates on some case studies: we introduce some *parameters* that turned out to be challenging, or interesting from a "cross-Volgaic" point of view. The topics under discussion include antipassive constructions, possessive constructions, distributive numerals, the status of potential indefinite articles, and action nominal constructions.