

Loan Verb Typology

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The question as to why most languages have more trouble borrowing verbs than nouns, and as to the possible mechanisms and paths by which verbs can be borrowed, were addressed by Edith Moravcsik in her 1975 paper "*Borrowed verbs*" (WLG 8, pp 3-30) on the basis of a small sample of languages. However, no truly substantial typological research had been undertaken on this topic before I started working on this subject in March 2004. My dissertation topic (working title) was */*Towards a typology of verbal borrowing*/*. It was founded on the collection and classification of data and examples of loan verbs and their accommodation patterns from a large number of languages. In my talk, I shall present this classification as well as the main findings and implications from my dissertation.