

On the Diachronic Development of a Hungarian Declarative Complementiser

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My talk investigates the diachronic development of the Hungarian complementiser *hogy* 'that', which in Modern Hungarian introduces finite declarative clauses. In Old Hungarian, *hogy* could be combined with other complementisers, e.g. *mint* 'than', giving configurations like *hogymint* and *minthogy*, i.e. having both the *hogy*+X and the reverse X+*hogy* order. The rich variation of Old Hungarian complex complementisers is not fully reflected in Modern Hungarian: it is invariably only one of the orders that survived. As to which order remained for a given pair *hogy*+X / X+*hogy*, I will show that it is always the one that was fully grammaticalized into a single C head, the possibility of which depends on the underlying order of *hogy* and X as separate C heads. I will also demonstrate that *hogy* in the period was used as a general marker of declarative Force.