

## On sluicing in Meadow Mari and Udmurt

In this talk I zoom in on elliptical constructions in Meadow Mari and Udmurt. Specifically, I focus on sluicing, a type of clausal ellipsis. In sluicing, the silent material is a TP and only a *wh*-remnant appears, as in (1). Two illustrative examples from Meadow Mari and Udmurt are provided in (2) and (3). Apart from exemplifying ellipsis, these sentences are also interesting from the perspective of other grammatical phenomena, e.g., the non-possessive uses of possessive morphology.

- (1) *Peter met someone, but I don't know who* [<sub>TP</sub> ~~*Peter met*~~].
- (2) *Pet'a üdâr-âm nalân, no kö-m / kö-žâ-m, om pale.*  
Petya girl-ACC take.PRF.3SG but who-ACC who-POSS:3SG-ACC NEG.PRS.1SG know.CN  
'Petya got married (lit. girl-took) but I don't know (to) whom.' (Meadow Mari)
- (3) *Pet'a gurtiś koškem, kītčj(-ze) um todiške.*  
Petya village.ELA leave.EVID.3SG where.ILL-POSS.3SG-ACC NEG.1PL know.CN.PL  
'Petya left the village (lit. from the village), but we don't know where to.' (Udmurt)

The aim of the talk is to examine (i) whether the structures in (2) and (3) show the properties of isomorphic sluicing, where the elided material is structurally identical to the antecedent clause, as in (1), and (ii) what the role of the 3SG possessive morphology on the *wh*-remnant is.