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## **Subject encoding in participial relative clauses**

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Participial relative clauses (pRCs) in Meadow Mari (Uralic) allow overt subjects and encode them in a number of ways: (i) with a possessive suffix on the head noun; (ii) with nominative; or (iii) with genitive. The subject of a participle derived with –me can be marked with genitive (all argument types on the animacy hierarchy, AH (1)) or with nominative (only the lower part of the AH, Brykina & Aralova 2012) – cf. (2) & (3). In case of +human nouns, both genitive and nominative are possible (4).

- (1) 1 & 2 person > other pronoun > proper name > human > non-human > inanimate
- (2) Məj [təj-\*(ən) / Vasja-\*(n) purl-mo] melna-m kočkaš om tünal.  
I you-gen Vasja-gen bite-nzr pancake-acc eat neg.prs.1sg will  
'I will not eat the pancake nibbled by you / Vasja.'
- (3) Məj [pərəs-(ən) purl-mo] melna-m kočkaš om tünal.  
I cat-(gen) bite-nzr pancake-acc eat neg.prs.1sg will  
'I will not eat the pancake nibbled by the cat.'
- (4) Jəvan [buxgalter(-ən) pu-əmo] pašadar nergen šon-a.  
Ivan bookkeeper(-gen) give-nzr wages about think-prs.3sg  
'Ivan is thinking about the wages given to him by the bookkeeper.'

In my talk I will discuss fieldwork data from Meadow Mari on adverb placement and binding. These data support drawing finer differences in the syntactic structure of pRCs (contra Doron\_&\_Reintges 2005 and in\_line with Miyagawa 2011) resulting in a more adequate typology of pRCs.

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