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***Change of state and the co-event conflation
 pattern: The case of unselected object
 constructions***

In this talk I deal with the typological variation involved in the realm of verbal argument structure in the light of a formal distinction between incorporation and conflation processes. In particular, following Talmy's (1991, 2000) well-known typological distinction between "verb-framed languages" and "satellite-framed languages", it will be shown that his "co-event conflation pattern" can be dealt with by using the formal notion of conflation provided by Mateu (2012). Special attention will be paid to the formation of so-called "unselected object constructions" like the ones exemplified in (1), which can be taken as evidence for (neo)constructionist approaches to argument structure (cf. Goldberg [1995] with Marantz [2005, 2013], Ramchand [2008] or Acedo-Matellán [2010], i.a.): e.g., cf. so-called "strong" resultatives like (1a), resultative V-V compounds in Chinese like (1b), verb-particle constructions like (1c), or constructions with a resultative prefix like Germ. (1d) or Lat. (1e), among others.

- (1)
- a. The dog barked the chickens awake.
 - b. Lisi ba shoujuan ku-shi-le. (Chinese)
 Lisi BA handkerchief cry-wet-LE
 'Lisi cried the handkerchief wet.'
 - c. John worked his debts off.
 - d. Er vergärtlerte sein gesamtes Vermögen. (German)
 he VER(away)-gardener-ed his whole fortune
 'In gardening, he used up all his fortune.'

