Levels of Turkmen-Russian Interpenetration

The principal objective of the paper is to demonstrate the permeability of Turkmen language from the south-western Turkic sub-branch to internalize the results of asymmetric language interpenetration. It discusses several phenomena in Turkmen-Russian language contacts with a focus on attitudes, alternation, creative convergence, resistance to influence, and prolific varieties of copying. The main focus is placed on the linguistic resourceful creativity using own internal morphological resources and activating of some *old unproductive* Turkmen affixes to compound *new* word sequences. Integration of some Russian phonemes in the Turkmen phonological system as a supplementary linguistic behaviour, as well as the quality of the Turkmen-Russian bilingualism before and after the dissolution of the Soviet Union will be discussed, too.