



## Kolloquium Slavistische Linguistik (online)

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### **Feature-based analysis of variation in a Torlak dialect corpus**

The study approaches the analysis of variation in a corpus of the Torlak dialect, a dialect which is influenced by standard Serbian to varying degrees. It analyzes the occurrence frequency of five dialect features of the Timok dialect of Torlak in the sample of 67 speakers: non-standard accent position, the clitic pronoun *si*, and the omission of the auxiliary in 3<sup>rd</sup> person compound perfect, the post-positive article and the analytical dative marking of the indirect object and possessive. Taking the dialect and standard Serbian as two poles of a variation scale, it aims to empirically distinguish between gradual levels of non-standardness, and to establish accent position as a predictor for the use of other dialect features.

Using the method of hierarchical clustering, the most standard-like and the most Torlak-like varieties are identified. Using Pearson's correlation method, it demonstrates that accent and the auxiliary omission can serve as an indication of non-standardness in the Timok sample. At the same time, the inability to identify a single reliable predictor of non-standardness illustrates the complexity of the linguistic variation present in Timok. The results of the methods presented in this paper will be used for classification of the corpus data, as well as to identify data on different poles to be used for contrastive analysis of the use of dialect.

**Alle Interessierten sind herzlich eingeladen!**

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