Person marking in Resnyeske

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This paper deals with the verbal flexion of Resnyeske *rəsnəske*, a Rgyalrongic language spoken in Rtau country (Chine Daofu 道孚), Sichuan province, China. Previous description of the verbal flexions of closely related languages include Huang (1991) and Sun & Tian (to appear).

This study is divided into three sections.

First, we present the attested verb paradigms, including irregular verbs, and propose a morphophonological analysis of vowel alternations.

Second, we study the morphosyntactic encoding of the arguments for a variety of verbs, and show that although only two major conjugation types exist (transitive and intransitive), no less than ten sub-categories of verbs have from a morphosyntactic point of view.

Third, we propose a historical account of the origin of the verbal paradigm of Resnyeske on the basis of related languages, especially Rgyalrong and Lavrung.

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