

# THE NATURE OF CAPPADOCIAN CLITICS

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**Abstract.** Cappadocian is a peripheral Asia Minor Greek dialect heavily influenced by Turkish at every linguistic level. The Cappadocian clitic pronouns, however, have retained their original Greek characteristics, although their syntactic behaviour differs substantially from Standard Modern Greek and most of its core dialects. This paper will discuss the following aspects of the grammar of Cappadocian clitics:

1. Clisis, what clisis? Enclisis, proclisis, synclisis, metaclisis, diaclisis *und kein Ende*...
2. Word or affix? The “clitic cline” and the status of clitics.

## 1. Clisis, what clisis?

### 1.1. Clitics: definition

“Any grammatical unit that is not straightforwardly either an affix or a word on its own. E.g. in Ancient Greek *nēsós tis* ‘a (certain) island’, the clitic *tis* is not an affix since, among other things, it is itself inflected as nominative singular. Neither, as a word, is it entirely independent, since it forms a single accentual unit with the preceding word for ‘island’ (basically *nēsos*).”

“From the Greek word for ‘leaning’: thus unaccented *tis* ‘leans on’ *nēsos*. Enclitics are clitics linked phonologically, as here, to the word preceding, proclitics those linked to the word following. The distinction between clitics and affixes is naturally fluid: e.g. English *-n’t* in *haven’t* or *aren’t* is a clitic by some criteria but has been claimed as an affix by others. So too is the boundary between clitics and full words: e.g. unstressed *to* is a clitic, by some relevant criteria, in *I have to* [haftə] *go*.”

“Clitic”: *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Linguistics*. P. H. Matthews. Oxford University Press, 2007. *Oxford Reference Online*. Oxford University Press.

### 1.2. Clitics: status

“[T]he relative ordering of affixes and of clitics are both quite rigid [which] contributes to the conclusion that clitic placement and word-level morphology are parallel phenomena” (Anderson 1992: 222)

“Clitics generally appear in a fixed, at least partially arbitrary order with respect to one another entirely parallel to the ways in which groups of inflectional clitics interact” (Halpern 1995: 192)

Zwicky’s criteria (selected):

- a. Combinatorial selectivity (affix: high; nonaffix: low)
- b. Morphophonology (affix: high; nonaffix: low (sandhi, fast speech))
- c. Ordering (nonword: strict; word: (relatively) free)
- d. Phonological dependence (nonword: dependent; word: independent)

### 1.3. Greek Clitics: weak object pronouns (WOPs)

#### 1.3.1. Ancient Greek: WOPs syntactically pre- or postverbal, phonologically enclitic, Φ-phrase ≠ Σ-phrase

ἤψατό	=μού	=τις
<i>hé:psató</i>	= <i>mú</i>	= <i>tis</i>
s/he-touched	1sg	someone.nom.
“someone touched me” (Lk 8.46)		

τίς	=μου	ἤψατο
<i>tís</i>	= <i>mu</i>	<i>hé:psato</i>
who	1sg	s/he-touched
“who touched me?” (Mk 5.31)		

μή	=μου	ἅπτου
<i>mé:</i>	= <i>mu</i>	<i>háptu</i>
not	1sg	touch
“don’t touch me!” (Jn 20.17)		

ἐγὼ	=σοι
<i>eró:</i>	= <i>soi</i>
I-will-tell	2sg
“I’ll tell you” (Meno 76b3)	

ἐγὼ	=σοι	ἐρῶ
<i>egó</i>	= <i>soi</i>	<i>eró:</i>
1sg	2sg	I-will-tell
“I will tell you” (Crito 44a2)		

ἐγὼ	=σοι	ἐφη	ἐρῶ
<i>egó</i>	= <i>soi</i>	<i>éphe:</i>	<i>eró:</i>
1sg	2sg	s/he-said	I-will-tell
“I,” he said, “will tell you” (Phaedo 71c10)			

**1.3.2. Byzantine Greek:** WOPs syntactically immediately pre- or postverbal, phonologically enclitic,  $\Phi$ -phrase  
 $\Rightarrow \Sigma$ -phrase:  $\{\acute{\epsilon}\gamma\acute{\omega} = \sigma\omicron\iota\} \lambda\acute{\epsilon}(\gamma)\omega \Rightarrow \acute{\epsilon}\gamma\acute{\omega} [\sigma\omicron\iota = \lambda\acute{\epsilon}(\gamma)\omega]$

**1.3.3. Modern Greek:** WOPs syntactically pre- or postverbal, phonologically pro- or enclitic,  $\Phi$ -phrase =  $\Sigma$ -phrase

<i>θa=</i>	<i>mu=</i>	<i>to=</i>	<i>pís</i>
prt	1sg	3sg	you-tell
“I’ll tell you it”			

<i>esí</i>	<i>θa=</i>	<i>mu=</i>	<i>to=</i>	<i>=pís</i>
2sg	prt	1sg	3sg	you-tell
“I will tell you it”				

<i>pés</i>	<i>=mu</i>	<i>=to</i>
tell	1sg	3sg
“tell me it!”		

**1.4. Cappadocian WOPs** = Byzantine WOPs: syntactically immediately pre- or postverbal, phonologically enclitic (always?)

**1.4.1. Postverbal syntax** = unmarked (generalized): grammaticalization (syntacticization)

<i>díçñi</i>	<i>=se</i>	<i>=to</i>
s/he shows	2sg	3sg
“s/he shows you it”		

 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

<i>su=</i>	<i>to=</i>	<i>óíçñi</i>
2sg	3sg	s/he shows
“s/he shows you it”		

**1.4.2. Preverbal syntax I:** grammaticalization (syntacticization) of Wackernagel’s Law (P2)

- Modal & negative particles: proclisis (modal) ~ enclisis (negative)
- Subordinating conjunctions: enclisis ~ proclisis?
- Relative pronouns: proclisis?
- Interrogative words: enclisis?

<i>ás</i>	<i>=to</i>	<i>fáyo</i>	<i>=m</i>	<i>mí</i>	<i>=to</i>	<i>fáyo</i>	<i>=m</i>
prt	3sg	I eat	prt	not	3sg	1sg	prt
“shall I eat him?”				“shall I not eat him?”			

D336

<i>an=</i>	<i>du=</i>	<i>vyális</i>	<i>na=</i>	<i>mi=</i>	<i>páris</i>
if	3sg	you take out	prt	1sg	you-marry
“if you take it out”			“you will marry me”		

D386

<i>n-o=</i>	<i>skotósan</i>	<i>=ton</i>	<i>ce</i>	<i>dén</i>	<i>=do</i>	<i>skotósan</i>
prt-3sg	they killed	cop.3sg	and	not	3sg	they killed
“they would have killed him but they didn’t kill him”						

Arch.Z.Dawk (unpublished)

<i>vavá</i>	<i>=sas</i>	<i>óti</i>	<i>=sas</i>	<i>ípen</i>	<i>a=</i>	<i>sas=</i>	<i>ta=</i>	<i>çpó</i>
father	2pl	whatever	2pl	s/he said	prt	2pl	3pl	I tell
“whatever your father told you, I’ll tell you it”								

Arch.Z.Dawk (unpublished)

<i>ta</i>	<i>klátša</i>	<i>=mas</i>	<i>škólja</i>	<i>dén</i>	<i>=da</i>	<i>sáldanam</i>	<i>polí</i>
the	children	1pl	school	not	3pl	we sent	much
“our children, we didn’t send them to school a lot”							

Misiotika (unpublished recording 2005)

<i>tí</i>	<i>=to</i>	<i>píces</i>
what	3sg	you did
“what did you do to him?”		

D436

**1.4.3. Preverbal syntax II:** discourse remnants of Wackernagel’s Law (P2)

- Subject pronouns
- Echo answers
- Focus

<i>eyó</i>	<i>=ta</i>	<i>léo</i>	<i>eyó</i>	<i>=t’</i>	<i>akúo</i>
1sg	3pl	I say	1sg	3pl	I hear
“I say it”			“I hear it”		

<i>léo</i>	<i>=ta</i>	<i>akúo</i>	<i>=ta</i>
I say	3pl	I hear	3pl
“I say it”			

PK76

<i>tšís</i>	=s'	<i>épce</i>	<i>mávro</i>		<i>etó</i>	=m'	<i>épce</i>	<i>mávro</i>	
who	2sg	s/he made	black		3sg	1sg	s/he made	black	
“who made you black?”					“she made me black”				D334
<i>tís</i>	=t'	<i>álakse</i>			<i>oyó</i>	=d'	<i>álaksa</i>		
who	3pl	s/he changed			1sg	3pl	I changed		
“who has changed them?”					“I have changed them”				D356

<i>tís</i>	=to	<i>skótoše</i>			<i>oyó</i>	=to	<i>skótosa</i>				<i>eší</i>	=to	<i>skótoses</i>		
who	3sg	s/he killed			1sg	3sg	I killed				2pl	3sg	you killed		
“who killed it?”					“I killed it”						“you killed it”				D394 / 396

<i>tíala</i>	=du	<i>píris</i>			<i>mi</i>	<i>du</i>	<i>meló-s</i>	=du	<i>píris</i>		
how	3sg	you took			with	the	brain-2sg	3sg	you took		
“how did you win her?”					“with your brains you won her”						D388

<i>itó</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>ráma</i>	<i>atí</i>	=do	<i>sardás</i>		<i>na</i>	<i>fotiš</i>	=to	<i>sardó</i>	
this	the	yarn	why	3sg	you wind		prt	s/he gives light	3sg	I wind	
“this yarn, why are you winding it?”							“for it to give light I am winding it”				D356

<i>itúta</i>	<i>ta</i>	<i>prámata</i>	<i>vúla</i>	=ta	<i>pírin</i>		<i>itúta</i>	<i>vúla</i>	<i>laxtá</i>	<i>ta</i>	<i>mésa</i>	
these	the	things	all	3pl	s/he took		these	all	s/he pushes	3pl	inside	
“these things, he took them all”							“all these he pushes them inside”					D406

### 1.5. Synclisis

<i>mu</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>ípe</i>	⇔	<i>*to</i>	<i>mu</i>	<i>ípe</i>
1sg	3sg	s/he said		3sg	1sg	s/he said
“s/he told me it”				“she told it to me”		

<i>díçñi</i>	=se	=ta	⇔	<i>na</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>ta</i>	<i>díksi</i>
s/he shows	2sg	3sg		prt	2sg	3sg	s/he shows
“s/he shows you it”				“s/he will show you it”			

<i>ípa</i>	=se	=ta	⇔	<i>dé</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>ta</i>	<i>ípa</i>	<i>mī</i>
I told	2sg	3sg		prt	2sg	3sg	I told	prt
“I told you it”				“didn’t I tell you it=”				

Arch.Z.Dawk (unpublished)

#### 1.5.1. Metacclisis (clitic metathesis)

<i>péz</i>	=mu	=to	⇔	<i>pés</i>	=to	=mu
tell	1sg	3sg		tell	3sg	1sg
“Tell me it!”				“Tell it to me!”		

<i>pé(z)</i>	=me	=to	⇔	<i>pés</i>	=to	=me
tell	1sg	3sg		tell	3sg	1sg
“Tell me it!”				“Tell it to me!”		

*Farasiot* (Dawkins 1916: 510 & 518)

<i>džo</i>	<i>puá</i>	=mes	=ta	⇔	<i>džo</i>	<i>puás</i>	=ta	=mas
not	you sell	1pl	3pl		not	you sell	3pl	1pl
“will you not sell us it”					“will you not sell it to us”			

*Languedocian* (Hetzron 1977: 195)

<i>te</i>	<i>la</i>	<i>dirai</i>	⇔	<i>la</i>	<i>te</i>	<i>dirai</i>
2sg	3sg	I will say		3sg	2sg	I will say
“I’ll tell you it”				“I’ll tell it to you”		

## 1.5.2. Diataclisis (split cliticization)

a=	se=	to=	díkso	↔	as=	to=	díkso	=se
prt	2sg	3sg	I show		prt	3sg	I show	2sg
“I’ll show you it”					“I’ll show it to you”			

D308

a=	se=	to=	féro	↔	as=	to=	dókum	=se
prt	2sg	3sg	I bring		prt	3sg	we give	2sg
“I’ll bring you it”					“we’ll give her to you”			

PK102 / 192

an=	da=	fériz	=me	na=	se=	dóko	s’	esé
if	3pl	you bring	1sg	prt	2sg	I give	to	2sg
“if you bring them to me”				“I will give [her] to you”				

D340

Byzantine Greek (Joseph 1990: 132)

καὶ	τῶρά	με	εἶπε	το
ce	tóra	me	ípe	to
and	now	1sg	say	3sg
“and now you must tell me it!”				

East Flemish (Janse 1998a: 274)

zeg	=d	=t	gij	’em	↔	zeg	jij	=t	=m
say	2sg	3sg.n	2sg	3sg.m		say	2sg	3sg.n	3sg.m
“will you tell it him?”						“will you tell it him?”			

## 1.5.3. Endocclisis

dé-m	↔	dé(z)	=me	↔	de-m-ét	↔	déz	=me	-ét
give-1sg		give	1sg		give-1sg-2pl		give	1sg	2pl
“gimme!”					“gimme!”				

D139

Northern Greek (Thavoris 1977: 86f., cf. Joseph 1989)

ðó-m-ti	↔	ðó(z)	=mi	-ti	↔	ðóm-ti	=mas
give-1sg-2pl		give	1sg	2pl		give-1sg-2pl	1pl
“gimme!”						“give us!”	

Albanian (Demiraj 1985: 1125)

merr-e-ni	↔	merr	=e	ni
give-1sg-2pl		take	3sg	2pl
“take it!”				

jep-ma-ni	↔	jep	=më	=e	-ni	↔	ma=	jep-ni
give-1sg/3sg-2pl		give	1sg	3sg	2pl		1sg/3sg	give-pl
“gimme it!”							“gimme it!”	

## 2. Word or affix?

## 2.1. Trisyllabic rule in Modern Greek

édosa	↔	ðósame	↔	ðóθika	↔	ðoθíkame
I gave		we gave		I was given		we were given

## 2.2. Suffixation vs. encliticization in Modern Greek

édos-a	↔	ðós-a-me	↔	édos-a	↔	édosá	=to
I gave		we gave		I gave		I gave	3sg

<i>péz</i>	= <i>mu</i>	= <i>to</i>	⇔	<i>ðóse</i>	= <i>mú</i>	= <i>to</i>
tell	1sg	3sg		give	1sg	3sg
“Tell me it!”				“Give it to me!”		

### 2.3. Suffixation vs. encliticization in Modern Greek

<i>édos-a</i>	⇔	<i>ðós-a-me</i>	<i>édos-a</i>	⇔	<i>édosá</i>	= <i>to</i>
I gave		we gave	I gave		I gave	3sg

### 2.4. The “clitic cline” in Cappadocian

#### 2.4.1. Encliticization vs. “agglutination”

<i>édocén</i>	= <i>do</i>	⇔	<i>édocen</i>	= <i>do</i>
s/he gave	3sg		s/he gave	3sg
“he gave it”			“he gave it”	

D342 / 344

<i>jómosén</i>	= <i>do</i>	⇔	<i>jómosen</i>	= <i>da</i>
s/he filled	3sg		s/he filled	3pl
“she filled it”			“she filled them”	

D398 / 400

<i>diçnun</i>	= <i>se</i>	= <i>to</i>	⇔	<i>diçni</i>	= <i>se</i>	= <i>to</i>
they show	2sg	3sg		s/he shows	2sg	3sg
“they show you it”				“s/he shows you it”		

D306

<i>poli</i>	= <i>d'</i>	<i>ayápanan</i>	<i>ull'</i>	<i>ayápanan</i>	= <i>du</i>
much	3sg	they loved	all	they loved	3sg
“they loved him <i>very much</i> ”			“they <i>al</i> loved him!”		

Misiotika (unpublished recording 2005)

#### 2.4.1. Encliticization vs. affixation?

<i>éfayán</i>	= <i>do</i>	⇔	<i>efáyan</i>	= <i>do</i>
they ate	3sg		they ate	3sg
“they ate it”			“they ate it”	

D306 / 308

<i>édocén</i>	= <i>do</i>	⇔	<i>edócen</i>	= <i>do</i>
s/he gave	3sg		s/he filled	3sg
“he gave it”			“he gave it”	

D342 / 344

<i>sérepsán</i>	= <i>da</i>	⇔	<i>serépsan</i>	= <i>da</i>
they gather	3pl		s/he filled	3pl
“they gathered them”			“they gathered them”	

D398

<i>ésirén</i>	= <i>da</i>	⇔	<i>ésiren</i>	= <i>da</i>	⇔	<i>esíre</i>	= <i>me</i>
s/he shot	3pl		s/he shot	3pl		s/he shot	1sg
“he shot it”			“he shot it”			“he shot me”	

D558

<i>épjasén</i>	= <i>do</i>	⇔	<i>pjásen</i>	= <i>do</i>
s/he took	3sg		s/he took	3sg
“he took it”			“he took it”	

D138

### 3. Conclusion?

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