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Reduplication in Estonian, Latvian and Livonian

This paper aims to provide a description on reduplicative constructions in Estonian, Latvian and Livonian. The paper focuses on reduplication from the formal and semantic point of view, studying the form and function of such constructions. Reduplication is considered a pattern where a word stem is attached to another stem that is formally and/or semantically identical to the former, and the resulting construction is in functional contrast with the single occurrence of the word stem. Some reduplicative constructions in Estonian, Latvian and Livonian express expressive, emotative and poetic functions (Est: *tühi-tähi*, Lat: *līku loku*) but others show a degree of grammaticalization (Est: *hullemast hullem*, Lat: *skaistāka par skaistu*). In order to understand possible mutual influences between construction in Finnic and Baltic languages, some examples from Estonian (including Southern Estonian dialects spoken once in Latvia) and Latvian dialects are analysed as well.