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Bringing together events and participants: Two ways of nominalizing linked predications

While there has been done much research on finite subordinate clauses in several branches of Indo-European, there has been no comprehensive study of nominal strategies in clause combining and predication linking, which range from participles and absolutes to action nouns.

This is rather surprising since such strategies play a major role in the syntactical make-up of most of the Ancient Indo-European languages. Our talk is to be understood as a contribution to filling this gap.

We will elaborate on the different kinds of formal and functional orientation of nominalized construction and provide an overview of structures as well as an account of their distribution from an areal and historical perspective. We will draw on material from the major branches of Indo-European, which allows for situating the nominalizing constructions of the Baltic languages in their wider genealogical and typological context.