

**Phonological Systems in Contact:**  
**On the Reflexes of PGmc \*eu in Present-Day Austrian Dialects.**

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Due to its variable-centered approach, variationist research tends to focus on individual sounds while often neglecting more complex systemic factors. Consequently, the role of phonological relations in contact-induced change in German dialects remains largely underexplored. This paper addresses this desideratum by investigating the reflexes of PGmc \*eu in the traditional dialects of Austria. Within these dialects, PGmc \*eu has split into different phonemes, characterized by rather complex correspondence relations with one another and the standard language (Kühebacher 1964; Wiesinger 1970: 233-274). Based on a comprehensive dialect survey, results from both real- and apparent-time comparisons reveal a significant amount of change driven by variety contact. However, the findings also show that the rate of change strongly depends on the specific correspondence relations involved. Within the framework of Diasystematic Construction Grammar (DCxG) (Höder 2014, 2019), this development can be interpreted as an instance of pro-diasystematic change.

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