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On grammaticalization of impersonal sentences and the problem of case assignment and case competition in Russian from the point of view of language change

It is well known that Russian belongs to those Slavic languages with the most developed case system. On the other hand, Russian is a language with a large scale of impersonal constructions. The present talk will show how this development can be explained both from the point of view of the theory of language change as well as from the point of view of the theory of grammaticalization and generative syntax.