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Nilotic languages display great typological diversity of morpho-syntactic phenomena. For instance, the sentence structure of these relatively little studied languages is spectacular. The sentence structure of Western Nilotic languages stands out as being highly unusual, not only on African standards but also compared to languages in other part of the world. All word orders except for SOV are observable in Nilotic languages. Some of them have case system to function grammatical relation, and others utilize word order for demonstrating grammatical relationship. 'Ergative' languages are sometimes argued to exist in Western Nilotic languages

Nilotic languages are relatively well studied among Nilo-Saharan phylum, though descriptive data are not enough for discussing various cross-linguistically interesting phenomena. Morpho-syntactic descriptive data are especially insufficient. This series offers descriptive data of Nilotic languages for discussing morpho-syntactic and other linguistic phenomena.

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