

## DOUBLING OF THE RELATIVE PRONOUN *KOYTO* IN BULGARIAN

MARINA DZHONOVA

SOFIA UNIVERSITY “ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI”

*mdzhonova@uni-sofia.bg*

**Abstract:** The main topic of the article is resumption in Bulgarian relative clauses with the relative pronoun *koyto*. In part of the examples, resumption is obligatory due to the type of verb, which requires obligatory reduplication of the object. With the rest of the verbs, doubling has specific function in the information structure of the sentence – to overtly mark the topic. Nevertheless, the optional doubling of the relative pronoun is not typical in written Bulgarian and in standard spoken Bulgarian. It is argued that the definiteness of the antecedent of the relative pronoun – with null, indefinite or definite article – is crucial for doubling to occur.

**Keywords:** resumption of relative pronouns, clitic doubling, obligatory doubling, Bulgarian language

### REFERENCES

- Alexiadou, Anagnostopoulou 2000: *Alexiadou, A., E. Anagnostopoulou*. Asymmetries in the distribution of clitics: the case of Greek restrictive relatives. – In: Beukema, F., M. Dikken (eds.). *Clitic phenomena in European languages*. Amsterdam, Benjamins, 47–70.
- Alexopoulou 2006: *Alexopoulou, T.* Free and Restrictive Relative Clauses in Greek. – In: *Proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, April 2005, 85–93.
- Arnaudova, Krapova 2007: *Arnaudova, O., I. Krapova*. Clitic reduplication in Bulgarian: towards a unified account. – In: Compton, R. M. Goledzinowska, U. Savchenko (eds.). *Formal approaches to Slavic linguistics. The Toronto meeting 2006*, Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic publications, Vol. 15, 1–24.
- Asenova 1989: *Asenova, P.* *Balkansko ezikoznanie. Osnovni problemi na balkanskiya ezikov sayuz*. Sofia, Nauka i izkustvo.
- De Mello 1992: *De Mello, G.* Duplicación del pronombre relativo de objeto directo en el español hablado culto de once ciudades. – *Lexis*, Vol. XVI, № 1, 23–52.
- Ivanchev 1978: *Ivanchev, Sv.* Problemi na aktualnoto chlenenie na izrechenieto. – In: *Prinosi v balgarskoto i slavyanskoto ezikoznanie*. Sofia, Nauka i izkustvo, s. 157–172.

- Koeva 2017: *Koeva, Sv.* Semantichna i strukturna karakteristika na svobodnite relativni v balgarski. – In: Dokladi ot Yubileynata nauchna sesiya „Savremenni tendentsii v ezikovedskite izsledvaniya“, posvetena na 85 godini ot rozhdenieto na prof. d.f.n. Yordan Penchev, 10–11 noemvri, 2016 g. Sv. Koeva, P. Barkalova (sast.). Sofia, Izdatelstvo na BAN „Prof. Marin Drinov“, s. 140–156.
- Krapova 2010: *Krapova, I.* Bulgarian relative and factive clauses with an invariant complementizer. – *Lingua*, Vol. 120, 1240–1272.
- Krapova, Cinque 2008: *Krapova, I., G. Cinque.* Clitic reduplication constructions in Bulgarian. – In: Kallulli, D., L. Tasmowski (eds.). *Clitic doubling in the Balkan languages*, Amsterdam, John Benjamins Publishing Company, 257–287.
- Mincheva 1969: *Mincheva, A.* Opit za interpretatsiya na modela na udvoenite dopalneniya v balgarskiya ezik – *Izvestiya na Instituta za balgarski ezik*, XVII, s. 3–50.
- Nitsolova 1986: *Nitsolova, R.* Balgarskite mestoimeniya. Sofia, Nauka i izkustvo.
- Popov 1979: *Popov, K.* Stilno-gramaticheska upotreba na udvoenoto dopalnenie v balgarskiya knizhoven ezik. – In: Popov, K. (sast.). *Pomagalo po balgarski sintaksis*. Sofia, Nauka i izkustvo, s. 92–107.

✉ *Assoc. Prof. Marina Dzhonova, PhD*  
Department of Bulgarian Language, Faculty of Slavic Studies  
Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  
15 Tzar Osvoboditel Blv., 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria

Published: 3 October 2019