Give-constructions in Kalamang

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ka ter-at an-nin
2SG tea-OBL 1SG-NEG
‘You don’t give me tea.’

esa ter-at di-tumun-ki
father tea-OBL TER-child-INS
‘The father gives the child tea.’
Outline

- Kalamang background info
- 3P events in Kalamang
- Give in Kalamang
- Typology
- Theoretical context
About Kalamang
Eline Visser: Give-constructions in Kalamang
Classification (Usher 2017)

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TNG
  /---- Berau Gulf
     /---- Mor
     /---- North Berau Gulf
           /---- Yabin
           /---- South Bird's Head
                  /---- Kalamang
                  /---- Mbahaam-Iha
                  /---- TAP
                  /---- Mbahaam
                  /---- Iha
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About Kalamang

- [kgv]
- Papuan
- SOV
- case
- no T, some AM
Intransitive

an    bo
1SG   go
‘I go.’
Transitive

ma tumun-at koup
3SG child-OBL hug
‘He hugs the child.’
Terminative?

ma set-at di-per-neko
3SG lure-OBL TER-water-inside
‘He lowers the fish lure into the water.’

pi he di-sara na-pasang
1PL.IN ASP TER-go.up LV-install
‘We put [the wall] up and install [it].’
Instrumental

in sensur-ki kabor-un-at parair
1PL.EX chainsaw-INS stomach-3POSS-OBL cut

‘We cut the inside (of the canoe) with a chainsaw.’
Three-participant events in Kalamang
Three-participant events: strategy 1

ma an-at sor-at naunak
3sg 1SG-OBL fish-OBL show

‘He shows me fish.’

• monoclausal
• A, T and P mentioned
• A T P V / A P T V
Three-participant events: strategy 1

ma sor-at an-at naunak
3sg fish-OBL 1SG-OBL show

‘He shows me fish.’

• monoclausal
• A, T and P mentioned
• A T P V / A P T V
Three-participant events: strategy 2

ma sor-at an-konggo parin
3SG fish-OBL 1SG-LOC.AN sell
‘He sells me fish.’

• monoclausal
• A, T and P mentioned
• A T P V
Give in Kalamang
Recipient = noun

• Ma sandalat di-temanun-ki.
• Ma sandalat temanun-ki.
• *Ma sandalat temanun.
• *Ma sandalat di-temanun.
Recipient = noun

• Ma sandalat di-temanun-ki.
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• *Ma sandalat di-temanun.

Recipient = pronoun

• *Ma sandalat di-an-ki.
• *Ma sandalat an-ki.
• Ma sandalat an.
• Ma sandalat di-an.
## Overview

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Minimal constructions

Ma an.

*Ma taman-an.
Ma (di-)teman-an-ki
Same rules with verbal markers

Mu   pitis-at   di-ma-kin
3PL   money-OBL TER-3SG-VOL
‘They want to give him money.’

Guru   tok   dodon-at   di-tumun-ki-nin
teacher not.yet stuff-OBL TER-child-TER-NEG
‘The teacher hasn’t given the children the gift yet.’

etc.
Is -ki instrumental?

Contra
• instrumental on Theme
• resemblance with Iha ‘give’

Pro
• it’s an instrumental elsewhere in Kalamang
Is -ki ‘give’?

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Give in West Bomberai

Iha (Donohue 2015)

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Mbaham

- verb *nuwe*
- neutral alignment
- Giver – Theme – Recipient – Verb
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- no person inflection
### Mbaham

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| 3SG pkwaw | kadii    | Markus    | nuwe  
|           | keladi   | M.        | give  

‘He gives Marcus taro.’

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| 1SG anduu | kunduur   | tiyaqas  | nuwe  
|           | pig       | food     | give  

‘I give the pig food.’

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| 1SG anduum| Markus    | pena     | nuwe  
|           | M.        | pen      | give  

‘It was to me Marcus gave the pen.’

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Give in East Nusantara

TAP (Klamer & Schapper 2012)
• biclausal (with take/come) He takes the hammer and gives me.
• SVC He come-gives me the hammer.

Bird’s Head (Reesink 2013)
• biclausal (with get) He gets the hammer and gives me.
• dedicated verb lacking (‘take’ used instead)
Give-less languages

Gum (Roberts 1998)
woman that men beer 3PL.OBJ-∅-3SG.SUBJ
‘The woman gave those men beer.’

- zero stem
- cognitive linguistic analysis
- similar thing in Koasati (Louisiana)
Theoretical context
## Terminative/causative

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Margetts & Austin (2007)

- Causative: 2 arguments + causative
- Directional: 2 arguments + directional
- R-type oblique: 2 arguments + oblique Recipient
Malchukov et al. (2010)

Indirective

Secundative

Neutral

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Reesink (2013)

Object manipulation perspective

Human interaction perspective

Indirective

Secundative

Neutral
Questions
Sources

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