

## Natural forces as causers in Turkish

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The talk is concerned with the question how different types of causers as subjects affect optional case marking patterns of Turkish direct objects. I will compare case marking patterns invoked by animate causers to those invoked by inanimate ones, and discuss the special case of natural forces as causers. We will see that some natural forces grammatically pattern with inanimate subjects, while others show a more animate-like behavior. It is hypothesized that (forceful) motion plays a role for the distinction.