

**Pathways to fixed stress in Slavic languages**  
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Diachronic Slavic accentology traditionally focuses on the pitch-accent system of Proto-Slavic and the highly variegated lexical/paradigmatic stress, pitch, and vowel-quantity systems that aid in its reconstruction, especially referencing East Slavic and Western South Slavic material. Less attention has been given to the development of fixed accent systems, particularly not in Pan-Slavic scope. The talk will offer an overview of the varieties of fixed accent systems with a consideration of the moves toward fixed stress that are to be found in varieties of Slavic. Issues of causation, including geography, internal developments, possible contact-induced change, and typological comparison to languages outside of Slavic will be addressed.