The Indo-Aryan languages are a sub-branch of the Indo-European family, spoken mainly in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives Islands. We will primarily focus on the Modern Indo-Aryan languages: Kashmiri, Punjabi, Hindi, Nepali, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, Bengali, and Assamese. The area where Hindi is officially spoken is also home to a vast number of languages that are quite different from Standard Hindi e.g. Garhwali, Kumaoni, Marwari, Mewari, Bundelkhandi, Bhojpuri, Magahi, and Maithili. We will attempt to bring in data from these languages wherever possible.

As the title suggests, the topics under discussion will be related primarily to the structural aspects i.e. syntactic/semantic aspects of these languages. This, however, still leaves us with a vast number of potential topics. Some of these are listed below along with associated readings.

**Case and Agreement** :

- **Pronominal Enclitics in Kashmiri** : Hook and Koul (1984b), Sharma (2001)

**Argument Structure** :

- **Complex Predicates** : Butt (1995)
The Correlative Structure:


**Comparatives**

**Conditionals**

*until clauses*: Hook (1974)

**Word Order**:

**Scrambling**: Mahajan (1990a), Mahajan (1994b), Bhatt and Anagnostopoulou (1996)

**Rightward Movement and Extraposition**: Subbarao (1984), Mahajan (1997a)

**Verb Second**: Hook (1976), Hook and Manaster-Ramer (1985), Bhatt (1999b)

**Issues of Interpretation**:

**Scrambling and Scope**: Mahajan (1990a), Mahajan (1994b), Dayal (2002a)


**Existential Constructions and Indefinites**: Freeze (1992)

**Bare NPs**: Dayal (1992), Mohanan (1995b), Dayal (1999), Dayal (2002a), Dayal (2002b)


**Specificity**: Butt (1993), Singh (1994)

**Tense, Aspect, Mood, and Modality**:

**Complex Verbs**: Hook (1974)

**Modal Verbs**: Hook and Koul (1985), Bhatt (1999a)

**Obligational Construction**: Masica (1990), Bhatt (1997)


Masica’s text will serve as a handbook. In addition, readings will be assigned depending upon the topic under discussion. Some of the relevant readings and classic texts are listed below.

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