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從語言使用到構式固化：漢語多義結果動詞「V-開」的認知語言學研究

From Usage to Construction: A Cognitive Linguistic Study on
the Polysemous V-kai Resultative Verbs in Mandarin Chinese

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Abstract

The aim of the present thesis is to draw the insights from Cognitive Linguistics for investigating the grammar of Mandarin resultative verbs by zooming in on the specific class of *V-kai* constructions. This study first adopts a corpus-oriented usage-based approach to the distribution and productivity of *V-kai* resultative verbs, applying the quantitative techniques of both collocational and frequency analysis. Then the multiple, related meanings of postverbal *-kai* observed from the corpus data are examined based on the model of Principled Polysemy. In particular, this study constructs a radial semantic network for *-kai* and meanwhile explicates the underlying cognitive-pragmatic principles of its meaning extensions. Finally, from a constructionist point of view, it is argued that, given the resemblances in their forms and meanings, *V-kai* resultative verbs constitute a family of constructions. In addition, this study illuminates the conceptual basis for the taxonomy of resultative verbs in terms of their event structures. It is hoped that the findings of this case study on *V-kai* constructions can elucidate the systematic, cognitive-functional properties of resultative verbs in general and promotes a more thorough understanding to the authentic usage of these productive grammatical templates in Mandarin Chinese.