WHAT NEGATIVE POLAR QUESTIONS CAN TEACH US ABOUT THE C DOMAIN FOR TURKISH SIGN LANGUAGE (TURK ISARET DİLİ – TİD)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 RELEVANT ASPECTS OF TİD SYNTAX

- TİD is SOV (Sevinç 2006).
- Negative polar questions:
  - TİD has negative polar questions (Data source: Bogazici University TİD course materials and Purdue University TİD data).

1.2 THE UNMARKED C HEAD

- C head is on the right. It is relating the Q-MARK to the C head for expository reasons.
- Below is the proposed partial clause structure of TİD:

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S   XP   V   C
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1.3 PROPOSED PHRASE STRUCTURE FOR NEGATIVE QUESTIONS IN TİD

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S   XP   V   C
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1.4 QUESTION 1: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE HAVE NEGATIVE POLAR QUESTIONS IN TİD?

1.4.1 TİD is SOV (Sevinç 2006).
1.4.2 Negation is expressed by a manual negation marker attached to the predicate: (Gokcez 2009, Kuhus 2008, Zeshan 2003).
1.4.3 Negative polar questions:
1.4.3.1 TİD has negative polar questions (Data source: Bogazici University TİD course materials and Purdue University TİD data).

1.5 2. NEGATIVE POLAR QUESTIONS IN TİD

2.1 TİD has negative polar questions

2.2 QUESTION 2: WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN OTHER SIGN LANGUAGES?

2.3 QUESTION 3: DO THE DIRECTION OF THE V, NEG AND C HEADS HAVE AN EFFECT ON POLAR QUESTIONS IN OTHER SIGN LANGUAGES?

2.4 QUESTION 4: HOW CAN WE CHECK THE RELEVANCE AND/OR EXISTENCE OF THESE STRUCTURAL COMBINATIONS CROSSLINGUISTICALLY?

3. WHAT TO EXPECT IN OTHER SIGN LANGUAGES: TYPOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS

- To address these questions I propose the Syntactic Proximity Hypothesis:
  - The position of the C, Neg and V heads with respect to each other determines other typological characteristics.

4. FACTORIAL TYPOLOGY PUT INTO TREES

5. HOW TO OBTAIN THE RELEVANT DATA: PROPOSED METHODOLOGIES

5.1 LINGUISTIC QUESTIONNAIRE

5.1.1 Following Zeshan's typological work for Negation and Questions, I prepared a linguistic questionnaire.

5.1.2 The questionnaire has three parts:
5.1.2.1 Descriptive part, i.e. choosing from a list of parameters and/or features
5.1.2.2 Syntactic part, i.e. directly asking for the syntactic structure of a sign language (optional)
5.1.2.3 Comments, further information part

5.1.3 Sample questions from the questionnaire:

- Sample question 1: How do you make a negative polar question?

6. CONCLUSION & FURTHER RESEARCH & COLLABORATION

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