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**Clause combining in narrative discourse. A comparative approach**

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Abstract: In our presentation, we analyse how monolingual and bilingual speakers combine clauses in narratives. We investigate both languages of bilingual speakers, that is, heritage and majority languages of speakers in Germany and the US with Russian, Greek or Turkish as heritage languages and German or English as majority languages. We ask, to what extent differences and similarities between the varieties can be related to i) the typological structures of the languages, ii) to communicative situations within which the narratives were produced, and iii) to language contact. Particular attention will be given to dynamics of clause combining strategies in the language which stands out typologically, that is, Turkish.