Abstract

The development of Proto-Indo-European *y in Classical Armenian ranks among the most debated questions in Armenian historical phonology. This thesis reexamines all the evidence for the evolution of PIE *y in different phonological contexts, including word-initial position, intervocally, and in consonant clusters. Special attention is given to the various conditioned outcomes of clusters of consonant + *y and of *y in contact with a laryngeal, as well as the consequences of such developments for Armenian nominal and verbal morphology.