

## **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, intervocalically, 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.