

**Adjectival predicates with oblique arguments in Icelandic:
Synchronic status and diachronic shifts**

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In Old and Modern Icelandic certain adjectival predicates (APreds) with the copula ‘be’ occur with an argument NP in an oblique case or with a PP complement (Nygaard 1905, Pétursdóttir 2014). Similar structures are found in German and Faroese. Most of the oblique NPs in Icelandic are objects, but a subset of these can also be subjects, passing the standard subject tests (e.g., control and subject-verb inversion). The oblique NPs are almost exclusively datives, with only a few accusatives. This paper aims to analyze the synchronic status of the APreds in Icelandic and, secondly, to propose a new account of their diachronic development from a comparative Germanic perspective.