Ditransitives in Nakh-Dagestanian
(focus on recipient)

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Typological features: ergative alignment; class (+number) agreement.
Rich Nominal Inflection

‘Dative’ vs. ‘locative’ strategy

Permanent vs. temporary recipient?

+/- transfer of possession
(‘give’ vs. ‘pass’)
‘Dative’ vs. ‘locative’ strategy

Variation in marking or different roles?

‘give’
Recipient

‘give’
Mediator

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Mediator
Mediated
Recipient
(Beneficiary?)

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‘Dative’ vs. ‘locative’ strategy

Creation verbs, ‘buy’ – no alternation

‘bring’ – alternates
Verbs of speech

‘say’, ‘tell’, ‘ask’, ‘shout’…

Never dative! (well, almost)

Essive or lative marking,
depending on the verb and the language
Verbs of speech

causative ‘ask’ – causative or addressive strategy?

either, or undistinguishable
Verbs of contact

‘throw’ – dative and locative strategy again

but – dative strategy is less recipient-like than locative! Why?
Verbs of contact

‘hit someone’ – dative

‘hit someone’, ‘throw at someone’ – dative in its locative function
Recipient

Animate Goal

Locative strategy

Dative strategy

‘give’

‘throw’

‘hit’

Target
"say"

Addressee

Extension?

Dative strategy

Recipient

"give"

Or lative vestige?