

Predicate Ellipsis in Old Chinese

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Predicate ellipsis is quite common in Old Chinese, but seems to be less common in Modern Chinese.

This paper will deal with predicate ellipsis in Old Chinese, focusing on *the Confucian Analects*, *Mencius*, *Tso-chuan*, *Kuo-yu*, and *Intrigues of the Warring States*. I think a textual approach is the better way to explain the occurrence of predicate ellipsis.

The various types of predicate ellipsis will be presented, and it is necessary to discuss the differences between VP ellipsis and gapping. Furthermore, these kinds of ellipsis will be compared with the results of my previous NP ellipsis studies.

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