The Aspect Marker pe in Samsun Albanian

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This paper is on the development of a second progressive aspect morpheme pe in Samsun Albanian. I will show that pe historically developed from the combination of the progressive morpheme po + the D.O. clitic e in a VP employing a transitive verb. Importantly, I will also show that the usage of pe has been extended into sentences without a known D.O., and I will argue that pe is evidence that a class of transitive verbs has developed mandatory object agreement, i.e. argument structure, in this variety of Albanian.