Cross-corpus annotation - a report from the ongoing Three Participant-Project

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This paper reports on the ongoing research project "Cross-linguistic patterns in the encoding of three-participant events" (PI Anna Margetts, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation), which studies the encoding of events with three participants, such as transfer events (e.g. GIVE, BRING) or communication events (e.g. ASK, TELL). We investigated a number of unrelated languages (Beaver, Bora, Movima, Saliba-Logea, Savosavo, Totoli, Vera'a, and Waima'a), using corpora of natural spoken speech that have been compiled within DoBeS documentation projects. This presentation will mainly focus on the challenges we faced when developing a coding scheme, but it will also present some first results and an outlook of further research questions we want to address in the future.