

Subordination, coordination, juxtaposition and lexical borrowing in clause combining in Punan and Kenyah languages of Borneo

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This study observes the way Punan and Kenyah languages of Borneo combine clauses in the expression of complex sentences. Like other Austronesian languages, it seems to be unlikely that there is a clear subordination relationship between clauses in the expression of clauses of reason, concession, condition, purpose, extent but more often of coordination or sometimes of juxtaposition where sometimes presupposition is just the link between two clauses. In recent recordings the use of Indonesian borrowed conjunctions like *karena*, *walaupun*, *kalau*, *supaya*, *sehingga* demonstrate that there are no dedicated conjunctions in the languages under observation to combine clauses and that this lack has to be expressed through these borrowed conjunctions.