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- 1 The present work, a PhD thesis defended at Leiden University in 2017, presents a detailed study of some chosen syntactic subjects of the Sarikoli language. Sarikoli is a member of the Pamir group of Eastern Iranian. Being spoken south of Kashgar (on the border to Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan) in the eastern Pamir mountains in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China, Sarikoli is also geographically the easternmost of the contemporary Iranian varieties.
- 2 The first chapter provides a very informative introduction about Sarikoli and its speakers as well as the data and methods employed in the following chapters, clearly reflecting the author's experience in the region and the fact that the book is based on field work that she carried out in the various villages of Varshide County as well as in Tojikobod Town and among the speakers of Sarikoli living in Urumqi.
- 3 Some basic grammar is likewise included in the introduction. The reason for not elaborating more on this is that another thesis is planned with a focus on phonology, morphology and the verb phrase. The chapters 7 through 13 (pp. 179-368) form the core of the work; they present the syntax of adverbs, verbal syntax and numerous topics concerning simple and complex phrases. However, also the chapters 2 through 6 (pp. 31-178), treating nouns, pronouns, the noun phrase and related topics, are abundantly illustrated with full sentences drawn from the author's corpus.
- 4 The Appendix A. (pp. 369-423) presents a selection of texts with sentence-by-sentence glosses and translation. Particularly with regard to the very low number of works on Sarikoli, the present work is an important contribution to the documentation of this

minority language and to our knowledge of the Pamir languages and to Iranian linguistics in general.

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