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## **PHONETIC PATTERNS OF /R/ IN EVENKI AND OROCHEN**

### **Abstract**

The present article focuses upon pronunciation patterns of etymological trill sonorant /r/ in 2 closely related languages of Tungus-Manchu subfamily of the Altaic language family – Evenki and Orochen. The results of an acoustic study are presented for Selemdzha local accent of the Amur Evenks (Russia) and three local accents of Orochen speakers from Orochen Autonomous Banner, Greater and Lesser Xing'an Mountains of Inner Mongolia (China). The obtained results demonstrate greater degree of vibration of word-final patterns in Evenki compared to Orochen. In both languages, voiced and devoiced fricative patterns are present as well as tapping patterns accompanied by friction that is stronger in Orochen compared to Evenki. Unlike in Orochen, palatalized allophones were found in Evenki. The differences in realization patterns that were discovered can be at least partly explained by language interference of dominant Russian and dominant Chinese respectively.

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