Comparative Philology Graduate Seminar

Introduction to the History of Classical Armenian

Hilary Term 2019
Convenors: Wolfgang de Melo, Robin Meyer, Alessandro Vatri, Andreas Willi

Tuesday, 2.15–4pm, Faculty of Theology, Gibson Building, Lecture Room

22 January 2019  General Introduction
(geography, rough history of the language, attestation, sources, writing system)
Text: Song of Vahagn (MX I.30)

29 October 2019  Historical Phonology
(accent, Cs, Vs, C-clusters, developments of HX, relevance to Glottalic Theory)
Text: Life of Maštoc’ (Koriwn I, excerpt)

05 February 2019  Historical Morphology I: Verb
(stem formations, TAM, personal endings, augment)
Text: History of Armenia (Ag.)

12 February 2019  Historical Morphology II: Noun
(declension types, case endings)

19 February 2019  Historical Syntax
(DOM, definite articles, morphosyntactic alignment, conditionals)

26 February 2019  Contact Languages
(Hurro-Urartian, Iranian, Greek, Syriac, Georgian)
Text: Sayat’-Nova 26 (excerpt)

05 March 2019  Later Dialects
(developments in Middle Armenian, MEA v MWA, other modern dialects)
Text: folk tale