

Comparative Philology Graduate Seminar

Introduction to the History of Classical Armenian

Hilary Term 2019

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Tuesday, 2.15–4pm, Centre for Linguistics and Philology

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| 22 January 2019 | General Introduction
(geography, rough history of the language, attestation, sources, writing system)
Text: Song of Vahagn (<i>History of Armenia</i> , Movsēs Xorenac‘i) |
| 29 October 2019 | Historical Phonology
(accent, Cs, Vs, C-clusters, developments of H _x , relevance to Glottalic Theory)
Text: The invention of the alphabet (<i>Life of Maštoc‘</i> , Koriwn I) |
| 05 February 2019 | Historical Morphology I: Verb
(stem formations, TAM, personal endings, augment)
Text: The conversion of King Trdat III (<i>History of Armenia</i> , Agat‘angelos) |
| 12 February 2019 | Historical Morphology II: Noun
(declension types, case endings)
Text: Beginning of the ‘Narek’ (<i>Book of Lamentations</i> , St Grigor Narekac‘i) |
| 19 February 2019 | Historical Syntax
(DOM, definite articles, morphosyntactic alignment, conditionals)
Text: I confess with faith (<i>Prayers</i> , St Nersēs IV Šnorhali) |
| 26 February 2019 | Contact Languages
(Hurro-Urartian, Iranian, Greek, Syriac, Georgian)
Text: Poem 26 (Sayat‘-Nova) |
| 05 March 2019 | Later Developments & Dialects
(developments in Middle Armenian, MEA vs MWA, other modern dialects)
Text: folk tale |