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"LINKED WORDNETS FOR ANCIENT INDO-EUROPEAN LANGUAGES"

[THINKING – INDO-EUROPEAN]

Meaning and Form in Historical Linguistics
and Comparative Reconstruction

Workshop

May 19-21, 2026

Aula G.016 Sala Maria Immacolata

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May 19 – Day 1

13:45-14:00 **Opening Remarks**

14:00-15:00 **Keynote Lecture 1:**

Silvia LURAGHI (University of Pavia)
Interactive second arguments in Ancient Greek:
Evidence for constructional merger

15:00-15:15 **Break**

15:15-16:45 **Session 1**

15:15-15:45 Francesco MAMBRINI (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
and Silvia ZAMPETTA (University of Pavia)
Definite Article Omission in Classical Greek Coordination
Stefan HÖFLER (University of Vienna)
When Adjectives Name Kinds: Classificatory ADJECTIVE + NOUN
Expressions in Indo-European
16:15-16:45 Eystein DAHL (Uniwersytet im. Adama Mickiewicza w Poznaniu)
Subjecthood and subject properties in Indo-European

16:45-17:15 **Break**

17:15-18:45 **Session 2**

17:15-17:45 Claire LE FEUVRE (Sorbonne Université, Paris)
*-tero- derivatives from nouns in Indo-European languages:
semantics and reconstruction
17:45-18:15 Chiara ZANCHI (Università di Pavia)
Together, after, differently: the meanings and productivity of
Greek *meta-* in the diachrony of Greek
18:15-18:45 Thiago MENDES VENTUROT (University of Würzburg)
Prefixed *verba dicendi* as resultatives in Greek and Latin

May 20 – Day 2

9:30-11:00 **Session 3**

9:30-10:00 Riccardo GINEVRA (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder: On the Etymology
of Ancient Greek *ἔραμαι* 'desire, love' and Latin *dēsīderō* 'miss, desire'
10:00-10:30 Andrew MERRITT (Georgetown University)
A Cognitive Semantic Perspective on the Etymology and
Poetics of *κάλλος* and *σίρι-*
10:30-11:00 Mattia PETROGALLI (Università degli Studi di Bergamo)
Conceptualizing Sterility and Sexual Insensitivity within
Sensory-Impairment Domains in Greek and Roman Texts

11:00-11:30 **Break**

11:30-13:00 **Session 4**

11:30-12:00 Annamaria BARTOLOTTA (Università di Palermo)
The Indo-European root **h₂es-* 'to be' from a typological perspective
12:00-12:30 Matteo TARSİ (Università di Pavia)
PIE **sent-*

12:30-13:00 Lucien VAN BEEK (Leiden University)
Conceptual metaphors and the etymology of Vedic *ṛtá-*

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-15:30 **Keynote Lecture 2:**

José L. GARCÍA RAMÓN (Köln / AIBL, Paris)
Form and Meaning(s) in Indo-European Reconstruction:
semantic paths, metaphors, phraseology

15:30-16:00 **Break**

16:00-17:30 **Session 5**

16:00-16:30 Giorgio CARBONI (Università per Stranieri di Siena)
The etymology of Ἐρινύς in light of Indo-European phraseology
16:30-17:00 Paola DARDANO (Università per Stranieri di Siena)
Spells and Speech Acts in Pre-Classical Anatolia: Verbs of Saying in Hittite
Magical Texts
17:00-17:30 Erica FRATELLINI (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
The Hesiodic compound ἀλεξιάρη

20:00 **Conference Dinner**

May 21 – Day 3

9:30-10:30 **Session 6**

9:30-10:00 Birgit Anette OLSEN (University of Copenhagen)
Thinking “giving”, “taking”, and the exchange of wealth in Indo-European
10:00-10:30 Giorgio SCALVINI (Università per Stranieri di Siena & Sorbonne
Université)
The Lands of Well-Fed Horses: Some Reflections on Gk. ἰππόβοτος

10:30-11:00 **Break**

11:00-12:30 **Session 7**

11:00-11:30 Irene DE FELICE (Università del Piemonte Orientale) and Roberta
LEOTTA (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
Thinking the mind: metaphors, collocations, and pragmatic functions
of Latin *mens*
11:30-12:00 Eleonora LITTA and Riccardo GINEVRA (Università Cattolica del
Sacro Cuore)
Cerebrate, Cogitate, Think: Mapping the Semantic Neighbourhood
of ‘Reasoning’ in the Latin WordNet
12:00-12:30 Laura MASSETTI (University of Naples “L’Orientale”)
Athena *Mentor*: Thinking about the Finale of the *Odyssey*

12:30-12:45 **Closing Remarks**

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