

XVIII. Arbeitstagung der Indogermanischen Gesellschaft

Language contact and morphosyntax in ancient Indo-European languages

Würzburg, 14.–16.9.2026

Programme

Sunday, 13.9.

19:00	Informal get together at Standard (Oberthürstraße 11A, 97070 Würzburg)
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Monday, 14.9.

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Welcome
	Keynote
9:15-10:00	Michaël Peyrot : “Evaluating language contact as a driver of grammatical change: Case studies from Ancient Central Asia”
10:00-10:20	Coffee break
10:20-10:50	Gerd Carling : “Valency patterns and alignment frames in Tocharian: innovation or areal adaptation?”
10:50-11:20	Carlotta Viti : “Tocharian gerunds in their Asian context”
11:20-11:50	Anna Kuritsyna : “Phrasal affixation in Tocharian and its neighbour languages”
11:50-12:20	Elisabeth Rieken : “Luwian verbs in Hittite”
12:20-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:00	Ilya Yakubovich : “The Four Encounters between the Hittites and the Hurrians”
14:00-14:30	Zsolt Simon : “The i-mutation in Carian: inheritance or language contact?”
14:30-15:00	Romain Garnier : “May the Oaths (pur)sue you”: Semitic calques in Hittite and Luwian”
15:00-15:30	Virna Fagiolo : “Revisiting word order in Hittite: evidence from verb initial sentences (VSO) and language contact”
15:30-15:50	Coffee break
15:50-16:20	Michele Bianconi : “Contact in morphosyntax: the Accusative of Respect across and beyond Indo-European”
16:20-16:50	Paola Dardano : “On some uses of the accusative in Hittite: evidence of language contact with Akkadian?”
16:50-17:20	Svenja Bonmann, Simon Fries : “Spuren einer (un)bekannten Kontaktsprache? Das Hunnische und die indogermanischen Sprachen Europas”

17:20-17:50	Alan Avdagić: “The Nasalic-Theory – a new account of the PIE stop system, with a note on language contact”
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Tuesday, 15.9.

	Section A	Section B
9:00-9:30	Michiel de Vaan: “Proto-Albanian accentual mobility: internally motivated or contact-induced?”	Niels Schoubben: “The Bactrian syntactic pattern “demonstrative + article + noun”: A calque from Greek?”
9:30-10:00	Alexander Robert Herren: “On the supines in Eastern Romance and (Proto-)Albanian”	Johannes Schütz: “Nuristani alignment systems in the geographic and historical context of the Eastern Hindu Kush”
10:00-10:30	Gerard Spaans: “Morphosyntactic changes to the nominal and adjectival system of Proto-Albanian”	Julian Kreidl: “Nuristanische Verbalmorphologie zwischen Ererbtem und Entlehntem: Ein Beitrag zur Genese der Nuristansprachen”
10:30-10:50	Coffee break	
10:50-11:20	Harald Bichlmeier: “Zur Frage von Lehnaffixen in Ortsnamen in Nordostbayern”	Maria Carmela Benvenuto: “From Adposition to Differential Object Marker: The Grammaticalization of <i>rā</i> in Iranian in Light of Aramaic Contact”
11:20-11:50	Giacomo Bucci: “Proto-Germanic and Proto-Finnic contacts in the prehistoric Circum-Baltic area? A view from the Partitive of Quantification construction”	Robin Meyer: “DOM in Old Armenian and putative Iranian parallels”
11:50-12:20	Guglielmo Inglese, Matteo Tarsi: “The polyptotic reciprocal construction ‘other ... other’ in Gothic: A case of calque?”	Katsiaryna Ackermann, Joachim Matzinger: “Observations on linguistic convergence in several areas of multilingual contact in ancient Southeastern Europe and Asia Minor. Selected cases from work in progress”
12:20-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-14:00	Henrik Hornecker: “(In)Dependence of Gothic Valency Decreasing Strategies”	
14:00-14:30	Filip De Decker: “A look at some (alleged) contact-induced Graeco-Anatolian morpho-syntactic isoglosses”	
14:30-15:00	Chams Benoît Bernard: “Greek eyes and Persian mouths”	
15:00-15:30	Michael Gassner, Christina Katsikadeli: “Remarks on the nominal morphology of Greek loanwords in Jewish Aramaic”	
15:30-15:50	Coffee break	
DH projects in Indo-European studies		
15:50-16:20	Claes Neufeind: VedaWeb and MPCD	
16:20-16:50	Petr Kocharov: UD for Indo-European languages	

16:50-17:20	Svenja Bonmann, Antje Casaretto, Francisco Casaretto: Zur Erstellung eines digitalen Corpus der Issyk-Kuschana-Inschriften
17:20-17:50	Elisabeth Rieken: Das Hethitologie-Portal und der TLHDig
19:00	Conference Dinner: Alter Kranen, Kranenkai 1

Wednesday, 16.9.

9:00-9:30	Eugen Hill: “The role of pragmatics in morphosyntactic innovations: how do new inflectional forms spread?”
9:30-10:00	Götz Keydana: “Ignorance is bliss. Does structure constrain loan syntax?”
10:00-10:30	Miguel Villanueva Svensson: “Isolation or language contact? Deverbal verb derivation in Baltic”
10:30-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-11:20	Stefan Höfler: “The Rise of NP-Internal Adjective-Noun Agreement in Finnic: Evaluating Contact and Internal Mechanisms”
11:20-11:50	Bridget Drinka: “Updating the notion of <i>Sprachbund</i> : perfects and resultatives in the Circum-Baltic ‘stratified convergence zone’”
11:50-12:20	Vytautas Rinkevičius: “Baltic and Finnic Local Cases in Light of Early Language Contact”
12:20-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:00	José Luis García Ramón: “Pertinentive *-eyyo -: Areal Continua and IE Inheritance”
14:00-14:30	Carlo Pertica: “Morphosyntactical interferences between the indigenous languages of ancient Sicily and Siceliot Greek”
14:30-15:00	Saverio Dalpedri: “Egyptian interference or language-internal drift? Reassessing relative clause realization in the Greek Magical Papyri”
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:00	Elisa Migliaretti: “Contact-Induced Morphosyntactic Change: Verb-Initial Compounds in Latin”
16:00-16:30	Matteo Macciò, Theresa Roth: “Wahrnehmung und Kognition in lateinischen Galenübersetzungen: die Konstruktion von Wahrnehmungsverben zwischen Zielsprachengrammatik und Übersetzungseffekten”
16:30-16:45	Closing remarks

Thursday, 17.9.

10:00	Guided tour of the Residenz (meeting point at Residenzplatz / Franconiabrunnen)
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