

Historical Linguistics

Overview

Historical linguistics which was alternatively known as comparative philology is a branch of linguistics. The basic assumption of studying languages historically is that any language is not stagnant. It flows continuously and takes various shapes. It changes on various levels, phonological, morphological, syntactic as well as on the semantic level. Historical linguistics accounts for such changes. It tries to find out the reasons behind the changes taken place in a certain language within a particular time bracket. Besides, it also searches for genetic relationship among languages.

The Sanskrit language shows its relationship with the Indo-European at one end and to many modern Indian languages to the other. It has undergone many changes in a wide spectrum of time. The course will reveal the students the scientific principles behind these changes. Language students are introduced to general linguistics either in the graduation or in the post-graduation. This course will enable them to widen their horizon and give a new look to the language they study. It being an interdisciplinary course may bring the language students together.

The course participants will learn the topics through lectures as well as through discussion and exercises.

Modules	Historical Linguistics : 9th October to 13th October 2017 Number of participants to be admitted to the course will be limited to fifty.
You Should Attend If...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students of M. A. (Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Marathi, Hindi, English, Linguistics and of any other languages)• Teaching Faculty of any language• Language students pursuing their graduation• Any other graduate interested in Historical linguistic
Fees	No fees would be charged for attending course. Outstation participants have to make arrangements of accommodation on their own.

The Faculty



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