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Second Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World

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PROGRAM – 13th-14th February 2025 (last update: 5th February 2025)

Where: Rosshofgasse (Schnitz), Seminarraum S 02 - Rosshofgasse 2, 4051 Basel

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DAY 1 - 13 of February (Thursday)

KEYNOTE

9.30-10.30 : **Dr. Martine Robeets** (MPI Jena)

The hot potato of the Transeurasian controversy: borrowing vs. inheritance

COFFEE BREAK (10.30-11.00)

SESSION 1: NORTHERN EURASIA AND AMERICA (11.00-12.30)

11.00-11.30 : **Sampsa Holopainen** (Helsingin yliopisto)

Early Indo-European Loanwords in Uralic: Etymology and Sociolinguistics

11.30-12.00 : **Bingcong Deng** (MPI Jena)

Prehistoric textile borrowings in Northern China

12.00-12.30 : **Anna Berge** (University of Alaska)

The Genesis of Unangam Tunuu (Aleut): Ancient Language Contact with Dene

LUNCH BREAK (12.30-14.00)

SESSION 2: HISTORICAL MORPHOLOGY AND LEXICOGRAPHY (14.00-15.30)

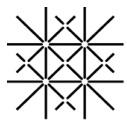
14.00-14.30 : **Florian Wandl** (Universität Zürich) **Alexander Robert Herren**
(University of Basel)

Eerie fish: Shells in two Tocharian B medicinal prescriptions

14.30-15.00 : **Ellora Hänni** (Universität Bern)

Stem alternations in Spiti

COFFEE BREAK (15.00-15.30)



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SESSION 3: CONTACTS IN EUROPE (15.30-17.00)

15.30-16.00 : **Jadranka Gvozdanović (Universität Heidelberg)**

Methodological considerations about combining linguistic and archeological evidence

16.00-16.30 : **Bridget Drinka (University of Texas at San Antonio)**

*Interdisciplinary Approaches to Ancient Indo-European Contact and Migration:
Linguistic, Archaeological, and Genomic Evidence*

16.30-17.00 : **Michiel de Vaan (Universität Basel)**

Alpine toponymy and the Gaulish-Latin language contact situation

DAY 2 - 14 of February (Friday)

KEYNOTE

9.00-10.00 : **Dr. Ilya Yakubovich (Philipps-Universität Marburg)**

Why did the Anatolian hieroglyphic script die out?

COFFEE BREAK (10.00-10.30)

SESSION 1: ANCIENT NEAR EAST AND EGYPT (10.30-12.30)

10.30-11.00 : **Robin Meyer (Univerité de Lausanne)**

Linguistic identity politics in West Middle Iranian

11.00-11.30 : **Seraina Nett (Københavns Universitet)**

*Language Contact and Domains of Language Use in the Western Mesopotamian
Periphery in the Late Second Millennium BCE*

11.30-12.00 : **Lauren Dogaer (Universität Basel)**

*Language Contacts between Demotic and Greek: A Case Study on Priestly Title Equations
from Ptolemaic Thebes*

12.00-12.30 : **Victoria Fendel (University of Oxford) Alexandre Loktionov
(University of Cambridge) - ONLINE**

*Import and transformation: Dislocation and re(al)location of lexemes in Egypt from the
New Kingdom to the Coptic period*