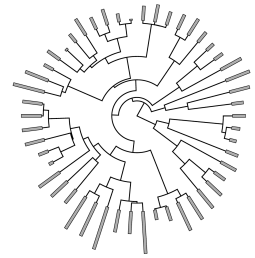


First Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World

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What is it about?

While questions of sociolinguistics, language contacts and historical linguistics in antiquity and prehistory are attracting new interest internationally, Switzerland lacks a space connecting scholars and students working on these topics.

The first **Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World** aims at filling this gap, providing a venue to know each other, exchange ideas, and hopefully to develop future collaborations and synergies. The workshop is open to scholars based both inside and outside Switzerland.

When and Where?

9th-10th of February 2023.

University of Zurich - Zurich Center for Linguistics

The Organizers

Prof. Paul Widmer - Comparative Indo-European Studies - University of Zurich

Dr. Marwan Kilani - Contact linguistics in Ancient Egypt and the Levant - Basel University / Ambizione

Milad Abedi - contact linguistics in ancient Iran - University of Zurich

Samira Müller - cultural and linguistic contacts (India, Central Asia and China) - University of Zurich

Topics of the workshop

The workshop will combine sessions for the presentation of selected papers with open table discussions. We organizers are particularly interested in:

- Language contact, areal phenomena, and sociolinguistics in the ancient and pre-/proto-historic contexts
- Interdisciplinary approaches involving other evidence (archaeology, genetics, etc.)
- New methods to approach and analyse the data (e.g. computational methods)

- Theoretical and methodological questions
- Case studies and general discussions about the potential role of linguistics in the study of the socio-historical realities of ancient societies

Contributions on any topic related to historical linguistics in the ancient world are also welcome.

How to participate

The participation to the workshop is free of charge.

If you consider submitting a paper, we encourage you to introduce your work and your areas of interest. As for the presentations, contributions may focus on specific research topics or projects (completed or ongoing). cursory introductions to current research interests and new ideas are also appreciated.

We also welcome guests who want to attend without presenting a paper. In this case, we would kindly ask you to let us know no later than the 15th of January, so that we can send you more details about the program and the location before the event.

Guidelines for submission

- We accept papers from established and early career researchers, as well as from PhD students, based in Switzerland and abroad.
- Papers will be 20 min long, followed by Q&A.
- If you want to submit a paper, please send us a brief abstract (300 words max) as soon as possible, and no later than 15th of December 2022.
- Abstracts should be sent to: marwan.kilani@unibas.ch
- Small supporting grants might be available for students – please add a note to your submission if you would be interested in this option.