Historical Linguistics Review

Review

Mutability (languages change over time)

- External (war, imperialism, trade)
- Internal (fashion, prestige, isolation)

Categorical changes

• Radial networks (phonological, lexical)

Genealogical relationships

- · Between language families
- · Reconstructed proto-languages

Language origins

- · Lots of guesses, no clear solutions
- · Lexical and non-lexical variants