

## Historical Linguistics (Q1010)

Spring/Summer 2008

<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Seminar 1</b>	<b>Seminar 2</b>
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**General:** This is a one-and-a half term course available to Linguistics Majors in their final year. The course explores the nature of change in language—in phonology, grammar and the lexicon, and investigates causes of change and mechanisms by which innovations spread through speech communities and through language structure.

**Learning outcomes:** You will come to understand the nature of changes in the various components of language structure and appreciate and evaluate the ways in which these changes are investigated. You will gain some insight into several proposed causes of change, and of stability, and will understand the principle of how changes diffuse: through a speech community, from language to language, and through language structure. You will acquire a basic grasp of the principles of comparative linguistics and of the contribution of historical linguistics to the study of prehistory.

**Required background:** Phonology (Q1047), Grammar (Q1049).

**Teaching method:** one 50-minute lecture per week, plus one 90-minute seminar per week. Oral presentations and written essays.

**Timetable:** The seminar groups will meet once a week for about 90 minutes, as scheduled above; there will be 10 meetings in all. In addition 10 lectures are scheduled, as above. Attendance at these is compulsory.

**Documentation:** Attached to this is a schedule of seminars and presentation/essay topics with reading list.

**Reading:** for each seminar **everyone** is expected to read **at least one** item on the topic from the 'Surveys and textbook' recommendations on the reading list, and **at least one** of the 'Major source' recommendations.

**Assessment:** The course is assessed by coursework (40%) and by a 2-hr unseen exam (60%). There are two pieces of assessed coursework, one presentation (max 20 minutes) and one 2000-word essay. Each piece contributes equally to the coursework total mark. Each piece should be on a different topic.

**Assessment weighting:** 9% of final degree classification.

**Oral presentations:** At each seminar two or three people (to whom the task will have been assigned) will give presentations on a previously agreed topic. Presentation questions are set

out on the seminar schedule/reading list. (Some of the presentations may be 'joint presentations'.) **Note that the seminar on any particular topic is the week after the lecture on that topic.**

**Written work:** Your essay (see **Assessment** above) should be formally submitted with standard cover sheet to the Humanities School office by **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Attendance:** You are expected to attend every lecture and seminar meeting and to arrive promptly. If for some good reason you have to miss a class, you should explain this to the tutor, in advance if possible, otherwise as soon as you can afterwards.

**Finding the tutor:** My office hour (Spring 2008) is Thurs 11.00-12.00. You can always find me in one of the associate tutor's offices (TBC) in my office hour. Otherwise, you can make an appointment, directly with me when you see me, or by email ([L.J.Cahill@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:L.J.Cahill@sussex.ac.uk)). As I am an associate tutor, email is the best way to communicate with me – I am not on campus other than at the times given above.

## SEMINAR TOPICS AND REFERENCES

The textbooks here are those from which specific sections are identified in the subsequent topic reading lists.

### TEXTBOOKS

- Aitchison, Jean (2001) *Language change: progress or decay?* (3rd edn) Cambridge: University Press. **P140 Int**
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- Campbell, Lyle (1998) *Historical linguistics: an introduction*. Edinburgh: University Press **P140 Cam**
- Crowley, Terry (1997) *An Introduction to Historical Linguistics*. 3rd edn. Auckland/Oxford: Oxford University Press **P140 Cro**
- Hock, Hans Heinrich (1986) *Principles of Historical Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [2nd edn. 1991] **P140 Hoc**
- Joseph, Brian D. & Janda, Richard D. 2003. *The Handbook of Historical Linguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell. 0631195718
- Lehmann, Winfred P. (1992) *Historical Linguistics: An Introduction*. 3rd edn. London: Routledge **P140 Leh**
- McMahon, April M.S. (1994) *Understanding language change*. Cambridge: University Press **P142 Mac**
- Sihler, Andrew L (2000) *Language history: an introduction*. Amsterdam: Benjamins **P140 SIH**
- Trask, R. L. (1996) *Historical Linguistics*. London: Arnold **P140 Tra**

# 1. PHONOLOGY (a)

Lecture: 14/01/2008

Seminar: 21/01/2008

## Sound change: phonetics and phonology

A: Assimilation, dissimilation, strengthening, weakening, syllable-structure processes are among the phenomena frequently mentioned in sound change. How far do these concepts go in *explaining* what occurs?

B: How do phonemic splits and phonemic mergers come about?

### Surveys and textbooks

Anttila, Raimo (1972) *An Introduction to Historical and Comparative Linguistics*. New York: Macmillan. [2nd edn. 1988], chaps 4, 6 **P143 Ant**

Campbell, Lyle (1998) *Historical linguistics: an introduction*. Edinburgh: University Press, chap. 2 **P140 Cam**

Crowley, Terry (1997) *An Introduction to Historical Linguistics*. 3rd edn. Auckland/Oxford: Oxford University Press, chaps 2-4 **P140 Cro**

Hock, Hans Heinrich (1986) *Principles of Historical Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [2nd edn. 1991], chaps 4-7 **P140 Hoc**

Kiparsky, Paul (1988) Phonological change. In Newmeyer, Frederick J. (ed.), *Linguistics: the Cambridge Survey*. Cambridge: University Press. I. 363-415 **P121 Lin**

Kiparsky, Paul (1995) The phonological basis of sound change. In J A Goldsmith (ed.), *The handbook of phonological theory*. Oxford: Blackwell, 640-670 **P217 Han**

Lass, Roger (1984) *Phonology*. Cambridge: University Press, chap. 13 **P217 Las**

Lehmann, Winfred P. (1992) *Historical Linguistics: An Introduction*. 3rd edn. London: Routledge, chap. 10 **P140 Leh**

McMahon, April M.S. (1994) *Understanding language change*. Cambridge: University Press, chap. 2 **P142 Mac**

Sihler, Andrew L (2000) *Language history: an introduction*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, chaps 1-2 **P140 SIH**

Trask, R. L. (1996) *Historical Linguistics*. London: Arnold chaps 3-4 **P140 Tra**

### Major sources

Andersen, Henning (1973) Abductive and deductive change. *Language* 49. 765- 794 **P1 Lan**  
also in Baldi, Philip & Werth, Ronald N. (eds), (1978) *Readings in Historical Phonology*.  
University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 313-347 **P217 Rea**

Bailey, Charles-James N. (1985) Towards principles governing the progress and patterning of phonetological development. In Bailey, Charles-James N. & Harris, Roy (eds), *Developmental Mechanisms of Language*. Oxford: Pergamon, 1-49 **P123 Dev**

Bauer, Laurie (1994) *Watching English Change*. London: Longman, chap. 4 **PF196 Bau**

Donegan, Patricia (1993) On the phonetic basis of phonological change. In Jones, Charles (ed.) (1993) *Historical Linguistics: Problems and Perspectives*. London: Longman, 98-130 **P140 His**

Greenberg, Joseph H. (1966) Synchronic and diachronic universals in phonology. *Language* 42. 508-517 **P1 Lan**

also in Baldi, Philip & Werth, Ronald N. (eds), (1978) *Readings in Historical Phonology*.  
University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 172-184 **P217 Rea**

Hoenigswald, Henry M. (1960) *Language Change and Linguistic Reconstruction*, chaps 8-11. Chicago: University Press **P142 Hoe**

- Jakobson, Roman (1949) Principles of historical phonology (tr. A. R. Keiler). In Baldi, Philip & Werth, Ronald N. (eds), (1978) *Readings in Historical Phonology*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 103-120. [Earlier versions 1931 (German), 1949, 1962 (French)] **P217 Rea**  
also in Jakobson, Roman (1990) *On Language*, (ed. L. R. Waugh & M. Monville-Burston), Harvard: University Press, 185-201 **P121 Jak**
- Keiler, Allan R. (ed.) (1972) *A Reader in Historical and Comparative Linguistics*. Part II **P25 Kei**
- Labov, William. (1994) *Principles of Linguistic Change I. Internal Factors*. Oxford: Blackwell, esp. chaps 5-14 **P142 Lab**
- Locke, John L. (1983) *Phonological Acquisition and Change*. New York: Academic Press, espec. chap. 6 **P118 Loc**
- Lucas, P J. (1991) Some aspects of the historical development of English consonant phonemes. *Transactions of the Philological Society* 89. 37-64 **P11 Tra**
- Ohala, John (1993) The phonetics of sound change. In Jones, Charles (ed.) (1993) *Historical Linguistics: Problems and Perspectives*. London: Longman, 237-278 **P140 His**

## 2. PHONOLOGY (b)

Lecture: 21/01/2008

Seminar: 28/01/2008

### The neogrammarian regularity hypothesis

A: What was meant by the Neogrammarians' claim that sound-changes operate with 'blind necessity'? What did they mean when they said sound change was 'gradual'?

B: How might apparent exceptions to sound-changes be accounted for under the classical (neogrammarian) model?

### Surveys and textbooks

Bloomfield, Leonard (1933) *Language*. London: Unwin, chaps 20-23 **P121Blo**

Bynon, Theodora (1977) *Historical Linguistics*. Cambridge: University Press, 17-57

**P140 Byn**

Campbell, Lyle (1998) *Historical linguistics: an introduction*. Edinburgh: University Press.

Section 5.4 **P140 Cam**

Hock, Hans Heinrich (1986) *Principles of Historical Linguistics*, chaps 3, 9 [2nd edn. 1991]

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Lehmann, Winfred P. (1993) *Theoretical Bases of Indo-European Linguistics*. London:

Routledge, 5-11 **P561 Leh**

McMahon, April M.S. (1994) *Understanding language change*. Cambridge: University Press, chap. 2 **P142 Mac**

Sihler, Andrew L (2000) *Language history: an introduction*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, chap. 2

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### Major sources

Baldi, Philip & Werth, Ronald N. (eds) (1978) *Readings in Historical Phonology*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, chaps 1-4, 8 **P217 Rea**

Campbell, L. (1996). On sound change and challenges to regularity. In Durie, M. & Ross, M. (eds), *The Comparative Method Reviewed: Regularity and Irregularity in Language Change*. New York: Oxford University Press, 72-89 **P142 Com**

*Transactions of the Philological Society* 1978. *Commemorative volume: The Neogrammarians* **P11 Tra**

### 3. MORPHOLOGY

Lecture: 28/01/2008

Seminar: 04/02/2008

- A: Outline the kinds of patterns most frequently found in morphological change. Can all these changes be attributed to simplification? If not, what else is going on?
- B: Aitchison describes *analogy* as ‘the tendency of items that are similar in meaning to become similar in form’. Discuss [don’t just use Aitchison].
- C: To what extent is change in inflectional morphology predictable?

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- Aitchison, Jean (2001) *Language change: progress or decay?* (3rd edn) Cambridge: University Press. **P140 Int**
- Anderson, Stephen R. (1988) Morphological change. In Newmeyer, Frederick J. (ed.), *Linguistics: the Cambridge Survey*. Cambridge: University Press, 1.324- 362 **P121 Lin**
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- Bynon, Theodora (1977) *Historical Linguistics*. Cambridge: University Press, chaps 1, 5, 6 **P140 Byn**
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- Coates, Richard (1987) Pragmatic sources of analogical reformation. *Journal of Linguistics* 23. 319-340 **P1 Jou**
- Deutscher, Guy 2001. On the mechanism of morphological change. *Folia Linguistica Historica* 22. 41-48 **P140 Fol**
- Greenberg, Joseph H. (1963) Some universals of grammar with particular reference to the order of meaningful elements. In Greenberg, Joseph H. (ed.) (1966) *Universals of Language*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press. [First edn. 1963], 73-113 **P204 Gre**  
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- Hall, Christopher (1992) *Morphology and mind*. London: Routledge. esp. chaps 2, 4 **P128.E95 Hal**
- Hare, Mary & Jeffrey L. Elman 1995. Learning and morphological change. *Cognition* 56, 61-98 **QZ10 Cog**

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- Koch, Harold. 1996 Reconstruction in morphology, in Durie, M. & Ross, M. (eds), *The Comparative Method Reviewed: Regularity and Irregularity in Language Change*. New York: Oxford University Press **P142 Com**
- Kuryłowicz, Jerzy (1973) La nature des procès dits analogiques. In Jerzy Kuryłowicz, *Esquisses linguistiques*. München: Fink. Originally publ 1947. **P27 Kur**  
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- Wheeler, Max W. (1993) On the hierarchy of naturalness principles in inflectional morphology. *Journal of Linguistics* 29. 95-111 **P1 Jou**

## 4. GRAMMATICALIZATION

Lecture: 04/02/2008

Seminar: 11/02/2008

A: Where do grammatical morphemes come from?

B: From what sources do languages develop devices to link independent clauses into complex sentences?

Additional question: What is the grammaticalization 'cline'?

### Surveys and textbooks

Campbell, Lyle (1998) *Historical linguistics: an introduction*. Edinburgh: University Press.  
Sections 9.5-9.6 **P140 Cam**

Croft, William 2003. *Typology and Universals 2<sup>nd</sup> edn*. Cambridge: University Press, chap. 8  
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Press **P299.G73 Hop**

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Cambridge: University Press **P299.P67 Hei**

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Heine, Bernd & Kuteva, Tania 2002. *World lexicon of grammaticalization*. Cambridge: UP

Heine, Bernd, Claudi, Ulrike & Hünnemeyer, Friederike (1991) *Grammaticalization. A Conceptual Framework*. Chicago: University Press **P299.G73Hei**

Pagliuca, William (ed.) (1994) *Perspectives on Grammaticalization*. Amsterdam: Benjamins  
**P299.G73 Per**

Sankoff, G. (1990) The grammaticalization of tense and aspect in Tok Pisin and Sranan.  
*Language Variation and Change* 2, 295-312 **P1 Lan**

Traugott, Elizabeth C. & Heine, Bernd (eds) (1991) *Approaches to Grammaticalization*. 2 vols.  
Amsterdam: Benjamins **P299.G73 App**

## 5. SYNTAX

Lecture: 11/02/2008

Seminars: 18/02/2008

- A: Change in basic word order type is one of the most dramatic of all linguistic changes. Explain how such a major change can occur without substantial disruption of communication, mentioning in your account any theoretical concepts which seem relevant.
- B: Discuss the relevance to syntactic change of **at least two** of the following: reanalysis of constituent structure, reanalysis of category membership, shift of markedness.
- Additional essay question:  
What kinds of motivation have been suggested for syntactic change (apart from possible influences from other languages)?

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- Campbell, Lyle (1998) *Historical linguistics: an introduction*. Edinburgh: University Press, chap. 9 **P140 Cam**
- Hock, Hans Heinrich (1986) *Principles of Historical Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [2nd edn. 1991], chap. 13 **P140 Hoc**
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- Lightfoot, David (1988) Syntactic change. In Newmeyer, Frederick J. (ed.), *Linguistics: the Cambridge Survey*. Cambridge: University Press, 1.303-323 **P121 Lin**
- McMahon, April M.S. (1994) *Understanding language change*. Cambridge: University Press, chaps 5-6 **P142 Mac**
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- Denison, David (1993) *English Historical Syntax*. London: Longman **PF260 Den**
- Harris, Alice C. & Campbell, Lyle (1995) *Historical Syntax in cross-linguistic perspective*. Cambridge: University Press **P291 Har**
- Harris, Martin (1978) *The Evolution of French Syntax*. London: Longman **PC201 Har**
- Joseph, B. D. (1980) Linguistic universals and syntactic change. *Language* 56. 345-370 **P1 Lan**
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- Li, C. N. (ed.) (1977) *Mechanisms of Syntactic Change*. Austin: University of Texas Press **P291 Sym**
- Li, C. N. & Thompson, S. A. (1974) An explanation of word order change SVO > SOV. *Foundations of Language* 12. 201-214. **P1.A1 Fou**
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- Sankoff, G. & Brown, P. (1976) On the origins of syntax in discourse. *Language* 52. 631-666. **P1 Lan**
- Trask, R. L. (1979) On the origins of ergativity. In Frans Plank (ed.), *Ergativity: towards a Theory of Grammatical Relations*. 385-404. London: Academic Press **P291.5 Erg**

## 6. LEXICON

Lecture: 18/02/2008

Seminar: 25/02/2008

- A: In what ways, other than by borrowing, can a language undergo change in its lexical resources? (There may be more to this question than just the issue of change of meaning of lexical items.)
- B: 'If the basic tenets of structuralism are accurate, then change in the sense of one word will entail the change in sense of others.' Do you think this view is important in understanding changes of word meaning?

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Campbell, Lyle (1998) *Historical linguistics: an introduction*. Edinburgh: University Press, chap. 10 **P140 Cam**

Hock, Hans Heinrich (1986) *Principles of Historical Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [2nd edn. 1991], chap. 12.] **P140 Hoc**

Lehmann, Winfred P. (1992) *Historical Linguistics: An Introduction*. 3rd edn. London: Routledge chap. 13 **P140 Leh**

McMahon, April M.S. (1994) *Understanding language change*. Cambridge: University Press, chap 7 **P142 Mac**

Sihler, Andrew L (2000) *Language history: an introduction*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, chap. 4 **P140 SIH**

Trask, R. L. (1996) *Historical Linguistics*. London: Arnold, chapter 2 **P140 Tra**

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Blank, Andreas 1999. Why do new meanings occur? A cognitive typology of the motivations for lexical semantic change. In Blank & Koch (1999: 61-89)

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Buck, Carl D. (1949) *A Dictionary of Selected Synonyms in the Principal Indo-European Languages*. Chicago: University Press **P765 Buc**

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Geeraerts, Dirk (1997) *Diachronic Prototype Semantics*. Oxford: University Press **P325.5.H57 Gee**

Jurafsky, Daniel. (1996) Universal tendencies in the semantics of the diminutive. *Language* 72, 533-578 **P1 Lan**

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## 7. CONTACT (a)

Lecture: 25/02/2008

Seminar: 03/03/2008

- A: In what respects can the structure of a language be affected by contact between its speakers and speakers of another language? What is it that speakers do that can affect language structure (possibly in the long term)?
- B: What is a substrate; a superstrate; an adstrate (or -stratum)? How do these phenomena arise?
- C: Assess the role of individuals' bilingualism in promoting large-scale change in the structure of a language.

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Lecture: 03/03/2008

Seminar: 10/03/2008

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Lecture: 10/03/2008

Seminar: 14/04/2008

- A: Weinreich, Labov & Herzog (1968) identified five *problems* in developing an explanatory theory of language change. Have advances been made in dealing with any of them?
- B: On what general basis, if at all, can predictions be made about future changes in particular languages?
- C: How useful is the notion of *simplification* as a general principle of historical change?

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