

Comparative Philology Seminar

Hilary Term 2024

Convenors: Tim Barnes, Michele Bianconi, Philomen Probert, Andreas Willi

Centre for Linguistics and Philology, Lecture Theatre, Tuesdays 2.15-4pm

Albanian

23 January 2024 **General Introduction**

- a) Albanian language and history: An introduction (Michele Bianconi)
- b) The subgrouping question: Albanian, Illyrian, Paleo-Balkan (Robin Meyer)

Text: Lord's Prayer in Gjon Buzuku's Missal (1555)
(Matzinger 2006: 261-263)

30 January 2024 **Albanian Phonology**

- a) Vocalism (Jonathan Walls)
- b) Consonantism (Nicholas Romanos)

Text: A dialogue between Enver Hoxha and Khrushchev
(Matasović 2019: 44-46)

6 February 2024 **Albanian Nominal Morphology**

- a) Nouns/adjectives (Svetlana O Siochfhradha Prešern)
- b) Pronouns (Dillon Kelly)

Text: Cinderella (fragment of a folk story)
(Matasović 2019: 48-50)

13 February 2024 **Albanian Verbal Morphology**

- a) Pres./impf./aor. indicative: stems and endings (Andreas Willi)
- b) Modal and periphrastic forms, infinite forms (Tim Barnes)

Text: Canzona spirituale (prefaced to L. Matrënga's Catechism (1592))
(Matzinger 2006: 151-163)

20 February 2024 **Albanian Syntax**

- a) Nominal and verbal syntax (Philomen Probert)
- b) Clause syntax (Krishnan Ram-Prasad)

Text: L. Matrënga, *Mbsuame e Krështerë* (Catechism) (1592), foll. 8-9
(Matzinger 2006: 164-173)

27 February 2024 **Albanian in contact**

- a) Latin (and Greek) in Albanian (Allison Murphy)
- b) Albanian and Slavonic (Atticus Mawby)

Text: L. Matrënga, *Mbsuame e Krështerë* (1592), foll. 11-12 (Creed)
(Matzinger 2006: 178-186)

5 March 2024

Guest Lecture

Dr Joachim Matzinger

(Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien)

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