

Michaelmas Term 2001

Comparative Philology Graduate Seminar: Analogy

Convenors: A. Morpurgo Davies, J.H.W. Penney, P. Probert

Tuesday, 2.15 - 4 p.m.
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Second Week (16 October)

Prof. A. Morpurgo Davies: *False Analogy, Analogy, and Linguistic Theory, 1860-1940*

Third Week (23 October)

Dr J.H.W. Penney: *Kuryłowicz: Are there laws of analogy?*

Fourth Week (30 October)

Dr P. Probert: *Does Analogy exist?*

Fifth Week (6 November)

Professor K. Plunkett: *Modelling historical change with analogy machines*

Sixth Week (13 November)

Dr C.M. MacRobert: *Where do analogies come from in Slavonic?*

Seventh Week (20 November)

Prof. M. Maiden: *Analogy without form or content? Some Romance examples*

Eighth Week (27 November)

All Participants: *Analogy Problems*

[A typical example of 'analogy' in historical linguistics is the replacement of the synchronically irregular 'brethern' with 'brothers', or of the past 'sped' with 'speeded', etc. The phenomenon is very wide-spread and at some stage has also been held to account for the speakers' ability to form e.g. plurals and pasts to nouns and verbs which they had not heard or used before or to create new words from existing roots, etc. This seminar considers in a series of papers by different speakers the development of the concept of analogy, its present role in historical and synchronic linguistics and the way in which it is used in the analysis of the history of specific languages. A final session will allow all participants to offer very short papers on specific examples of analogical development].