

Centre for Comparative Studies and Phylogenetics  
Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, HSE University

## The 18th Sergei Starostin Memorial Conference on Comparative-Historical Linguistics

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

March 23–24, 2023



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### MARCH 23

*(Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, room L-209)*

10.50-11.00: Opening of the Conference (ILYA SMIRNOV, *director of IOCS, HSE*).

#### **Morning session (11.00-14.00):**

11.00-11.30. GEORGE STAROSTIN (*Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow; Santa Fe Institute, New Mexico*)

On the 70th anniversary of Sergei A. Starostin: how to develop and transform scientific legacy in the field of macro-comparative linguistics?

11.30-12.00. ANTON KOGAN (*Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow*)

On the etymological classification of Aryan loanwords in Burushaski.

12.00-12.30. ALEXANDER MANKOV (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow*)

PGerm. \*BREUST-/\*BRUST- ‘breast’ and possible reflexes of the nominal dual in the Germanic languages.

12.30-13.00. ARTEM TROFIMOV (*Laboratory of Oriental and Comparative Studies of the School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, RANEP, Moscow*)

On the accentuation patterns in Pashto nominal stems.

13.00-13.30. TATYANA MIKHAILOVA (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences; Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow*)

Changes in basic vocabulary: an attempt at systematization.

13.30-14.00. YURI KORYAKOV (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences; Linguistic convergence laboratory, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)

Tatoid languages in a lexicostatistical perspective.

**Afternoon session (15.00-18.30):**

15.00-15.30. LEONID KOGAN (*Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)

*datSEMshift* for Semitic: 100 non-trivial semantic shifts on comparative Semitic linguistic material.

15.30-16.00. KIRILL RESHETNIKOV (*Moscow*)

A back to front vowel harmony change in Hungarian and its Uralic context.

16.00-16.30. ALEXANDER SAVELYEV (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences; Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)

On the fate of Proto-Uralic medial consonants in Mari.

16.30-17.00. MARINA LORENTZ (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow*)

Lexical innovations in Eastern Min based on the 200-item Swadesh wordlist.

17.00-17.30. ALEXEI KASSIAN (*Laboratory of Oriental and Comparative Studies of the School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, RANEPa, Moscow*)

Classification of Athabaskan languages (North America) based on 110-item wordlists: the current results.

17.30-18.00. EVGENIYA KOROVINA (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow*)

Classification of the Mixe-Zoque languages and the issue of the rates of change of the basic lexicon.

18.00-18.30. SERGEI BOLOTOV (*Moscow*)

S after M, R, N: what is wrong with Szemerényi's law?



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**MARCH 24**

*Both sessions shall be held completely online, through Zoom.*

10.45-11.00: Gathering of the Conference members and guests in Zoom.

**Morning session (11.00-14.00, Moscow time):**

11.00-11.30. ILIA AFANASEV (*School of Linguistics, Higher School of Economics, Moscow; MTS Artificial Intelligence Center, LLC*).

On the classification of some East Slavic lects with the automatic search of linguistic SNP-markers.

11.30-12.00. TIMUR MAISAK (*Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences; Linguistic convergence laboratory, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)

The reconstruction of stative verbs in Proto-Rutul and traces of statives in Tsakhur.

12.00-12.30. MIKHAIL ZHIVLOV (*Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities; Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*)

Seri Labial Fricative: the fate of a phoneme.

12.30-13.00. ANNA SMIRNITSKAYA (*Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow*)

On the Proto-Dravidian system of kinship terms for ‘brothers’ and ‘sisters’.

13.00-13.30. VÁCLAV BLAŽEK (*Masaryk University, Brno*)

Indo-European Astronomical Terminology in the Near Eastern and Northern Euroasian context.

13.30-14.00. ALEXANDER LUBOTSKY (*Leiden University, Netherlands*)

Equine coat colors in Indo-Iranian.

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**Afternoon session (15.00-18.00, Moscow time):**

15.00-15.30. GUILLAUME JACQUES (*French National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris*)

Thoughts on the principles of reconstructions for plants and animal names.

15.30-16.00. NIKITA KROUGLY-ENCKE (*Paris*)

On the Eurasiatic (Narrow-Nostratic) affinity of Kamchukchean (based on Oleg Mudrak’s reconstruction of Proto-Kamchukchean).

16.00-16.30. ANDREI NIKULIN (*Goiás State University, Brazil*)

Nasal harmony in consonants in Chiquitano and its origins.

16.30-17.00. ALBERT DAVLETSKIN (*RSUH, Moscow*)

Birth, life and death of body-part terms: Tepehua-Totonacan languages in focus.

17.00-17.30. EDWARD VAJDA (*Western Washington University, USA*)

Reconstructing Proto-Yeniseian laterals and rhotics.

17.30-18.00. JOHN BENGTON (*Association for the Study of Language in Prehistory, USA*)

Some Euskaro-Caucasian Homologies.

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