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THE DIALECTAL DIVERSITY OF ARMENIAN

For the modern period, one usually distinguishes around fifty or sixty modern Armenian dialects, several of which are now extinct. Armenian dialectal diversity existed in the prehistoric period, before the 5th century CE.

The dialectal diversity also existed during the Indo-European dispersal, when Pre-Armenian/Proto-Armenian was dialectally close to Greek, Indo-Iranian, and possibly Phrygian and a few other branches. Within this hypothetical dialect group, Proto-Armenian was situated between Proto-Greek (to the west) and Proto-Indo-Iranian (to the east). On the northern side, it might have bordered, notably, Proto-Balto-Slavic.

PROGRAM

Day 1 - Budapest, Mikszáth K. tér 1. (PPKE BTK Sophianum) Room 203

14:00: Registration

14:10 - 14:20: Welcome Speech, Bálint Kovács, Head of Armenian Studies Department, PPCU; Senior Researcher, GWZO Leibniz Institute, Leipzig and Balázs Surányi, Head of Doctoral School of Linguistics and Department of Theoretical Linguistics, PPCU

14:20 - 15:40: Session 1, Chair: Karen Jallatyan

- James Clackson, University of Cambridge:
Ancient Armenian dialects: what we know and what we can know
- Andrea Scala, State University of Milan:
On the expression of definiteness in the Armenian dialect of K'abusie and its origin
- Victoria Khurshudyan, INALCO, SeDyL, CNRS, Paris:
Processing Armenian variational data

15:40 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00 Session 2, Chair: Anatolii Tokmantcev

- Hrach Martirosyan, Head of "Academy of Armenian Studies" research project, Leiden:
Historical development of Armenian dialects: archaisms and innovations.
- Inessa Arustamyan, Pázmány Péter Catholic University:
Numerals in Armenian dialects (with special emphasis on Airtial).
- Arpine Andreasyan, "Zangak" Publishing House, YSU:
Armenian colour designations: 'green' and its relationship with 'blue' and 'yellow'.
- Nelli Yesayan, Yerevan State University:
Archaisms and innovations in the Armenian dialects of Artsakh and Syunik: carpet-weaving terminology

[*All the papers are co-authored by Hrach Martirosyan, the last one also by Luiza Yengoyan].

18:00 Closing remarks: Hrach Martirosyan

19:30 Dinner

Day 2 - Budapest, Bertalan Lajos u. 2. (PPKE Danubianum)

8:15 - 9:45 Plenary session: Hrach Martirosyan:

Armenian Comparative Linguistics: Origin and Development of Armenian Language and Culture

10:15 - 11:45 Seminar

12:30 - 14:00 Seminar

14:30 - 16:00 Seminar