



PÁZMÁNY

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Course description

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| Course title: The history of linguistics in Europe | Semester: |
| Course code: | |
| Instructor's name: András Cser | <u>Lecture</u> – seminar (please underline) |

Course content/topics

The beginnings: archaic thinking about language; ancient Greece: Plato and Aristotle.
The Stoics and Alexandrian philology; Roman grammarians: the emerging systematic grammars.
The early Middle Ages and Christianity: the reassessing and repositioning of the tradition.
The Carolingian renaissance and the later Middle Ages.
Early modern times 1: the sacred languages and the beginnings of vernacular grammar.
Early modern times 2: the return of philosophical issues in the study of language: artificial languages.
Early modern times 3: the origins of language and other topics.
The comparative and typological study of languages
The beginnings of Finno-Ugric and Indo-European comparative linguistics.
Historical linguistics as a mature science.
The Neogrammarian movement.
Saussure's place in the history of linguistics.
Early structuralism and major trends in the 20th century

Readings:

Law, Vivien (2003) *The History of Linguistics in Europe: From Plato to 1600*. Cambridge: CUP.
Matthews, Peter H. (1998) *A Short History of Structural Linguistics*. Cambridge: CUP.
Matthews, Peter H. (1993) *Grammatical Theory in the United States from Bloomfield to Chomsky*. Cambridge: CUP.
Morpurgo Davies, Anna (1998) *Nineteenth-century Linguistics*. (History of Linguistics Vol IV, ed. Giulio Lepschy) London and New York: Longman.

Requirements: written exam