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Language Change in South Asia

Description

This workshop provides a basic introduction into the discipline of historical linguistics. After providing some basic standard examples from the languages of Europe, the workshop will focus on the particular situation in South Asia and the languages of Pakistan. It will introduce standard examples of historical change and language contact in South Asia, but it will also go on to introduce current efforts and modern methods for the study of language change and discuss how they can be applied to the languages of Pakistan.

Aims and Learning Outcome

The participants/audience will learn the following:

- General history of the languages of Pakistan
- Relatedness to other languages of the world
- Major questions in historical linguistics
- Methods for studying language change

Outline

1. Introduction and Outline	10 min
2. Basic Historical Linguistics	30 min
3. Languages of Pakistan	30 min
4. Comparative Historical Method	30 min
5. Role of Language Contact and Language Acquisition	20 min
6. Modern Methods for investigating Historical Change	30 min

Profile of the Presenter

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