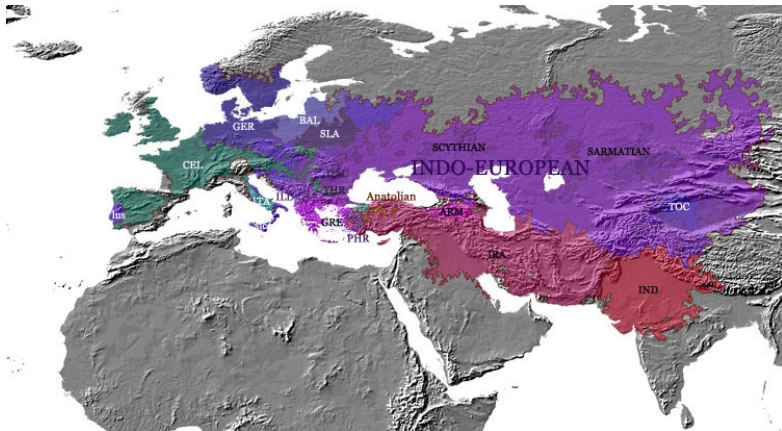# Indo-European Studies

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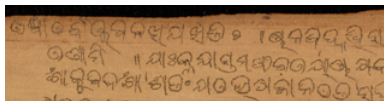
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What we do

Indo-European: Languages and cultures (a.k.a. "philology")

Provide resources

(1) *namas te   rājan varuṇāstu manyave*
   homage your king   Varuṇa.be   wrath

   "Homage to your wrath, King Varuṇa!"

(Vedic Sanskrit, Atharvaveda Paippalāda)

Explore contexts & backgrounds

– economy
– religion
– literature
– politics
– (social) history
– philosophy
– …

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What we do

Linguistic Analysis & Description

Phonological cohesion domains in Middle Welsh

	con. prep.	sub. COMP	POL	P/T	RES/POT	PV REFL/REC	root	VBLZ	TAM	TAM/AGR	pron.
stress											
stress assignment						?					
syllabification											
epenthesis											
vowel assimilation		?									
vowel elision											
unstable /a/											
monophthongisation											
consonant assimilation											
consonant loss											
vowel mutations											
liaison											
initial mutations											

Object argument drop in Hittite

(2) *Ù* ∅ ∅ *pianzi*
not them to.him they.give
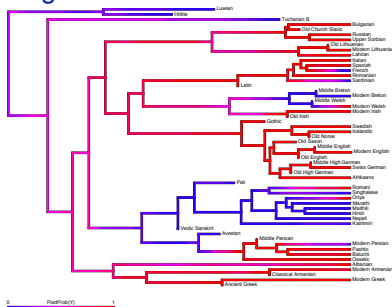'They don't give them to him'

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What we do

Language diversification & evolution

Large scale reconstruction

Character evolution and ancestral
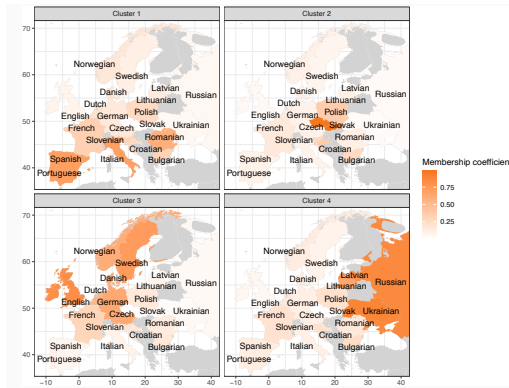state reconstruction

Small scale change

TOKEN[NS]	përshkru:j	e	kët	sekue:ncën	filmi:ke
TOKEN[IMNI89]					
TRANSLATION	describe	det	this	sequenc	filmic
POS TAG	verb	acc	pron	noun	adj
CASE			acc	acc	acc
DEFINITENESS				def	

Albanian heritage speakers in CH
1st, 2nd, 3rd generation

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What we do

Language Diversification & Evolution

word order variation – phylogeny and space

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What we teach

Theory & methods

– data acquisition, analysis & description
– reconstruction

Language skills

– languages from all clades (focus on ancient & medieval varieties)
– overview of the linguistic diversity in the family

Practice

– early involvement in ongoing research

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Classes in Spring 21

- Introduction to Hittite (S. Scarlata)
- Comparative grammar of Latin (P. Widmer)
- Middle Iranian (P. Widmer& M. Abedi)
- Homer (F. Sommer)
- Theories and methods in comparative historical linguistics
  (L. Rübekeil & P.Widmer)

Languages (recurring)

Sanskrit, Gothic, Old Saxon/English/High German/Norse, Old Church Slavonic, Old Irish, Ancient Greek, Latin, Pāli, Classical Armenian, Sabellic, Tocharian, Avestan, medieval Romance varieties, …