

**NON INDO-EUROPEAN LANGUAGES OF EUROPE: TYPOLOGY AND CONTACT PHENOMENA.**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE TYPOLOGY OF CAUCASIAN LANGUAGES**

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**1) mercoledì 11 marzo, ore 10-12**

Socio-linguistic overview

- a. Geography
- b. History
- c. Policies and social attitudes

**2) mercoledì 18 marzo, ore 10-12**

What makes (some) Caucasian languages (seem) difficult

- a. Consonant inventories
- b. Polypersonalism
- c. Case inventories

**3) mercoledì 25 marzo, ore 10-12**

Clause structure-1 : Ergativity and other non accusative patterns

- a. Ergative flagging
- b. Ergative vs accusative (gender-number / person) agreements
- c. Semantic diversity of dative arguments

**4) martedì 31 marzo, ore 16-18**

Clause structure-2 : Fluid alignment and splits

- a. Referential splits
- b. Particular East Caucasian cases (Udi, Tabasaran, Batsbi etc)
- c. TAM splits in Georgian

**5) mercoledì 15 aprile, ore 10-12**

Verb morphology

- a. Gender agreement
- b. Aspect
- c. Tense, mood, and illocutionary force

6) **mercoledì 22 aprile, ore 10-12**

Verbal derivation and valence change

- a. Verb formation : Locative preverbs and multiple deictic marking
- b. Deverbal verbs :
  - i. Types of detransitives
  - ii. Types of causatives

7) **mercoledì 29 aprile, ore 10-12**

Relative clauses

- a. Non participial strategies
- b. Participles
- c. Adverbial participial RCs

8) **mercoledì 6 maggio, ore 10-12**

Converbs and adverbial clauses

- a. Specialized converbs
- b. General converbs
- c. Adverbial clauses from finite quotative clauses

9) **martedì 12 maggio, ore 16-18**

Inherited and borrowed lexicon : areal and genetic relationships

- a. Regular phonetic changes and correspondences
- b. What is «basic» in the lexicon of Caucasian languages ?
- c. Evidence of language mixing

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