Structural and Sociolinguistic Diversity in Highland Daghestan

Program description

Highland Daghestan is an area of high language density and rich in structural patterns important for the typological study of language. In this series of four talks, we start with an overview of the sociolinguistic background of the amazing language stability combined with widespread multilingualism, and then proceed to several salient traits of the linguistic profile of the languages themselves, including abundant nominal inflection, morphological optatives and gender systems. The event is organized within the INEL project and is supported by the Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Hamburg.

Session 1: Nina Dobrushina
Linguistic diversity, multilingualism and marriage patterns in highland Daghestan

Session 2: Michael Daniel
Nominal morphology in East Caucasian

Session 3: Nina Dobrushina
Optative in East Caucasian

Session 4: Michael Daniel
Gender in East Caucasian

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