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# Second Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World

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**PROGRAM – 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2025** (last update: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**Where:** Rosshofgasse (Schnitz), Seminarraum S 02 - Rosshofgasse 2, 4051 Basel

**Map:** <https://www.google.com/maps/place/47.55744,7.58534>

## **DAY 1 - 13 of February (Thursday)**

### **KEYNOTE**

9.30-10.30 : **Dr. Martine Robeets** (MPI Jena)

*The hot potato of the Transeurasian controversy: borrowing vs. inheritance*

**COFFEE BREAK** (10.30-11.00)

### **SESSION 1: NORTHERN EURASIA AND AMERICA** (11.00-12.30)

11.00-11.30 : **Sampsa Holopainen** (Helsingin yliopisto)

*Early Indo-European Loanwords in Uralic: Etymology and Sociolinguistics*

11.30-12.00 : **Bingcong Deng** (MPI Jena)

*Prehistoric textile borrowings in Northern China*

12.00-12.30 : **Anna Berge** (University of Alaska)

*The Genesis of Unangam Tunuu (Aleut): Ancient Language Contact with Dene*

**LUNCH BREAK** (12.30-14.00)

### **SESSION 2: HISTORICAL MORPHOLOGY AND LEXICOGRAPHY** (14.00-15.30)

14.00-14.30 : **Drew Hancock-Teed** (Universität Bern)

*Reconstructing Proto-Cáhniks Nouns and Nominal Typology*

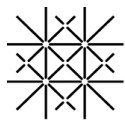
14.30-15.00 : **Florian Wandl** (Universität Zürich) **Alexander Robert Herren**  
(University of Basel)

*Erie fish: Shells in two Tocharian B medicinal prescriptions*

15.00-15.30 : **Ellora Hänni** (Universität Bern)

*Stem alternations in Spiti*

**COFFEE BREAK** (15.30-16.00)



**SESSION 3: CONTACTS IN EUROPE** (16.00-17.30)

16.00-16.30 : **Jadranka Gvozdanović, Nicolas Jansens & Tomáš Klír (Universität Heidelberg)**

*Methodological considerations about combining linguistic and archeological evidence*

16.30-17.00 : **Bridget Drinka (University of Texas at San Antonio)**

*Interdisciplinary Approaches to Ancient Indo-European Contact and Migration: Linguistic, Archaeological, and Genomic Evidence*

17.00-17.30 : **Michiel de Vaan (Universität Basel)**

*Alpine toponymy and the Gaulish-Latin language contact situation*

**DAY 2 - 14 of February (Friday)**

**KEYNOTE**

9.00-10.00 : **Dr. Ilya Yakubovich (Philipps-Universität Marburg)**

*Why did the Anatolian hieroglyphic script die out?*

**COFFEE BREAK** (10.00-10.30)

**SESSION 1: ANCIENT NEAR EAST AND EGYPT** (10.30-12.30)

10.30-11.00 : **Robin Meyer (Univerité de Lausanne)**

*Linguistic identity politics in West Middle Iranian*

11.00-11.30 : **Seraina Nett (Københavns Universitet)**

*Language Contact and Domains of Language Use in the Western Mesopotamian Periphery in the Late Second Millennium BCE*

11.30-12.00 : **Lauren Dogaer (Universität Basel)**

*Language Contacts between Demotic and Greek: A Case Study on Priestly Title Equations from Ptolemaic Thebes*

12.00-12.30 : **Victoria Fendel (University of Oxford)**

*Import and transformation: Dislocation and re(al)location of lexemes in Egypt from the New Kingdom to the Coptic period*