Syllabus

LIN836P---AUSTRONESIAN LINGUISTICS I--MORPHOSYNTAX

First trimester, School year 2005-2006
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to provide a basic appreciation of the nature of Austronesian (AN) languages, the scope and structure of the Austronesian language family, the history of the scholarship on Austronesian languages, and some of the more hotly-debated issues in current Austronesian linguistics.
Topics to be covered include: (i) an overview of the Austronesian language family and subgrouping hypotheses, (ii) pronominals, (iii) reduplication, (iv) Austronesian morphology, (v) Austronesian syntax (including topics such as (a) diachronic development of verbal constructions in Austronesian languages; (b) subject, topic, focus, voice, transitivity, and ergativity in Philippine(-type) languages, (c) possessive constructions and noun incorporation in Oceanic languages, etc.).
Data will be drawn from a number of Austronesian languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Library research reports (due July 2) 40%
Research/Term paper (due August 22) 60%

Grades for this course will be based on one short library research report (40%) and one research/term paper (60%).

- One library research report: (4–10 typed pages; except examples, everything should be double-spaced)
- **Reduplication**: Describe the major functions of reduplication in one Austronesian language. Include information on at least the following points: (a) Are there formally different types of reduplication? (e.g., partial, full, full minus last consonant, leftward, rightward), (b) Does reduplication cooccur with any type of affixation? (c) Does reduplication have both nominal and verbal functions?
Are there any functions other than nominal or verbal? (d) Do the languages have fossilized reduplication? (e.g., Cebuano dakdák ‘fall down with a bang’—but no dak in the language)

- Term paper: All registrants are expected to write a brief report on any aspect of the morphology and/or syntax of one (or more) Austronesian language(s).
- Format: All registrants are expected to write a 10–20 (double-spaced) page paper that conforms to the guidelines of Language or Oceanic Linguistics. [Note: Examples should be presented in a (single-spaced) three-line format (Line 1—language data (use IPA Doulos 93 for phonetic symbols); Line 2—interlinear gloss; Line 3—free translation).]
- Deadline: The research paper is due at **4:00PM, Monday, August 22, 2005.**

**REQUIRED READINGS:**
A collection of articles from journals and books [see Reading List].

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### READING LIST


