Syllabus

Comparative-Historical Linguistics

First Philippine Linguistic Institute
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Time: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-12:00noon, March 31-April 11, 2008
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides an introduction to the principles of historical linguistics. We will examine the concepts of linguistic reconstruction and language change through a problem-solving approach.
Topics to be addressed include: (i) genetic relationship; (ii) sound change and the Comparative Method; (iii) language contact and borrowing; (iv) subgrouping
Data will be drawn from a variety of languages, with a focus on the languages of the Austronesian language family.

TEACHING METHODS
This course covers major topics in historical linguistics through a series of readings, lectures, discussions, and ‘hands-on’ experience with comparative analysis.

REQUIRED READING
Auckland, Oxford, and New York: Oxford University Press. [Call #: P140 C76 1997]
Greenberg, Joseph H. 1957. Essays in linguistics. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press. [III (pp. 35–45) and IV (pp. 46–55)]
**primary textbook

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