**Seminar 1**

**Outline**

1. Scope and nature of Linguistics. Central branches of Linguistics. Language and its characteristics. Language and communication.
2. Language as a system of communication: Communicative functions of language: Referential, Emotive, Cognative, Poetic, Metalinguistic, and Phatic functions of language.
3. Classification of languages: genetic, areal, typological, and morphological.
4. Language: spoken language and written modes, and the relation between them. Writing systems: evolution of writing systems.
5. Language universals and specific properties of language.
6. Language as a sign. Dualistic nature of a sign.

**Your answer should not be less than a 5-minute speech.**

**References**

1. Agha, A. (2020). Indexicality, enregisterment, and communicative functions. Annual Review of Anthropology, 49(1), 17–31. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-anthro-010220-074501>
2. Bickel, B. (2020). Typology in the 21st century. Linguistic Typology, 24(2), 233–258. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingty-2020-2030>
3. Bickel, B., & Nichols, J. (2020). The search for linguistic universals. Annual Review of Linguistics, 6(1), 193–212. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-linguistics-011718-011731>
4. Campbell, L., & Poser, W. J. (2021). Language classification: History and method (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press.
5. Chandler, D. (2021). Semiotics: The basics (4th ed.). Routledge.
6. Cobley, P. (2023). Contemporary semiotics. Routledge.
7. Croft, W. (2022). Verbs: Aspect and argument structure. Oxford University Press.
8. Crystal, D. (2021). The Cambridge encyclopedia of the English language (4th ed.). Cambridge University Press.
9. Cysouw, M. (2021). Quantitative methods in language classification. Journal of Language Evolution, 6(3), 180–195. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jole/lzab010>
10. Dryer, M. S., & Haspelmath, M. (Eds.). (2022). The World Atlas of Language Structures (online ed., updated). Max Planck Institute.
11. Dunn, M., & Wichmann, S. (2023). Cross-linguistic variation and universals: Computational perspectives. Journal of Language Evolution, 8(1), 14–29. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jole/lzad001>
12. Eco, U. (2020). Semiotics and the philosophy of language (reissued ed.). Indiana University Press.
13. Evans, N., & Levinson, S. C. (2022). The myth of language universals revisited. Cognitive Linguistics, 33(4), 635–662.
14. Haspelmath, M. (2021). Understanding morphology (2nd ed.). Routledge.
15. Huang, Y. (2021). Pragmatics (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press.
16. Jaworski, A., & Coupland, N. (2022). The discourse reader (4th ed.). Routledge.
17. McGregor, W. (2020). Linguistics: An introduction to language and communication (3rd ed.). Bloomsbury.
18. Müller, S. (2023). Grammatical theory: From transformational grammar to constraint-based approaches (4th ed.). Language Science Press.
19. Nichols, J. (2020). Language contact and areal linguistics. Annual Review of Linguistics, 6(1), 341–359. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-linguistics-011619-030454>
20. Nöth, W. (2020). Semiotic foundations of linguistics: Signs, systems, and codes. Sign Systems Studies, 48(2–4), 345–370. <https://doi.org/10.12697/SSS.2020.48.2-4.08>
21. Nur, S. (2022). Jakobson’s functions of language revisited in digital communication. Journal of Pragmatics and Society, 5(2), 56–70.
22. Radford, A. (2020). Analyzing English sentences (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press.
23. Sebeok, T. A. (2021). Signs and their dual nature: Revisiting Saussure and Peirce. Semiotica, 243(1–2), 115–134. <https://doi.org/10.1515/sem-2021-0008>
24. Song, J. J. (2021). Linguistic typology: Morphology and syntax (2nd ed.). Routledge.
25. Van Valin, R. D. (2021). An introduction to syntax (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press.