



Introduction to...

Applied Linguistics

This seminar provides a broad overview of issues and methods in Applied Linguistics. The seminar consists of four two-hour sessions.

- **Session one** introduces various perspectives on the nature of language, beginning with a consideration of the Universalist and Relativist positions. Examination of Chomskyan linguistics contrasted with social perspectives provides the basis for the key notions of Linguistic Competence and Communicative Competence.
- **Session two** is an introduction to the description of English in terms of its Morphology, Phonology, Semantics and Grammar.
- **Session three** introduces Systemic Functional Linguistics, and explores the use of this framework to describe language use in context by focusing on its various semantic functions.
- **Session four** briefly examines Critical Discourse Analysis, which investigates the relationship between language use in a particular context and wider social processes, and links this to Ethnography, which stresses the importance of grounding theoretical linguistic interpretations in the experience of the participants.

Aims and objectives

This seminar aims to provide a brief but comprehensive overview of issues and methods in Applied Linguistics and serve as a starting point for further study.

On completion of the seminar, participants should understand key concepts in Applied Linguistics, including competing perspectives on the nature of language. They should also have a basic familiarity with key methods of language analysis.

Entry requirements & Assessment

This seminar is open to all and assumes no prior knowledge of the subject. There is no assessment. Certificates of participation are awarded to all participants.

Academic Seminars Series

Each seminar in the series is self-contained. There are inter-related themes, but no overlap in the content, so you can choose to attend any or all of them.

Registration

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