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Course Title   :   *Philosophy of Language: Humboldt and the Continental European Heritage*
Teacher   :   Dr. Tze-wan KWAN (關子尹)
Time   :   H03-05
Venue   :   LSK 208

Course Description:

This course is designed to acquaint its participants with some general knowledge of the Continental European tradition in modern linguistics and philosophy of language. Special effort will be made to feature the inherent linkage between general linguistics as a new science and philosophy as a classical discipline. To provide leads for subsequent discussion, course material will cluster around the works of Wilhelm von Humboldt, Ferdinand de Saussure, and Roman Jakobson, renowned as the father of general linguistics, the father of structuralism, and the founder of Prague school of linguistics respectively. Other authors, including Husserl, Sapir, Trubetzkoy, Benveniste, Chomsky, Katz, Fillmore and Lakoff etc. will also be referred upon wherever necessary. Main topics for discussion are: the problem of language as a semiotic system; the problem of articulation; the problem of "double articulation", the debate over the arbitrariness or inarbitrariness of the linguistic sign, the relation between sound and meaning constitution: (onomapoeisis, sound symbolism and analogy); language and worldviews; language and cultural heritage; language, understanding and cognition or cognitive semantics, the acquisition of native and foreign languages etc. Toward the end of the course, an attempt will be made to see if the above linguistic analysis can throw new light on linguistic issues related to Chinese language and writing. The course consists of lectures as well as discussion sessions for selected text units. Participants are expected to make oral presentation in class and to take part actively in class discussion. A written report is required by the end of the term.

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5. Benveniste, Émile, *Problems in General Linguistics.* Transl. by Mary E. Meek (Coral Gables, Miami University Press, 1971).
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