

*PHONOSEMANTIC VARIATION AND THE STEDTISCHE DÄMMERUNG*

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ABSTRACT

EVERY SPOKEN LANGUAGE IS RIFE WITH VARIATION ON BOTH THE PHONOLOGICAL AND SEMANTIC PLANES, SOME OF IT RULE-GOVERNED AND SOME OF IT SPORADIC. THUS, DESPITE THE QUALMS OF CERTAIN EXTREME NEOGRAMMARIANS, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THIS IS TRUE FOR PROTO-LANGUAGES AS WELL.

*PHONOSEMANTIC VARIATION IN TIBETO-BURMAN VS. INDO-EUROPEAN*

--PATTERNS OF PHONOLOGICAL VARIATION IN TB [JAM 2003 (491-534); 2008 (xxxv-xxxviii)].

--STEDT'S "PAN-ALLOFAMIC FORMULAS" (PAF'S). VARIOUS NOTATIONAL DEVICES.

--CLARIFICATION OF STEDT'S RECONSTRUCTIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO PREFIXES.

--STRIKING EXAMPLES: SUCK/BREAST; TONGUE/LICK; FIRE/BRIGHT.

--LANGUAGE-INTERNAL MORPHOLOGICAL PROCESSES VS. BORROWING BETWEEN RELATED LANGUAGES.

--THE CONCEPT OF *WORD FAMILY*: BLOOD RELATIVES VS. ADOPTIVE ONES.

--VARIATION VS. PROTO-FORM STUFFING.

--THE MORE STRUCTURED MORPHOPHONOLOGICAL PATTERNS OF VARIATION IN INDO-EUROPEAN, AND THEIR UNSTRUCTURED OUTCOMES IN MODERN LANGUAGES.

--REFLEXES OF \*WED- x \*WOD- x \*UD- WATER IN MODERN ENGLISH.

--REFLEXES OF \*STĀ- STAND IN MODERN ENGLISH.

--INDO-EUROPEAN "ROOT EXTENSIONS" OR "AUGMENTS".

*--SEMANTIC VARIATION*

--MUCH LESS STRUCTURED THAN PHONOLOGICAL VARIATION, IN ALL LANGUAGE FAMILIES.

--PIONEERING ARTICLE BY BENEDICT (1939).

--STEDT'S "METASTATIC FLOWCHARTS".

--ENG. *BLACK* AND *BLANK*: FROM THE SAME PIE ROOT.

--WE TIBETO-BURMANISTS NEED NOT APOLOGIZE TO INDO-EUROPEANISTS, OR BE ENVIOUS OF THEM.

*THE END/CULMINATION OF THE STEDT PROJECT, 1987-2014.*

--THOUSANDS OF RECONSTRUCTED ROOTS, BOTH AT PTB AND SUBGROUP LEVELS, ALONG WITH CHINESE COMPARANDA.

--THE ONGOING PROCESS OF *ROOT RECTIFICATION*: ACCEPTANCE VS. REVISION VS. REJECTION.

--FINAL PRODUCT: A 3000 PP. PRINTED VOLUME (ONLY A FEW COPIES FOR LIBRARIES!), TO BE MADE GENERALLY AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY.

--AS STEDT GOES OFF INTO THE TWILIGHT, THERE ARE HOPES THAT IT WILL CONTINUE IN MORE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WAY. CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM: THE INTERACTIVE "ROOT CANAL".

*PHILOSOPHICAL RUMINATIONS*

--TREATMENT OF ERRORS: THE "GOTCHA ATTITUDE" VS. COLLEGIALLY.

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