

UCLA block seminar, May 8-11 2023

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The seminar has two themes, *Indo-European Nominal Derivation* (Monday-Wednesday) and *Aspects of Indo-European Archaeo-linguistics* (Thursday-Friday)

Monday:

The subject of the first lecture will be the alternation patterns of basic *r/n* or *l/n*-heteroclitics, the possible origins of the extended types in **-ter/ten-*, **- υ er/ υ en-* and **-ser/sen-*, and a discussion of the alleged category of **-i/n*-stems.

Tuesday:

The origins and functional properties of *n*- and *nt*-stems and their secondary derivatives must be one of the most challenging subfields of Indo-European nominal derivation. In this lecture, I will confine myself to a few fundamental questions, including a discussion of the relation between “simple” *n/nt*-stems and “Hoffmann formations”.

Wednesday:

In this lecture we will look at interfaces between nominal and verbal morphology with special focus on the “stative suffix” and the variants of the suffix **-tlo-* with an initial vowel, emphasizing the apophonic peculiarities of the derivational basis.

Thursday:

By now, most linguists would agree that at least the “Core Indo-Europeans” were pastoralists migrating from the Pontic-Caspian steppe. This background is naturally reflected in the shared vocabulary, which is especially rich in dairy terminology.

Friday:

One key to an understanding of the speedy spread of Indo-European language and culture throughout Europe and western Asia is the

ability of the migrants to create useful alliances. In this lecture we will discuss details of the vocabulary pertaining to in-laws, fosterage and associates in early Indo-European societies.