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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES (LINGUISTICS) HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> OCT 2016

The Board of Studies (Linguistics) met on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 and revised the syllabus of PG programme in Linguistics and Language Technology. The revised syllabus will come into effect from June 2017-18 admissions.

The revised syllabus is attached herewith.

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## **LLT5204: FIELD LINGUISTICS**

### **Unit I**

Introduction to Field study, value of the context, Linguistic field work, preparation for field work, Field tools - Notebook/field diary, Camera, Tape Recorder, Dilemmas of field work - Getting access, Getting acceptance, maintaining acceptance, Collecting data, richness of data, Ethical concerns, Pains of fieldwork, Cultural shock, symptoms of cultural shock, Field ethics

### **Unit II**

Study approaches: Overview, generate hypothesis, principles of field work, natural settings, holistic, descriptive, insider's view, Field methods, techniques of data collection, observation, question, respondent, key informant, focus groups, frequency of data collection, sampling, Test procedures - pilot study, sample survey, Major approaches, Qualitative vs. quantitative, defined by format & data collection process ("Integrated Methods"), Interrogation techniques, Translation, Techniques for polysemous words, Pictorial representation, Associative interrogation, The paraphrase method, Cross checking, Stimulus response method, Instantiation method, Phonetic transcription

### **Unit III**

Observation method, Descriptive observation, Focused observation, Selective observation, Participation (or combinations of them), Active and Passive Participation, Observation: Participant and Non participant observation, Advantages and disadvantages, Questionnaire method, Questionnaire Surveys, Advantages, Disadvantages, Combining survey/data collection types Registered data, Non-registered data, Point data, Continuous data

### **Unit IV**

Interview method-structured or unstructured conversational and informal), Self-reporting techniques, Structured and Unstructured Interviews, Open-ended interviewing, Ethnographic Interview, Standardized interview, qualitative interviews? In-depth Interview, Informal conversational, Topical or guided, Standardized open, Ethnographic or micro-ethnographic, Focus Group, Key informant interviews, contextual inquiry, Field notes, Documentary source method

### **Unit V**

Data processing, Language Documentation, Types of media, video, audio, Images, Text, Metadata, Cataloguing, data formats, data encoding, physical storage medium, software tools, Archiving, Intellectual protocol and access to material.

### **Reading List:**

Anvita Abbi. 2001, A Manual of Linguistic Field Work and Structures of Indian Languages, Lincom Europa,  
Newman and Ratliff (eds) 2000, Introduction and Chapter 1 from: Linguistic Fieldwork. CUP, Cambridge

Wray et al. Arnold, 1998, *Projects in Linguistics, A Practical Guide to Researching Language*, London.

**Text book:**

Crowley, Terry & Nick Thieberger. *Field Linguistics: A Beginner's Guide*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

Samarin, W.J. 1967. *Field Linguistics: Guide to Linguistic Field Work*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

**Essential Readings:**

Abbi, Anvita. *A Manual of Linguistics Field Work and Indian Language Structures*. (Munich: Lincom Europa, 2001).

Briggs, Charles L. *Learning How to Ask: A Sociolinguistic Appraisal of the Role of the Interview in Social Science Research*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986).

Burling, Robbins. *Learning a Field Language*. (Prospect Heights, Illinois: Waveland Press, 2000).

**Suggested Reading**

Crowley, T. 2007. *Field Linguistics. A Beginner's Guide*. Oxford: OUP.

Newman, Paul and Martha Ratliff (Eds.). 2001. *Linguistic Fieldwork*. Cambridge.

Barnes, J.A. 1973. Some ethical problems in modern fieldwork. *British Journal of Sociology* 14: 118-134.

Jost Gippert (Ed) 2006 *Essentials of Language Documentation*. Mouton de Gruyter Berlin • New York

Longacre, Robert E. 1964. *Grammar Discovery Procedures: A Field Manual*. Mouton.

Newman, Paul. 1992. Fieldwork and field methods in linguistics. *California Linguistic Newsletter*. XXIII.2.

Nida, Eugene. 1947. Field techniques in descriptive linguistics. *International Journal of American Linguistics* 13: 138-146.