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Albanian among the Indo-European Languages: Origins and Antiquity

Scientific symposium

The Academy of Sciences of Albania, in collaboration with the Institute for Comparative and Indo-European Linguistics and Albanology (LMU Munich), is organizing a scientific symposium titled *Albanian among the Indo-European Languages: Origins and Antiquity*. The event is scheduled to take place on November 4-5, 2024.

Scientific framework of the Symposium:

In the context of the latest studies on the origin of Indo-European languages and migration movements to Europe, *supported by combined mathematical-statistical, linguistic, and genetic methodologies*, along with the recent chronological outcomes derived from these studies, and the findings of etymological research on the Indo-European heritage of the Albanian language in current projects on Old Albanian, the organizers intend to foster an interdisciplinary discussion on the origin, the place of Albanian within the Indo-European languages, and the chronology of its evolution in space and time.

Proposed discussion topics include:

- 1. The origin of Albanian in the historical and prehistorical Balkan context;***

2. *Albanian as an Indo-European language;*
3. *The period of Albanian's divergence from the Proto-Indo-European (PIE) core;*
4. *Bilateral or multilateral correspondences of Albanian with other Indo-European languages (in the lexical fund and the phonetic and grammatical systems);*
5. *Periodization of the evolution of Albanian over time and space.*

Discussions on the results of recent archaeological excavations, such as those conducted in the *Lake Ohrid and Prespa areas*, are also welcome.

The symposium will be held in the facilities of the Academy of Sciences, across two sessions, each featuring a keynote speaker and 5-6 participants presenting papers and engaging in discussions.

Approximately 15 researchers from the fields of Indo-European studies and Albanology, as well as authors of recent studies on the origin of Indo-European languages, will attend the symposium. Researchers from various disciplines within Albanological sciences will be invited as non-discussing attendees.

Scientific-organizing committee:

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