

Formosan grammar
台灣南島語的語法

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This course is intended to provide a basic appreciation of the overall picture of the Formosan Austronesian languages for students who have some knowledge of one or more Austronesian (AN) languages. Elements of this overall picture include (1) an overview of the geographical, cultural, demographic and historical background to the AN language family, (2) a brief survey of the typological variety of AN languages, (3) and an in-depth examination of selected topics in Formosan morphology and syntax, especially case marking systems, voice, transitivity, verb serialization, nominalization and TAM systems.

Course requirements:

1. three research reports, each 5-6 double-spaced typed pages, and accounting for 45 % of the course grade;
2. one term paper 15-20 pages long, accounting for 40 % of the course grade. Class participation accounts for the balance.

Course outline

Week 1: Introductions. Background information: survey of Austronesian languages, the geography of the Austronesian world.

Reading:

Blust, R. 2009. The Austronesian languages. Chapters 1&2, PP. 1-115

Pawley, A. 2002. Austronesian dispersal: languages, technologies and people. In Bellwood and Renfrew (eds.) Examining the farming/language dispersal hypothesis. 251-273

Week 2: Overview: Austronesian prehistory

Reading:

Pawley and Ross (1993) Austronesian historical linguistics and cultural history. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 22:425-459.
Bellwood. 1995. A prehistory in SE Asia: homeland, expansion and transformation. In Bellwood et al. (eds.) *The Austronesians: historical and comparative perspectives*.

Week 3: The evidence for an AN language family: The Comparative method of linguistics; cognate forms in widely separated languages. A brief history of the discovery of the AN language family.

Reading:

Blust, 2009. *The Austronesian languages*, chapt 10 classification 'The evidence for an Austronesian language family.'

Diamond, J. 2000. Taiwan's gift to the world. *Nature* 403; 709-710.

Gray, R. and F. Jordan. 2000. Language trees support the express train sequence of Austronesian expansion. *Nature* 405:1052-55.

Week 4: overview of Formosan morphology, typological characteristics and lexical categories

Reading:

Blust 1988. *The Austronesian root theory*. JB.

Zorc, D. 1990. The Austronesian monosyllabic root. In Philip Baldi (ed.) *Linguistic change and reconstruction methodology*.

Blust, R. 2009. *The Austronesian languages*, chapter 6 (morphology)

Bradshaw and Rehag (eds.) 2001. *Issues in Austronesian morphology*

Ross, M. 1995. Reconstructing PAN verbal morphology: evidence from Taiwan. In P. Li et al. (eds.) *Austronesian studies relating to Taiwan* 727-791.

Himmelman 2005. *The Austronesian languages: typological characteristics*. In Adelaar and Himmelmann (eds.) *The Austronesian languages of Asia and Madagascar*. 110-150.

First research report due next week. Topic: pronouns or numerals.

Week 5 subject properties of the nominative NP in Formosan languages

Reading:

Schachter, P. 1996. The subject in Tagalog: still none of the above.

Oral presentations of first research reports

Week 6: A two-tiered analysis of case marking systems: case hierarchy, case polysemy; case exponence

Reading:

Huang, S. 2012 . A two-tiered analysis of the case systems in Formosan languages. Paper presented at 4th CLDC.

Huang, H. 2010. *The syntax and pragmatics of clausal constituents in Tsou discourse*. Doctoral Dissertation. National Taiwan University.

Week 7-8: Nature of the voice construction:lexical perspective; shifting perspective

Reading:

Ross, M. 2002. the history and typology of western Austronesian voice and voice marking. In Wouk and Ross (eds.) *The history and typology of western Austronesian voice systems*.

Himmelman, 2004. voice in western Austronesian: an update. In Wouk and Ross (eds.) *The history and typology of western Austronesian voice systems*.

Starosta, S. 2002. Austronesian ‘focus’ as derivation: evidence from nominalization. *L&L* 3/2: 427-479.

Huang, S. 2005 Split O’s in Formosan languages. *LL*

Arka and Ross (eds.) *The many faces of Austronesian voice systems: some new empirical studies*. *Pacific Linguistics*

Starosta, Pawley and Reid, L. 1982. The evolution of focus in Austronesian

Huang, H and S. Huang. 2007. Lexical perspectives on focus constructions in Tsou. *OL*

Week 9: Voice and discourse explanation of transitivity

Reading:

Huang, S. 2002. The pragmatics of focus in Tsou and Seediq. *Language and Linguistics* 3.4:665-694.

Huang, S. and M. Tanangkingsing. 2011. A discourse explanation of transitivity in Kavalan, Squliq and Tsou.
Tanangkingsing, M. and S. Huang 2007. Cebuano passives revisited. *Oceanic Linguistics* 46.2

Week 10: Ditransitive constructions

Reading:

Haspelmath, M. 2005. Types of ditransitive constructions. *WALS*, chapter ??

Second research report due. Topic: forms and functions of reduplication
Blust, R. 1998. Ca- reduplicaton and PAN grammar. *Oceanic Linguistics* 37: 29-64.

Oral presentations of second research reports

Week 11: TAM, modality and the coding of reality

Reading:

Cheng, Y. and L. Sung. 2015. Modality in Kanakanavu. To appear in *OL*

Week 12: CV and a typology of causation and benefaction

Reading:

Kittila, 2009 Recipient –prominent languages and benefactive-prominent languages

Margetts, A. 2004. **From implicature to construction: emergence of a benefactive construction in Oceanic.** *OL* 43/2: 445-468.

The 3rd research report due next week. Topic: directional terms or Demonstratives/deixis.

Week 13: Oral presentations of reports

Relative clause, nominalization and clause structure in FL

Reading:

Rau, V. 2002. Nominalization in Yami. *L &L* 3/2: 165-196

Zeitoun, E. 2002. Nominalization in Mantauran. *L&L* 3/2: 242-282.

Ross, M. 2002.

Reid, L. 2003 review of NMZ in OL 42.2 546-553.

Week 14 serial verb constructions

Reading:

Yeh, Maya Y. and S. Huang. A study of triple verb serialization in four Formosan languages. OL

Week 15 : Pivot, control and anaphoric linkage

Reading: Van Valin 2005 syntax-semantics interface, chapter 5

Week 16: language of motion/emotion: toward a semantic typology

Reading:

Hsieh, Fuhui. 2005.

Huang, S. and M. Tanangkingsing. 2005. Reference to motion. OL

Week 17: languages of small communities; variability and stability in Formosan syntax

Reading:

Huang, H. and S. Huang. Beyond PAS: discourse pragmatics NPs in Tsou.

Perkins. 1993.

Week 18 oral presentations of term reports