



Course Title: Languages of the World
Course Code: WSP 313
Instructor: Dr. Asya Pereltsvaig

Course Summary: *Please see course page for full description and additional details.*

Grade Options and Requirements:

- No Grade Requested (NGR)
 - As this is a one-day workshop, no work will be required outside of class, and no credit shall be received. Proof of attendance will be provided at the end of the workshop.

**Please Note: Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.*

Tentative Outline:

- Languages around the world: How many languages are there? Where are they spoken? Do all languages have a written form?
- In what ways do languages differ from one another?
- Sounds in languages of the world: how are sounds classified? what systems are there to transcribe (write down) sounds? which sounds are typical and which sounds are exotic? how to pronounce clicks? why do some languages harmonize vowels? what makes various dialects/accents of English sound so different from one another?
- Grammars in languages of the world: how are words put together in different languages? how are phrases and sentences composed from individual words? are there “primitive languages” with no grammar? are there languages with more complicated grammar than English?