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Dear colleagues and students,

We are pleased to announce that this year our very own Jena Summer School of Indo-European (JeSSIE) will take place again! It will focus on Classical Armenian and it will be hosted 19-23 September at the Seminar für Indogermanistik of FSU Jena.

We will bring together some of the most renowned experts in Classical Armenian and the History of the Caucasus:

Prof. Dr. Ronald Kim (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)

Prof. Dr. Daniel Kölligan (Universität Würzburg)

Prof. Dr. Birgit A. Rasmussen (Olsen) (University of Copenhagen)

Prof. Dr. Timo Stickler (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)

Our Summer School would like to offer you a broader experience, with a combination of classes and other activities. If you would like to participate, please register by writing to matilde.serangeli@uni-jena.de no later than August 31. See below for further information.

The final programme will be announced on the homepage of the Department of Indo-European Studies by the end of August.

We look forward to your participation!

With best regards,

The Organising Committee

Martin Kümmel and Matilde Serangeli

➤ Preliminary Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.30 am	<i>Welcome!</i>				T. Test
10-12 am	A. Introduction I and Writing System	A. Introduction II	C. Nominal Morphology	E. Verbal Morphology	X. Excursion
12-1.30 pm	<i>lunch</i>				
1.30-3.30 pm	B. Phonology	C. Nominal Morphology	D. Relations and Contacts I	C. Nominal Morphology	
3.30-4 pm	<i>break</i>				
4-6 pm	B. Phonology	E. Verbal Morphology	E. Verbal Morphology	D. Relations and Contacts II	End of the School
6 pm	<i>end of the day</i>				
ca. 8 pm	free evening	K. Culture	J. Social Dinner	R. Read & Quiz	

➤ Description of the Single Sections

A. Introduction: History and transmission – Timo Stickler and Martin Kümmel

This section focusses on a general introduction to the Armenian branch from a historical point of view. Not only linguistics then, but also history, literature, and the writing system. Little is known about the origin of the Armenians, but we will try to answer the following questions:

- Who are the peoples speaking the language of the Indo-European Armenian branch?
- How did they arrive in their geographical place and how is their history relevant to the study of their language?
- What was the historical setting in which the Classical Armenian culture and literature developed?
- Which writing system did they develop and on which writing media is Armenian attested?
- How can we read an Armenian text?

B. Phonology – Ronald Kim

This section offers a descriptive and historical analysis of the Classical Armenian phonological system. We will learn about the relations between spelling, phonology and phonetics, and we will get to know the most characteristic phonological phenomena characterising Armenian versus the other Indo-European branches. This implies looking at inherited features and internal developments as well as influences from language contact.

C. Nominal Morphology – Birgit A. Rasmussen (Olsen)

This section offers an overview of the inflection, word-formation, and declension of Classical Armenian. The focus will be on the inherited and innovative aspects of this branch with respect to the Indo-European morphological system.

D. Relations and Contacts – Ronald Kim and Martin J. Kümmel

This section is devoted to the classification of Armenian among the Indo-European languages, with a special interest in separating inherited elements from so-called *einzelsprachige* elements, and from those due to language contact. This section will give particular attention to the Graeco-Armenian question (I) and the Armenian-Iranian contacts (II).

E. Verbal Morphology – Daniel Kölligan

The last few years have witnessed significant advances in the understanding of the Armenian verbal morphology. This section offers an overview of the Armenian verbal system, and analyses its development from the Proto-Indo-European stage to Classical Armenian.

T. Test

What is better than a test to check what you have learned in class?

K-J-R. Culture, Social Dinner, Read & Quiz

We invite all participants to spend three evenings with us where we can speak and learn about Armenian and a lot of other linguistic topics. We are organising for you (a) a discussion on Armenian cultural topics, (b) a social dinner in which we will have a chance to know each other and our research better; and (c) a last evening before departure with readings on Armenian and quiz-games.

X. Excursion

We would like to show you one of the best-preserved Medieval centers in Germany: Erfurt, the capital of Thuringia. Its first settlement goes back to the Paleolithic, but the city is mostly famous to have been one of the oldest Germanic settlements and for its Medieval presence. Erfurt University was one of the oldest German universities, and counted some famous students such as Martin Luther, Meister Eckhart and Max Weber. Registration for the excursion can be made until the 4th of September. Once we know the number of participants we will be able to provide further details. A round train ticket costs less than 10 Euro, and each participant can decide (of course!) if they wish to visit a museum or not.

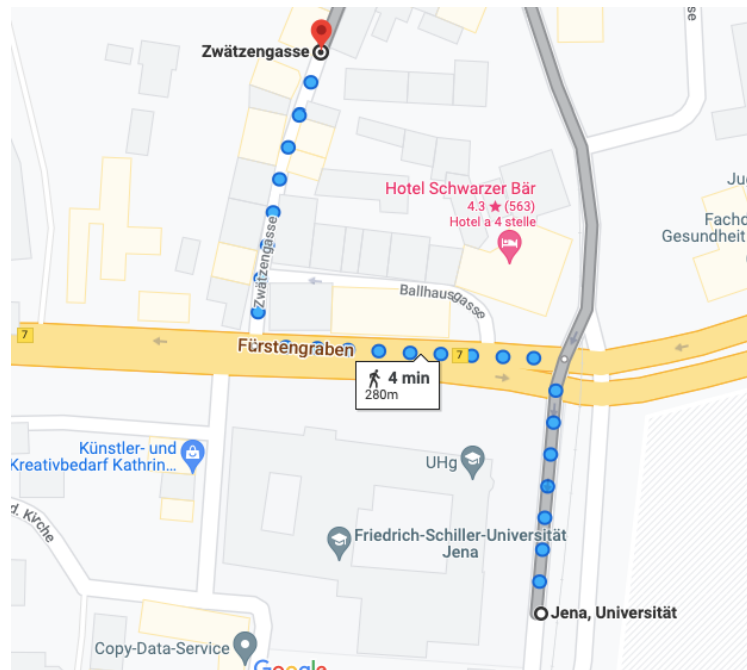
➤ Bureaucracy

- Our Summer School gives you 2 ECTS. Please let us know in advance which specific certificate your university needs for accepting our ECTS.
- At the end of the Summer School we will give an attendance certificate to all participants.
- We cannot offer any financial support for accommodation and travel costs. However, we strongly encourage you to check, especially if you come from Germany, the plenty of *Stiftungen* that offer financial support for studying over Summer.
- Please let us know if you would like to participate no later than the 31th of August.
- To register please send an email at matilde.serangeli@uni-jena.de with the following information: affiliation, career stage, and please mention whether you have already studied Armenian, Greek or Indo-Iranian, or whether you have any background on historical-comparative linguistics.

➤ Practicalities

- We would very much like to hold this event in person. However, we cannot predict how the pandemic situation will be in September. In the worst scenario, we will switch to an Online format.
- How to reach Jena:
From the airport: the best choice is Frankfurt or Berlin, and then either by bus (<https://global.flixbus.com/>) or by train (over Erfurt or Leipzig, respectively)
- From the railway station: From wherever you come from, the best way is always to arrive at Jena West or Jena Paradies. The latter is the nearest station and is ca. 10-15 minutes on foot from the institute

(Zwätzengasse 12A), where the Summer School takes place. From Jena West you can take the Bus 15 direction Rautal and to get off at *Universität* stop (see map), or, since this bus does not go too often, you may also take another bus to the city center (Stadtzentrum) and walk from there, or just walk directly from the station (ca. 20 minutes).



- Accommodation options (there are many others in Jena, these are just a selection out of our direct or indirect experience):

Zur Noll: <https://zurnoll.de/>

Gasthof zur Schweiz: <https://www.zur-schweiz.de/home.html>

Hotel Schwarzer Bär Jena: <https://www.schwarzer-baer-jena.de/en/home-en/>

Hotel Eulensteins: <https://www.eulensteins.de/>

A more informal and reasonably priced solution: <https://hostel-jena.de/> or (even if not close to the city center) <https://gaestehaus-jena.de/>

- Please note that the 20th of September is public holiday. This means that most places will be closed (including supermarkets!). We recommend that you think in advance (on Monday) about this issue, since you might be surprised about how Germany takes seriously opening hours on public holidays!