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Introduction to Albanian

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GOALS: The purpose of this course is to offer an introduction to the most important aspects of Albanian linguistics from an Indo-European perspective, covering, in a necessarily abbreviated way, the external and internal history of the language (Proto-Indo-European to Albanian, dialect differentiation within Albanian, and Albanian as a Balkan language) and a sketch of key features of the structure of the language. I hope too to impart a sampling of some practical aspects of using the language.

READINGS: There are four general and highly readable surveys (see below) covering various aspects about the language, and these constitute the readings for the course:

- a. Shaban Demiraj: chapter in Ramat & Ramat volume on IE languages
- b. Benjamin Fortson: chapter on Albanian in his IE book
- c. Eric P. Hamp: article in Pergamon Encyclopedia
- d. Xhevat Lloshi: chapter in U. Hinrichs volume on Balkan languages

(and note also Hamp 1972, a bibliographic essay: "Albanian". In *Current Trends in Linguistics 9 (Linguistics in Western Europe*, ed. by T. Sebeok), pp. 1626-92. The Hague: Mouton)).

In addition, there are two internet resources worth checking out:

- a. the excellent, but highly compressed, set of notes on the structure of Albanian prepared by Victor Friedman: http://www.seelrc.org:8080/grammar/pdf/albanian_bookmarked.pdf.
- b. the Albanian lessons prepared by me, Angelo Costanzo and Jonathan Slocum for the University of Texas Linguistics Research Center: "Albanian Online", on the web at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/lrc/eieol/albol-0-X.html>).