APPRECIATING LINGUISTICS: A TYPOLOGICAL APPROACH

PRE-REQUISITES: Any bachelor degree

COURSE OUTLINE:

This course appreciates linguistics as an academic discipline that focuses on the understanding of what natural language is and what systematicity of language comparison deals with. Following the typological approach, this course investigates both the structure (form) and usage (function) of language. Because of its focus on the issue of language typology, this course deals with the languages of the world in terms of the grammatical features they have in common.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR:

Prof. Anindita Sahoo obtained her PhD from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. Her PhD thesis analyzes passive constructions in South Asian languages such as Odia, Kharia and Malayalam. Her primary research interests are in Linguistic Typology and Syntax. Her recent publications focus on the typology and grammaticalization of passive and copula constructions. She is also interested in language and communication studies from an acquisition and cognitive processing perspective.

COURSE PLAN:

Week 1: Linguistics: Some Fundamental Concepts
Week 2: What is Language Typology: Form and Function
Week 3: Lexical Typology
Week 4: Morphological Typology
Week 5: Syntactic Typology
Week 6: Phonological Typology
Week 7: Semantic Typology
Week 8: Pragmatic Aspects of Language Typology
Week 9: Typology and Language Change
Week 10: Language Universals and Linguistic Typology
Week 11: Language Universals and Linguistic Typology (Contd.)
Week 12: Drafting Typological Profile of an unfamiliar language with the help of Reference Grammar

TYPE OF COURSE: Rerun | Elective | UG
COURSE DURATION: 12 weeks (20 Jul’20 - 9 Oct’20)
EXAM DATE: 17 Nov 2020