## A SHORT GENERAL SKETCH OF LINGUISTIC SCIENCES DEVELOPMENT

#### ANTIQUITY PERIOD

Pharmakon Metaphor
Greek 'pharmakon'
means both medicine and
poison!

(See J. Derrida about it)

"Traditional" (Theoretical Rhetoric and Grammar /Partes Orationis or Parts of Speech theory/, interlined with pieces of Philosophy of Language and Semiotics.
See S. Augustini 'De dialectica liber').

#### ANTIQUITY PERIOD

/Learning Language for applied task-solving activities Power, Business, Religion/

NB! Ferdinand de Saussure distinguishes mainly between High Philology and Grammar periods within European Antiquity, acknowledging only these two as scientific approaches to language.

#### AERA NOVA

Biblical Metaphor	Latin is the language of	
/God is Power.	science and faith.	
Learning Language as	Scholasticism /	
a key to Knowledge	Logicism and	
and Understanding	Mysticism	
Divine/		
Renaissance	Translation boom.	
[rɪˈneɪs(ə)ns, -ɒ̃s]	Vernacular languages	
	and National languages	
	construction boom	
Enlightenment Age	Indo-European studies	
/Knowledge is		
Universal Power/		

# SCIENTIFIC TURN (ON THE VERGE OF XVIII AND XIX CENTURIES)

Naturalistic / Tree of	Comparative Linguistics	
languages metaphor	(Genetic, Comparative,	
/Searching for Proto-	Typological, Taxonomic):	
Language and finding	Mainly cognates and	
correspondences/	Morphology based	
Philosophy of language	Wilhelm von Humboldt	
	Philosophers and linguists	
	in search of defining human	
	language as entity	
Logicism	Contrastive	
Psychologism,	('Logical',	
Sociologism	Psychological,	
	Sociological)	

#### SCIENTIFIC TURN (LATE XIX CENTURY)

Scientism Challenging harmony with algebraic tools.	Die Junggramatiker Early Ferdinand de Saussure
Chess Metaphor	Late Ferdinand de Saussure
	Linguistics per se:
	Structural (based on
	Opposition),
	Areal Linguistics
	Linguistic Characterology

# SCIENTIFIC TURN (ON THE VERGE OF XIX AND XX CENTURIES)

Chess Metaphor	Functional (based on defining and attributing functions),
Chess Metaphor	Phenomenology of levels of Language System and Linguistic Analysis levels
Chess Metaphor	Structural and Functional Linguistics

#### MID XX CENTURY

Post-WWII

Encoding and Decoding Tool

Metaphor

Modern or mid-XX Century

Linguistics

(Different trends of

Psycholinguistics,

Sociolinguistics,

Paralinguistic and

Context Semantics studies)

Transformational-Generative

Grammar /Noam Chomsky/.

Syntactic semantics.

Dynamic linguistics

PS. Also Cultural Identity metaphor –

e.g. in Gender Studies esp. in the West/

#### MIDDLE AND END OF XX CENTURY

Linguistic Games Metaphor	New Wave (Syntactic Semantics, Linguistic Pragmatics, Text Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, NLP etc.; All kind of Applied
	Linguistics Research and other
Linguistic personality metaphor	Engineering Linguistic Projects, Political Linguistics and Lingvodidactics / Lingua- Didactics included.

## END OF XX CENTURY AND EARLY XXI CENTURY

Artificial Intelligence

Metaphor

Neurolinguistics?

Corpora linguistics?

Big Data linguistics?

WWW Extremism

linguistics?

#### WHAT FELL OUT?

Two Key Evergreen Metaphors!

Cognitive metaphor:

Thread of thought
metaphor =
Hermeneutic
Instrument metaphor

Communicative metaphor:

Rhetor (orator ['ɔrətə],
rhetorician
[ˌret(ə)'rɪʃ(ə)n] /
Linguistic personality /
Communicator
metaphor

Linguistics is the scientific study of human language. As such, it regards the ways in which members of a particular discourse community conceptualize their experience, encode it in a linguistic form, and then use that code in social interaction.

Language powerfully conditions all our thinking about social problems and processes.

This explains why the systematic study of a language necessarily regards both cognition (the way in which language structures thoughts in the human mind) and communication (the way in which language serves social interaction).

Famous mathematician, linguist and visionary Noam Chomsky claims that although different groups of people speak different languages, all human languages are similarly governed by common *rules*, or principles that are *universal*.

**Features of language** - /proposed by Charles Hockett/ the features that distinguish human language from other communication systems

#### Human Language and Animal Communication

• **Discreteness** Messages in the system are made up of smaller, repeatable parts rather than indivisible units. a word, for example,

can be broken down into units of sound.

- **Displacement** the language user can talk about things that are not present—the messages can refer to things in remote time (past and future) or space (here or elsewhere).
- **Productivity** Language users can understand and create never-before-heard utterances.
- **Duality of patterning** a large number of meaningful utterances can be recombined in a systematic way from a small number of discrete parts of language. For example, suffixes can be attached to many roots, and words can be combined to create novel sentences.

#### FOR YOUR GLOSSARY

Language Acquisition - natural, unconscious process of language development in humans that occurs without instruction

Language Learning - process of gaining conscious knowledge of language through instruction design.

#### Linguistic universalia / based on David DeGraaf/

#### All languages perform the same tasks:

- a) Indicate how the content is to be understood.
- b) Identify actors, qualities, and action, as well as the relations between these.
- c) Formulate propositions and logical relations between these.
- d) Introduce actors, keep track of them, and assign their roles.
- e) Distinguish background information from main actions.
- f) Show contrasts and mark the unexpected and the important.

# FERDINAND DE SAUSSURE SPLIT METHODOLOGY OF LINGUISTIC STUDIES IN TWO REALMS

Linguistics			
Static Linguistics	Evolutionary		
	Linguistics		
Synchronic	Diachronic		
[sɪŋˈkrɒnɪk] study [ˌdaɪəˈkrɒnɪk] stud			
of language or of language or			
languages	languages		

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Synchronic linguistics is clear about distinction between paradigmatic and syntagmatic relationships between signs within Language system.

Comparative linguistics is a branch of historical linguistics that is concerned with comparing languages to establish their historical relatedness.

Linguistic studies
(разделы языкознания)

(разделы языкознания)			
Philosophy of	Theory of	Research in	Engineering or
language	(human)	particular	Applied
	language	languages	Linguistics
What is	What is a	What is this one	Designing new
Language?	language	linguistic	languages
	system?	system like?	(artificial or not
			quite artificial –
			e.g. Modern
			Hebrew)
What is a	How does it	How does it	Developing
language?	function?	work?	linguistic skills
		(Pragmatics)	for special
			purposes

Pedagogy ['pedəgədʒi] may be viewed as a subarea of human interpersonal communication and the field of *applied linguistics* research.

## Now a few questions for you to tell pedagogical tools from linguistic ones.

- 1) What is really high level of mastering a language? Can it be achieved by a human?
- 2) How can one's speaking ability be measured?
- 3) How can one's speaking ability be improved?
- 4) What methods need to be used to acquire the desired linguistic and communicative competence?
- 5) How can you predict development of language you learn (or teach) in the course of another decade?

The chief goal of the nineteenth-century historical and comparative linguists was to develop and elucidate the genetic relationships that exist among the world's languages.

They aimed to establish the major language families of the world and to define principles for the classification of languages.

They based their theories on observations of regular sound correspondences among certain languages.