

Field	Linguistics
Lecturer	Dr Katarzyna Buczek
Topic	Language change
Seminar aims and description	<p>The aim of this seminar is to assist students in writing an M.A. thesis dealing with the notion of language change, its types and causes. In this seminar students will explore historical (morphological and phonological) changes affecting the English language and its lexicon. The participants of the seminar will also be encouraged to look at language change from the sociolinguistic and extra-linguistic perspective as well as discuss the influence of culture, media and technology on language change.</p> <p>Students will be required to give presentations on selected topics and actively participate in class discussions.</p>
Sample bibliography	<p>Aitchinson, Jean. 2001. <i>Language change. Progress or decay?</i> Cambridge: Cambridge University Press</p> <p>Croft, William 2001. <i>Explaining Language Change. An Evolutionary Approach.</i> London: Longman.</p> <p>Hickey, Raymond (ed.) 2003. <i>Motives for language change.</i> Cambridge: University Press.</p> <p>McMahon, April. 1994. <i>Understanding language change.</i> Cambridge: University Press.</p> <p>Milroy, James 1992. <i>Linguistic variation and change. On the historical sociolinguistics of English.</i> Oxford: Blackwell.</p>