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Typology of Siberian Languages

Recommended reading:


Topics:

Lecture 1: **Introduction** (Siberia, the languages and their speakers, typological overview) + **Phonology** (suprasegmental): vowel harmony; outliers (Ket tones, Itelmen labialization)

Lecture 2: **Nominal Morphology**: large case systems; Dative-Allative distinction; possessive constructions; outliers (Ket gender, Nivkh numeral classifiers)

Lecture 3: **Verbal morphology**: verbal argument indexation; aspect/aktionsart: morphology vs. auxiliary verb constructions; future imperative; voice

Lecture 4: **Topics in morphosyntax**: negation; encoding of definiteness

Lecture 5: **Topics in syntax**: subordinate clause predicates; participial relative clauses; marking of direct objects