PS/HS Introduction to Historical Linguistics
WS 2005/2006
Course outline

	date	topic
01	13.10.05	Introduction, types of linguistic change
02	20.10.05	**A: Findings** Sound change: types and motivations
03	27.10.05	Phonetic vs. phonological change
04	03.11.05	Analogical change
05	10.11.05	Morphological change and folk etymology
06	17.11.05	Syntactic change: word order
07	24.11.05	Syntactic change and typological plausibility
08	01.12.05	Lexical change: borrowing and lexical loss
09	08.12.05	Semantic change
10	15.12.05	**B: Explanations** Language reconstruction strategies
11	05.01.06	Internal reconstruction
12	12.01.06	Proto-forms and their rivals
13	19.01.06	Models of change: wave theory, family tree theory
14	26.01.06	The Generative model of language change
15	02.02.06	Explanatory adequacy in linguistic change

Talk requirements:

Length: 20min (PS) /25-30min (HS)
Handout: obligatory

Term paper requirements:

Length: 10 pages (PS) / 15-20 (HS)
Font: 12pt Times New Roman
Line control: 1,5 spaced
Layout: Justified ("Blocksatz")

Please include the following text in your term paper
(frontpage or preface):

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Unterschrift:

Course syllabus (selection)

General overview

Bynon, Theodora (1993) *Historical linguistics*. Cambridge, CUP.
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Special interest

Fischer, Olga (ed.) (2000) *Pathways of change: grammaticalization in English*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
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