

Recent developments in Semitic and Afroasiatic Linguistics

Five teaching modules at Addis Ababa University, March 10-14, 2014

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1st module, Monday, March 10, 2014

Lecture: Introduction: why is a broader Afroasiatic perspective useful for the study of Semitic

Discussion: Ethio-Semitic and Afroasiatic

Reading: Appleyard 2011; Crass & Meyer 2011; Edzard 2012; Frajzyngier 2012; Goldenberg 2013; Gragg & Hoberman 2012; Huehnergard & Rubin 2011; Meyer 2011

2nd module, Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Lecture: The finite–infinite dichotomy in a comparative Semitic perspective

Discussion: Issues in syntax: word order; coordination with converbs; number syntax

Reading: Edzard in press; Hetzron 1967; Lecarme 2002; Meyer 2012; Vennemann 2011

3rd module, Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Lecture: Compounding in Ancient and Modern Semitic: morpho-syntactic and semantic considerations

Discussion: Issues in morphology: the broken plural; internal reduplication; verbal and nominal compounding

Reading: Edzard 2009; McCarthy 1990; Ratcliffe 1998; Rose 2003

4th module, Thursday, March 13, 2014

Lecture: Guttural phonology and the Hebrew forms *primae hēt*

Discussion: Issues in phonology: gutturals; syllable structure

Reading: Alvestad & Edzard 2009; McCarthy 1991; Rose 1997

5th module, Friday, March 14, 2014

Lecture: Root structure and noun patterns; comparative lexicography

Discussion: Issues in lexical comparison: micro- and macro-comparison

Reading: Appleyard 1977; Bennett 1998; Bergsträsser/Daniels 1983; Ehret 1995; Kogan & Militarev 2000, 2005; Orel & Stolbova 1995; Ratcliffe 2012