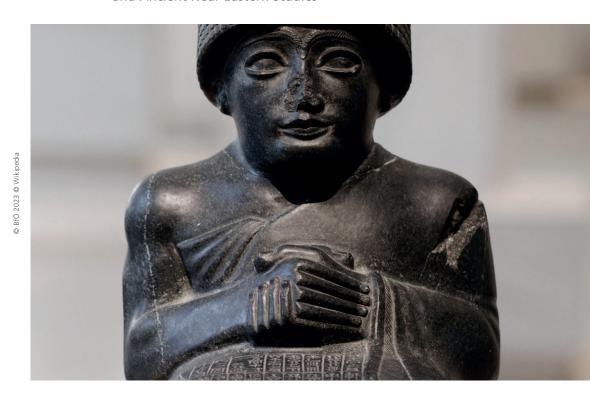


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## May 25 2023

09:00-09:15	Opening
09:15-10:00	Simo Parpola (Helsinki): A change of paradigm: why Uralists should study Sumerian, and vice versa
10:00-10:45	Peeter Espak (Tartu): Sumerian and Finno-Ugric languages: Aspects of a history of research
10:45-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:45	Gebhard Selz (Wien): Which Sumerian? How homophones and homoiophones as well as syntactical observations might influence linguistic comparisons
11:45-12:30	Cale Johnson (Berlin): How to think about language in the proto-cuneiform texts
12:30-14:15	Lunch break
14:15-15:00	Massimo Maiocchi (Venice): Notes on the early terminology for writing and accounting in Mesopotamia
15:00-15:45	Martin Joachim Kümmel (Jena): <i>Ob-Ugric as a relative of Sumerian?</i>
15:45-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-17:00	Gordon Whittaker (Göttingen): Euphratic, Ugric, and Sumerian: Interlinguistic vs. intralinguistic relationships
17:00-17:45	Discussion, chaired by Raija Mattila (Helsinki)

## May 26 2023

09:00-09:45	Sampsa Holopainen (Vienna): <i>Uralic etymologies and problems</i> of long-range comparison
09:45-10:30	Noah Kröll (Innsbruck): <i>Emesal as evidence for the linguistic position of Sumerian</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:45	Marcos Such Gutiérrez (Madrid): Difficulties using the Sumerian lexicon as a basis for a comparison: the case of the semantic field of animals
11:45-12:30	Alexander Steiner (Innsbruck): Terms of Spatial Perception and their Relevance for Linguistic Affiliation
12:30-14:15	Lunch break
14:15-15:00	Aleksi Sahala (Helsinki): Sumerian and Proto-Uralic in light of finite-state machines and Comparative Linguistics: A critical review
15:00-15:45	Peter Revesz (Lincoln-Nebraska): A comparison of Proto-Ugric and Sumerian grammars
15:45-16:30	Final discussion chaired by Simonetta Ponchia (Verona)