

SEMINAR ON AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES

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Maintaining Your German

Members of the German Group
person to contact with questions:
David Dollenmayer
N-210 x3-4779

A German maintenance course is
designed at helping people who have com-
pleted German I and II at MIT or the
equivalent to maintain their language
skills during the January break. The
emphasis will be on active use of ele-
mentary German in conversation, with
practice in reading and writing also if
necessary or desired. All interested
members of the MIT community are
invited. Regular attendance is preferred.
This activity meets TTh, Jan. 9-30, noon-
1 p.m. in 14N-225.

German Sing-Along

Leire Kramsch
N-226 x3-6343
Person to contact with questions:
Leni Castine
N-217 x3-4771

This activity will be an informal sing-
ing of old and new German popular
songs, with guitar accompaniment. It
will be open to anyone with a minimum
knowledge of German who likes to sing.
This activity meets W, Jan. 17, noon-1
p.m. in 14N-225.

Intermediate Russian Reading

Therine Chvany
N-216 x3-6341
Person to contact with questions:
Leni Castine
N-209 x3-4771, 4772

We will be reading Russian expository
prose. A few students now in Russian
classes who wish to prepare over IAP to
enter Russian IV in spring term will read
Prof. Pomorska's *Lecture in Russian History*
and will attend other Russian offerings.
Advanced students and others with com-
parable preparation in Russian are
welcome to join. There will be handouts.
Regular two-hour meetings with Prof.
Chvany, and tapes in the language
are available. This activity requires a considerable
commitment to independent work. Inter-
ested members of the MIT community
must sign up before the end of the term.
This activity is not for beginners. Regular attend-
ance is preferred. This activity meets
WF, Jan. 8-12, 10 a.m.-noon in 14N-
225. Additional sessions will be
announced.

Russian Language and Culture

Therine Chvany
N-216 x3-6341

the Soviet Union to discuss aspects of
Russian culture over refreshments.
Participants may come to individual
sessions.

The first meeting, with Prof. Chvany, is M,
Jan. 8, 2-3 p.m. in the Language Lab to
prepare for the sing-along. Participants
must at least know the alphabet. The
sing-along with Prof. Pomorska will be 3-
4 p.m. in 14N-225. Additional sessions
will be W, Jan. 10-31, 1-2 p.m. Watch
the bulletin board outside 14N-225 for
further details.

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Russian Trip

Patricia Chaput
14N-221B x3-3069, 4471

A nine-day trip to the Soviet Union is
planned with four days in Moscow, three
in Leningrad, and one in Helsinki, Fin-
land. Trip includes daily sightseeing,
English-speaking guide, theater tickets,
all meals and accommodations, all travel
to and from and within the Soviet Union.
Trip price is \$699. The cost will be
partially financed by participant fund-
raising. Deadline for participation in this
year's trip was in October. Orientation is
T, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in 14N-
225. Anyone interested in a similar trip
during IAP 1980 should leave his/her
name with the Foreign Language Office,
x3-4771.

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Readings in Ukrainian Literature

Krystyna Pomorska
14N-224 x3-4773
Person to contact with questions:
Leni Castine
14N-209 x3-4771, 4772

We will study poems and prose samples
from Ukrainian literature of the nineteenth
and twentieth centuries with readings in
Ukrainian and discussion in Ukrainian or
English. Interested students must contact
Prof. Pomorska before the end of the
term. Regular attendance is preferred.
The first meeting is M, Jan. 8, 1-2 p.m. in
14N-224.

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The Spanish Civil War

Margery Resnick
14N-207 x3-4771
Lorraine Ledford
14N-217 x3-3067
Person to contact with questions:
Margery Resnick

An overview of major issues in the
Spanish Civil War will be presented
through movies and discussions. We will
discuss the history of the conflict and the
literature it generated. The course is
taught in English. Participants may come
to individual sessions. This activity meets

Linguistics

Coordinators:
Prof. John Ross
20E-225 x3-3228
David Pesetsky
20D-102 x3-2526

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Australian Languages

David Nash
20D-102 x3-2526, 661-3218
Ken Hale
20E-225 x3-3228

This one-day seminar will bring together
linguists with an interest in the Aboriginal
languages of Australia. Contributions
brief or long are welcome. A half-hour
film on bilingual education in the
Northern Territory, "Not To Lose You, My
Language," will be screened. There will
also be time for informal discussion, and
follow-up meetings may be arranged.
This activity meets T, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. in
20E-214.

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Biological Basis of Behavior

Joshua Cohen

This activity is offered jointly with
Philosophy. It is described in No. 294.

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Language and . . .

David Pesetsky
20C-128 x3-2526
J. R. Ross
20E-225 x3-3228

A series of lectures for the general public
will concern the relation of language and
linguistics to other current problems. All
lectures will be 2-4 p.m. in 38-166.

January 9

"Language and Poetry: A Linguist Looks
at Literature"
Prof. Samuel Jay Keyser

January 11

"Language and the Computer: Computer
Understanding of Spoken Language"
Dr. William Woods
(Bolt, Beranek and Newman)

January 16

"Language and Reading: Human Under-
standing of Written Language"
Prof. Lila Gleitman

January 18

"Language and Education: Linguistics in a
Science Curriculum"
Prof. Wayne O'Neil

January 23

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Announcement

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