

## **The Linguistics Section of IHP: A Retrospective**

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### **Abstract**

History is a narrative by people. In this talk, I'll review the position of the Institute of Linguistics of Academia Sinica (ILAS) nowadays through a retrospective of the history of the Linguistics Section of the Institute of History and Philology (IHP). My perspective, inevitably, will involve a certain degree of subjectivity.

The main foundation of the Linguistics Section of IHP was established between 1929 and 1937 that is the predecessor of ILAS. What I'd like to say is, the fact that ILAS is inheriting the foundation can be clearly seen. The Institute of Linguistics has been an independent self-contained unit of Academia Sinica since 2004. This reveals the government's support of separating an independent discipline from an old existing institute. A state of changing does not entail a disconnection from the past, the young ILAS will expand itself on the basis of the solid foundation.

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