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# Celtic Languages

## A Comparative & Historical Introduction to Old Irish

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**WHEN:**

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Old Irish is the best attested Celtic language from the medieval period. It has rich and original literature, and its archaic vocabulary and complex morphology make it very important for Indo-European linguistics. This course will begin with an overview of the chief phonological developments separating Old Irish from other Celtic and Indo-European languages. We will then study the elements of Old Irish phonology and morphology, and in the second part of the course we will also read some simple prose and verse texts. While reading simple sentences, we will learn the etymologies of the basic vocabulary of Old Irish, and the morphological categories will be compared with cognates in other Celtic and Indo-European languages. Emphasis will also be placed on typological peculiarities of Old Irish syntax.



Ranko Matasović was born in Zagreb in 1968. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Zagreb in 1995. He was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in 1997-98, a Humboldt Fellow in Bonn University, in 2002-03, and a guest professor in the University of Leiden in 2008. He is currently full professor of comparative linguistics in the University of Zagreb and a junior Fellow of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. He was an invited lecturer in the universities and linguistic institutes in Madison, Yale, Bonn, Berlin, Jena, Mainz, Düsseldorf, Macerata, Naples, Leiden, Helsinki, Vienna, Moscow, Paris, Oxford, Ljubljana, Zadar, Rijeka, Osijek, and Sarajevo. Ranko Matasović's scientific interests include comparative Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, and Celtic linguistics, Caucasian languages, and language typology. He has published ten books, including *Gender in Indo-European* (Heidelberg, 2004) and *Etymological Dictionary of Proto-Celtic* (Leiden, 2009). He is married and has three children. His hobbies include horseback riding, cycling, and playing tin whistle.

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