

ARMENIAN HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

Topic 2: Armenian and the Laryngeal Theory

What are laryngeals, and why do we reconstruct them for Proto-Indo-European? How does their treatment in Armenian vary from that in Greek? What issues arise within Armenian concerning the development of laryngeal? Why has it at the same time been important for their original inception?

For a good introduction to the topic of laryngeals in general, read the first chapter of ZAIR (2012).

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