

# ARMENIAN HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

## Topic 6: Isoglosses and Subgrouping

With which languages does Armenian share most isoglosses? What does that mean for its appurtenance to a subgroup? Is it sensible to speak of a ‘Pontic group’ (or ‘Balkanindogermanische Sprachen’)?

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