

Nostratic Dictionary

By Aharon Dolgopolsky



Aharon Dolgopolsky was a comparative and historical linguist with a worldwide reputation. Together with the late Vladislav Illich-Svitych he was the founder of the field of Nostratic linguistics. The *Nostratic Dictionary* was first published by the McDonald Institute in 2008 in its 'Papers in Historical Linguistics' series and has been updated as and when amendments became available. The work sets out in detail the evidence from a wide range of languages in the Nostratic macrofamily which can be adduced to support the Nostratic hypothesis: that several of the world's best-known language families are related in their origin, their grammar and their lexicon, and that they belong together in a larger unit, of earlier origin, the Nostratic macrofamily.

The third edition was completed shortly before Aharon Dolgopolsky's death in July 2012 and was the result of much further research. As with the previous editions, this valuable work is freely accessible on the University of Cambridge's electronic archive DSpace.



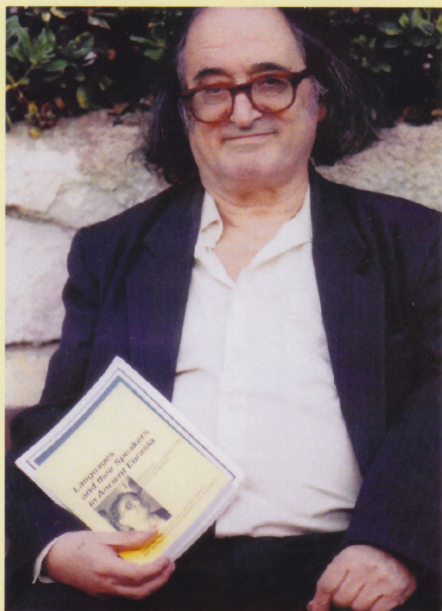
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Aharon Dolgopolsky's impact has been far-reaching and has influenced developments in prehistoric archaeology as well as his own field of comparative and historical linguistics. We, in Cambridge, take pride in our connection with him and are pleased to have been able to play a part in ensuring that his outstanding commitment to his subject coupled with his erudition will lead future generations to greater knowledge and contribute to the ongoing debate on the complex relationships between archaeology and language.



Aharon Dolgopolsky studied lexical and grammatical similarities among Indo-European, Hamito-Semitic, Kartvelian, Uralic and Altaic and drew the conclusion that these language families derive from a common source. Dolgopolsky and Illich-Svitych were the first to undertake a multilateral comparison of daughter-languages of Nostratic.

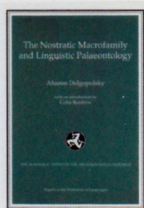
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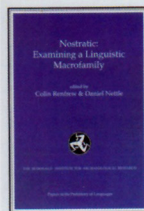
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