


Project Abstracts for PhD Student Recruitment AY2025/26

Department of Chinese Language and Literature

Project title	Research on the historical evolution of language contact in modern northern China	
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Keywords	<i>Modern Chinese; Northern Chinese; Language contact; Historical evolution; Phonetics-vocabulary-grammar</i>	
Project abstract	<p>This project will focusing on the language variation caused by the contact with the Chinese language in the north China (Northwest, North-China, and Northeast China), explores the language contact phenomena during the Tang, Song, Liao, Jin, Yuan-Ming (the contact between Mongolian and Chinese) , Qing (Manchu and Chinese) dynasties, and some Korean literature in Chinese. It discusses the evolution history of the phonetics, vocabulary, and grammar of modern northern Chinese under the contact with Altaic languages, At last, the project will summarizes the Laws of the evolution of Chinese in the northern region under the interference of various contact factors.</p>	