

Hellenic language: "Mother of Languages"

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What we mean by this statement? Is it only a statement that evolves idealistic, nationalistic and ideological dimensions or is it based on epistemological, both linguistic and historical evidences? This presentation will attempt a brief overview in order to verify the legitimacy of it and then it will give a personal experience perspective of how teachers of Greek will employ some elements to enhance teaching and learning in their classes regarding Greek language.

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Short Bio

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