The Indo-European Origins of the Armenian Language

This presentation will address Indo-European origins of Armenian language, possible Proto-Indo-European homelands, the place of Armenian in the Indo-European language family, and the age of the Armenian language.

All welcome

Pizza and refreshments will be served

All proceedings will be in Armenian

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