

European Minority Languages & Languages of European Minorities

CATALAN LANGUAGE COURSE

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In our endeavour to improve the knowledge of Europe and Latin America, the Center for European and Latin American Studies presents this small course that aims to give a first gaze into one of the most strong minority languages in Europe.

Catalan is a language spoken in 4 European countries (Andorra, Spain, France and Italy) by more than 9 million people, but understood by almost 12 million. The history of Catalan starts in the Early Middle Age border between Muslim and Christian kingdoms in the Pyrenees. Once one of the most influential Mediterranean languages, Catalan is facing now the threat of minoritisation due to competition with major languages such as French and Spanish, the heritage of a long period of prohibition during Franco's dictatorship, the lack of political support in several regions where it is widely spoken, even if moving back, the loss of prestige between the speakers and the overwhelming power of media to marginalize the already weaker languages.

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OUR TARGET

This course is primarily designed to benefit the students and teachers of Romanic languages and those interested in the European linguistic policies. The course will give a comparative approach to the grammar and morphology of Catalan in comparison with other languages related to Latin. The course is likely to be a precursor of further studies in the language at the Centre and in Spain.

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The course is free. However, to cover photocopying expenses, 100 Rupees will be charged.

CALENDAR

The course will be held in April 2009.

3 sessions per week of 2.5 hours. The final Schedule will be sent to the participants once registered.

REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATE

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All the participants with at least 80% attendance will be issued a certificate.

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