

sented in the publication of several research magazines. Influential magazines have included: “Philological Studies” (Tiranë); “Albanian Language” (Prishtinë), “Albanological tracing works” Prishtine “Studia Albanica” (Tiranë), “Jehona” (Skopje); “Gjuha Jone” Tirane, etc.

Important studies on the Albanian language outside Albania have been carried out by linguists in Kosova, Macedonia and Montenegro and a considerable number of works on the history of Albanian language, phonetics, grammar, onomastics, lexis, etc. have been published. Prof. Idriz Ajeti of Kosova has distinguished himself for outstanding contributions.

Some of the most eminent figures in Albanian Linguistics over the past two centuries are: Dhimitër Kamarda (an Arbëresh of Italy), Kostandin Kristoforidhi, Sami Frashëri, Aleksandër Xhuvani, Eqrem Çabej, Selman Riza, Kostaq Cipo, Mahir Domi, Shaban Demiraj, Androkli Kostallari and Idriz Ajeti.



The (Old) Albanian language is also being researched using the story of Adam & Eve. Image courtesy of Stefan Schumacher

In 2008, the Department of Linguistics at the University of Vienna began an in-depth study on (Old) Albanian. By discovering obsolete and restructured verbal forms, these researchers aim to explain the linguistic history of Albanian, as well as the reciprocal relationship between neighbouring languages and Albanian, which they say is the source of the suffixed definite article in Romanian, Bulgarian and Macedonian. The project uses the entire body of available Old Albanian literature dating from between the 16th and 18th centuries, and comprises 1,500 pages of text, almost exclusively Catholic religious literature. Upon completion, this will be the first full representation of the Old Albanian verbal system in the form of the lexicon and will contribute to Indo-European studies and linguistics as a whole.

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