

Field Methods Workshop

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This one-day mini-Field Methods workshop is aimed at teaching the basic essentials of field-linguistic investigation. It will focus on the Irires language, a largely undocumented language spoken in the Birds Head region, and is aimed at those with no previous acquaintance with Field Methods and elementary levels of linguistic training. We plan to work with three Irires speakers, breaking up into smaller groups for part of the day. Topics to be covered include: basic transcription and initial phonemicisation, text recording, transcription and translation, basic metadata and archiving, elicitation, and simple methods of using early-stage documentary material for community use. The course will be taught in Indonesian and/or English, as appropriate to the group.