Valutazione

Project code: **2022WHZJ98**

Project title: **The lexicalization of the adjective class in Indo-European and Semitic**

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Evaluation Summary Report

1. Quality of the research project - scientific merit and innovative nature of the project from an international perspective

CRITERIA	EVALUATION
a) Clarity and originality of the project objectives	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **8**
b) Relevance of the proposed project as to the specific scientific area	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **10**
c) Coherence as to the methodology adopted in terms of the project structure and the relative objectives with specific reference as to the contribution of the local units	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **8**
d) Positioning of the project as to the state of the art in the specific scientific area	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **7**

This project focuses on Part-of-Speech (PoS) theory with an in-depth study of the grammar of Sanskrit and other ancient Indo-European languages, and Classical Arabic and Semitic. Studying PoS theory with this language base, given the importance of this theory and these languages for the development of grammatical studies, is entirely consistent with "social sciences and humanities" as the specific scientific area, and the PIs are aware of the broader relevance of their study for the history of linguistics. Still, their presentation of key issues sounds more like an attempt to prove an already-arrived-at conclusion and not dispassionate hypothesis-testing. The methodology is traditional in nature (not particularly innovative), but is informed by current typological research and Is adequate for their tasks.

With reference to the score awarded, please provide the relative motivations by answering tothe following questions:

1. *To what extent are the project objectives structured in a clear and original manner?*
2. *What are the key points of the proposed project as to the specific scientific area?*
3. *In what way are the adopted project methodology and objectives, with specific reference as to the contribution of the local units, coherent with the project goals?*
4. *To what extent do the objectives go beyond the state of the art in the specific scientific area?*

2. Composition of the research team, feasibility and appropriateness of the project – scientific merit of the research team, feasibility of the work plan and appropriateness of the funding request

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a) Expertise of the Principal Investigator, the heads of the local units and the research team	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **10**
b) Ability as to the implementation of the proposed project (qualification, composition and complementarity of the team)	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **10**

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c) Organisation of the project as to the proposed objectives, the timeframe considered necessary to complete the project and the resources required (consumables, equipment, management)	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **8**
d) Consistency of the time commitments of the members of the research team, appropriateness and relevance of the spending plan as to the objectives and time distribution of the activities	*(provide a score from 1 to 10)* **9**

The project members have the necessary expertise and dedication essential for carrying out the research envisioned in the proposal; moreover, it appears that they will function well as a coherent unit, with a Vedic expert, an Arabic expert, and a typology expert. All have exemplary records of scholarship in relevant areas of investigation. There is, however, probably more work here than the two years of the project proposal would allow the team to accomplish. The budget is reasonable, since the greatest needs are in regard to time and "manpower"; no particular equipment is needed, for instance.

With reference to the score awarded , please provide the relative motivations by answering to the following questions:

1. *To what extent have the PI, the local unit heads and the research team demonstrated their scientific expertise?*
2. *To what extent is the project feasible and coherent in terms of competence, composition, and complementarity of the research team?*
3. *To what extent is the project consistent with the proposed objectives, the timeframe considered necessary for its completion and the resources required (consumables, equipment, management)?*
4. *To what extent is the time commitment of the members of the research team consistent with the objectives and activities of the project? To what extent is the spending plan coherent and relevant to the objectives and activities of the project)?*

3.Project Impact

CRITERIA	EVALUATION
Assessed on the basis of one or more of the following criteria: • advancement of knowledge • technological innovation and/or industrial applications • compliance with the principle of Do Not Significant Harm (DNSH) • scientific community and its strengthening • internationalisation of Italian research • social welfare and/or cultural developmen • dissemination/sharing of scientific knowledge	*(provide a score from 1 to 20)* **17**

The project certainly advances knowledge, but the nature of the topic of the project is such that it neither advances technology nor has industrial applications or benefits for social welfare. It does, though, achieve some degree of internationalisation via the broad language base it employs (stretching from India across the Middle East, to Europe, opening opportunities for collaborations with scholars in those language traditions. Moreover, it offers enhancement to cultural development through the insights it will offer into an important aspect (the notion of PoS) in the development of various grammatical traditions, and it looks to create useful modes of dissemination.

As to the awarded scoring, kindly provide the relative motivations by answering, also aggregately, the following questions:

1. *Does the project advance knowledge?*
2. *Does the project measure up to the challenges that research faces in terms of technological innovation and industrial applications?*
3. *Does the project respect the principle of Do Not Significant Harm (DNSH)?*
4. *Will the project have an impact on the scientific community? How will it strengthen it?*
5. *Will the project increase the internationalisation of Italian research?*
6. *Will the project contribute to social welfare and/or cultural development?*
7. *Does the project propose actions to disseminate knowledge and its results?*

TOTAL SCORE   87

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