1st YEAR PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY,

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Teacher

Lectures in practical English Phonetics, Phonology and Pronunciation given by **Kateřina Tomková** of the Dept. of English and American Studies.

Office hours: Tuesdays 2:10-3:40pm (not March 8), Wednesdays 12:30-2pm and Thursdays 11-12:30.

Changes in Thursday office hours: March 3 cancelled, March 10, April 7, May 5 and June 9 shifted to 2:10-3:40.

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Assessment

Your final mark in Phonetics and Phonology depends on the result in your final test (60%) on May 27 and subsequent pronunciation interview (40%). Students are recommended to talk to K.Tomková and have their pronunciation assessed **now** while there is still time to eliminate incorrect speaking habits.

May 27 – EXAM TEST followed by interviews with K. Tomková

June 10 – EXAM TEST, 2nd regular date and resit

June 24 – EXAM TEST resits

September 9 – EXAM TEST resits

Sources

- Regular attendance at lectures
- Professor Krčmová's *Obecná fonetika a fonologie* in the IS (student-stud.materiály-kód předmětu)
- Gimson's *Pronunciation of English*, first 7 chapters; bookshop/SAC/IS
- Rudiments of Linguistics, chapter on Phonetics by Ludmila Urbanová
- A practical course in English pronunciation, xeroxed copy and tape (SAC)
- www.photransedit.com/Online/Text2Phonetics.aspx

Syllabus

Date	Event; Accent	1 Organization; 2 Hints for pronunciation; 3 Theory; 4 Listening; 5 Transcription and/or description of accent spoken	Reading assignment
March 18 9:10-9:55	Startin' Somethin'; American	1 Introduction of subject and its facilitator; dates. Downloading silipa93 into your computers. 2 Suprasegmental features (stress, rhythm and intonation) as opposed to segments, sounds (vowels, diphthongs and consonants) diagnoses and FORM. Common mistakes, collection of errors. 3 Delimitation of Phonetics (concrete, discreet sounds) and Phonology (works with phonemes and their functions in the system of a language). The succession of phoneticians at UCL: Henry Sweet, Daniel Jones, A.C. Gimson, J.C. Wells. 4 The English Language in 24 Accents (youtube). 5 American accent is RHOTIC, NASAL, with certain vowels more open such as /□/ and /□// and FLAPS of intervocalic /τ/. On the suprasegmental level, it associates STRESS and DURATION in some positions. Compare RP and GenAm pronunciations of words such as Veronica, economy, economist, economics and economical.	
9:55-10:40	Standards; RP	2 Synthesis of skills. Standard versus accents. Perceptions. Speech models. Dictionaries. 3 Spoken versus written communication. Redundancy. 4 Talking Proper. Educating Rita Part 1 starring Julie Walters and Michael Caine. 5 New trends in RP: INTRUSIVE R, SMOOTHING, /Y↔/ becomes /□ //, GLOTTALIZATIONS. An accent bearing elements of RP, a continuum of Cockney: Estuary English. Practice "Put it in the bottom of a bottle" pronounced as [∪πHY?I?IνΔ↔∪β□?↔μ↔∞↔∪β□?→]	Gimson 1 Communication up to p. 7
10:50-11:35		2 Articulatory settings in English and Czech.	Gimson 2

		. 5 Introducing the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).	Physiology of Speech pp. 8-17
11:35-12:20	St. Patrick's Day; Irish	1 Song: White Orange and Green. Find out who (what) a leprechaun is. 2 and 4 Famine by Sinéad O'Connor (word stress). Song lyrics: OK, I want to talk about Ireland Specifically I want to talk about the "famine" About the fact that there never really was one There was no "famine" See Irish people were only allowed to eat potatoes All of the other food Meat fish vegetables Were shipped out of the country under armed guard To England while the Irish people starved And then in the middle of all this They gave us money not to teach our children Irish And so we lost our history And this is what I think is still hurting me See we're like a child that's been battered Has to drive itself out of it's head because it's frightened Still feels all the painful feelings But they lose contact with the memory And this leads to massive self-destruction alcoholism, drug addiction All desperate attempts at running And in it's worst form Becomes actual killing And if there ever is gonna be healing There has to be remembering And then grieving So that there then can be forgiving There has to be knowledge and understanding All the lonely people where do they all come from An American army regulation Says you mustn't kill more than 10% of a nation 'Cos to do so causes permanent "psychological damage" It's not permanent but they didn't know that Anyway during the supposed "famine"	Gimson 3 Acoustic and Auditory Aspects of Speech pp. 18- 26





We lost a lot more than 10% of our nation Through deaths on land or on ships of emigration But what finally broke us was not starvation but it's use in the controlling of our education Schools go on about "Black 47" On and on about "The terrible famine" But what they don't say is in truth There really never was one

(Excuse me)
All the lonely people
(I'm sorry, excuse me)
Where do they all come from
(that I can tell you in one word)
All the lonely people
where do they all belong

So let's take a look shall we
The highest statistics of child abuse in the EEC
And we say we're a Christian country
But we've lost contact with our history
See we used to worship God as a mother
We're suffering from post traumatic stress disorder
Look at all our old men in the pubs
Look at all our young people on drugs
We used to worship God as a mother
Now look at what we're doing to each other
We've even made killers of ourselves
The most child-like trusting people in the Universe
And this is what's wrong with us
Our history books the parent figures lied to us

I see the Irish As a race like a child That got itself basned in the face

And if there ever is gonna be healing There has to be remembering And then grieving So that there then can be forgiving There has to be knowledge and understanding

All the lonely people
Where do they all come from
All the lonely people
Where do they all come from
We stand on the brink of a great achievement
In this Ireland there is no solution
to be found to our disagreements

		by shooting each other There is no real invader here We are all Irish in all our different kinds of ways We must not, now or ever in the future, show anything to each other except tolerance, forbearance and neighbourly love because of our tradition everyone here knows who he is and what God expects him to do. 5 Irish accent: rhotic, dark r's, clear l's, t-opening, th-stopping. / \(\beta / \text{ becomes } / \text{ \subseteq / \text{ copening}}. \)	
April 1 15:50-16:35	Scottish	2 and 3 Classification of sounds in relation to commonest mistakes made by Czechs Vowels. Criteria – openness (open, mid, closed), frontness (front, mid, back). Diphthongs: centring, I and Y dipththongs. Mod. Tendencies in BrE: /Y↔/becomes /□ / (sure, pure, endure); smoothing of triphthongs (shire x shower). Consonants. Manner of articulation: plosives, affricates, fricatives, nasals, approximants (liquids), semi-vowels. Place of articulation: bilabial, alveolar, velar, labio-dental, dental, palato-alveolar, lateral, palatal. Sonority: voiced, voiceless. Articulatory energy: lenis, fortis. Aspiration: voiceless plosives /π/, /τ/, /κ/ under stress, unless they are preceded by /σ/. The biggest problem with Czech segmental pronunciation is final-consonant devoicing. Exercise: /β/ bib and brace trousers /ϖ/ for the love of English /γ/ a big dog at home /δ/ time and tide wait for no man /ζ/ because I, is another, was nowhere, trees and other plants, buzz	Gimson 4 Phonetics of Sounds pp. 27- 39

	and hussle /Z/ massage and bath /δZ/ message and letter, his age was advanced 5 Scottish accents range from educated Scottish standard different from RP to the broadest referred to as Lallans. The Scots refer to themselves as the Mediterraneans of the North and Edinburgh as Athens of the North. Patron: St. Andrew (see left). Plant: the Scottish thistle (see above left). Pattern: tartans of the various clans in the Scottish Highlands. Scottish accent in films: Traispotting, Lord of the Rings. The Scottish accent has a velar setting, frequent monophthongizations; rhotic accent with a diversity of r realizations, /Y/=/v/, whales x Wales. Expressions: a wee bairn = a little baby, bonnie – beautiful, lad = boy, lass = girl, aye = yes, haggis = traditional dish.	
16:35-17:20	3 Classification of sounds practiced on a grid. Segmental Phonology, but also revision of physiology of speech, acoustic and auditory aspects of speech in Gimson's Pronunciation of English.	Gimson 5 Phonology of Sounds pp. 40- 53
	4 Transcriptions in John Trim's "English Pronunciation Illustrated".	
April 8	NO CLASS BUT INTERVIEWS POSSIBLE FROM 12 TO 1.	
April 15 15:50-16:35	3 History of phonetic research up to Prague School and present-day scholars	Gimson 6 History pp. 57- 63

16:35-17:20	Floppy	3 History and influences upon English Present-day pronunciation of English as a result of historical development	Gimson 6 Sound Change pp. 63-72 Gimson 6 OE, ME, EmE pp. 72-76
April 29		NO CLASS BUT INTERVIEWS POSSIBLE FROM 4:30 TO 6PM.	
May 6		NO CLASS BUT INTERVIEWS POSSIBLE FROM 12 TO 1PM.	
May 13 15:50-16:20		1 Organization of exam, sample test. 2 Suprasegmental practice. a) The 3 golden rules of English stress and rhythm You only stress words which you wouldn't leave out in a text message Stressed syllables are at constant distances from each other Any unstressed syllable at the beginning of a stress group is said very quickly. b) I've 'broken my 'glasses / 'How did you 'do it? / I 'dropped them on the 'floor / You must 'get them re'paired. c) 'I saw 'John last 'night / 'Over at this 'mother's / 'When I last 'saw him he was 'terribly 'worried / When 'I last saw him he was 'terribly worried, 'too. d) Jazz Chants by Carolyn Graham, hiphop music. e) J.D.O'Connor tunes. H.J. high jump. ⊆ Tune used for statements, imperatives, information and	Gimson 7 Accents pp. 77-87

	wh-questions. G.U. glide-up. ⊆⊂ Tune used for asking yes-no questions and in speaking to little children, people who are afraid (e.g. at the dentist's) and idiots. Caution: a patronizing tune! H.D. high dive ⊆	
	3 Accents of English FROM Gimson and recommended recordings.	
16:20-16:50	2 Suprasegmental practice – Da Da language contributed by Pavla Milerski	
16:50-17:20	Mock Final Test	
May 27	EXAM TEST 12-1.	
June 10	INTERVIEWS 9-10, EXAM TEST 10-11, INTERVIEWS 11-1	
June 24	EXAM TEST 12-1.	