.History of a linguistic science. Scientific linguistic schools as a part of a scientific paradigm

Linguistics -1) is the study of language as a system of communication.

Although linguistics has a very long history. The studies of language phenomenon have been carried out for centuries. It is fairly recently that linguistics has been accepted as an independent discipline.

Linguistics -2) the term "linguistic" appears from the Latin word "lingua" and this is the study of human natural languages. It studies all languages existing now. Those languages which existed in the past and may be disappeared; and those that may appear in the future. It studies languages in general.

The concept of linguistics is becoming the most essential term in the course of the history of this study.

There are 2 different conceptions how to study the history of linguistics:

1st **conception** describes all the traditions that are scientifically related to one or more aspects of that which can be called language or linguistic communication. This point of view is usually known as a <u>substantive understanding</u> (независимое понимание) of the history of linguistics. In this case we are to talk about heterogeneous (different) things.

Ex.: different mythological traditions relating to the origin of the language, popular believes, about different and similar things.

Speaking about this <u>substantive approach</u> we are to include the prehistory of linguistics, some naive opinions, some ideas of plain people and individuals who didn't have a scientific interest in language, in modern sense. In this case we are to mention those ideas which were introduced in philosophy in ancient Greece, Rome, India, China; theories that appeared in the middle ages, in the epoch of Renaissance & Enlightenment.

2-nd approach – methodological – alternative approach. The concept of linguistics reconstructs step by step the model of the respective linguistic theoretical approach. But inside this one there may be also different theories describing how to deal with the history of science.