

Some Points about the History of Studying Language Meaning in East

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Abstract:

Among most of the literatures -related to the history of linguistic studies in general and the study of meaningful units of language in particular- when the contribution of eastern countries is under consideration, one can only find a brief review over the Arabic linguistic tradition in the early centuries of the Hijra. Two questions can be proposed in this regard: 1) Is it logically acceptable that this very important subject, has been considered in East, just by Islamic scientists and only during this period of time, but not before or after that? And 2) If it is so, what is the reason of stopping this kind of investigation in 1500 A.C.

This paper attempts to clarify the contribution of eastern scientists about language studies, and also find some answers to the above-mentioned questions.

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