



CENTRE FOR ENDANGERED LANGUAGES TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

International Conference on 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS 23) From 5 - 7 July 2017

The International Conference on 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS 23) was held from 5 to 7 July 2017. It was organized and funded by the Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. George Van Driem, University of Bern, Switzerland was the keynote speaker of the conference

Chief Guest: Prof. K.V.Subbarao, Retired Professor, University of Delhi New Delhi was the chief guest of the conference.

One hundred eighty participants attended and presented papers in the conference. Twelve of them were foreign participants from Switzerland, London (UK), USA, France, Nepal and Thailand.

Research Scholars and 4th Semester students of the MA Endangered Languages of Tezpur University had poster presentations.

PHOTOGRAPHS WITH CAPTIONS



**Prof. George Van Driem addressing the audience of the
International Conference on 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium
Date: 05.07.2017 Time: 11:30 AM**



**Prof. Madhumita Borbora giving the welcome speech at the International Conference on 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium
Date: 05.07.2017 Time: 10:07 AM**



**Poster Presentation during the International Conference on 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium
Date: 06.07.2017 Time: 11:19 AM**

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
23RD HIMALAYAN LANGUAGES SYMPOSIUM
CENTRE FOR ENDANGERED LANGUAGES, TEZPUR UNIVERSITY
5 – 7 JULY 2017

DAY I

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

VENUE: COUNCIL HALL, TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

09.00 - 10.00	Registration
10.00 - 11.00	INAUGURAL SESSION
10.00-10.15	Welcome Address by the Coordinator, 23 rd HLS Organizing Committee
10.15-10.30	Introducing the theme of the Symposium
10.30-10.45	Inaugural Address by the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University
10.45-10.50	Address by Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University
10.50-11.05	Address by Prof. Van Driem
11.05-11.10	Vote of Thanks
11.10-11.30	Tea break
11.30-12.30	Keynote Address: Prof. George van Driem
12.30-01.30	SESSION- I Language and Linguistics Chair: K.V. Subbarao Venue: Council Hall
12.30-12.50	The Development and Implementation of a Writing System: Koč (Kiranti, Tibeto-Burman): Dorte Borchert
12.50-01.10	The Consequence of Code-Mixing the Adjective in NPs in Meiteilon-English: Tanmoy Bhattacharya
01.10-01.30	Raji: A Tibeto-Burman or Austro - Asiatic Language?: Kavita Rastogi

01.30-02.30	Lunch Break			
02.30-03.30	Session II Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building			
	Acoustic Phonetics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Temsunungsang T.	Syntax Room No (to be announced) Chair: Tanmoy Bhattacharya	Ethnolinguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Hari Madhab Ray	Applied Linguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Deepa Boruah
02.30-02.50	Acoustic analysis of the Nepali plosives Krishna Prasad Chalise	Tracing Burushaski through Case-marking Pritha Chandra	Tribal Development Boards and Ethnic Languages in the Darjeeling District Anderson Glashan	Influence of Assamese L2 on Mising L1 speakers: Should we accept Bidirectional Transfer in SLA studies? Sarat Kumar Doley
02.50-03.10	Vowel space in Assamese dialects Leena Dihingia Priyankoo Sarmah	Relative Clause in Tinkarlo Rajamathangi S	Language and the (Un) making of the Nation: Sri Lankan Identity in Carl Muller's The Jam Fruit Tree and Aubrey Collette's Editorial Cartoons Meenu Chaudhary	Issues in making dictionary: A case study of Liangmai Widinibou Charengna Wichamdinbo Mataina
03.10-03.30	Status of Stop Consonant in Mymensingia Shaima Fahmida Rashmika Goswami	DSM and DOM Phenomena in Assamese Manmee Bhattacharjya	Ghatu : The Language of the Gods Karan Gurung	The impact of Roman script for communication on Social Networking sites: A case study of Assamese language in India Bijit Bollov Borthakur Murchana Borah
03.30-03.45	Tea Break			
03.45-04.25	Session III Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building			
	Morphology Room No (to be announced)	Phonetics and Phonology Room No (to be announced)	Sociolinguistics Room No (to be announced)	Morphosyntax Room No (to be announced)

	Chair: Ritesh Kumar	Chair: Hemanga Dutta	Chair: Niladri Sekhar Dash	announced) Chair: Pritha Chandra
03.45-04.05	Affix Suspension in Tibeto-Burman Languages Tikaram Poudel	Role of lingual configuration on the production of coronal stops in Nepali Rajesh Khatiwada	Changing Language Forms for Maximum Communicability: A Case of Assamese-English Code-mixing in Digital Space Arundhati Mahanta Om Prakash	Adjective in Meiteiron (Manipuri) Pramodini Devi Nameirakpam
04.05-04.25	Reduplication as a Word Formation Phenomenon in Bodo Aleendra Brahma	Nasalization, Pre-nasalization and other morpho-phonemic processes in Gaddi Anusuya Nayak	Code mixing in Nepali Language spoken in Gangtok town Saraswati Mishra	Gender and gender agreement in Darjeelinge Nepali Nirmal Niroula

04.30-05.30	<p>Plenary Talk: K.V.Subbarao</p> <p>“Noun Modification in Tibeto-Burman Languages”</p> <p>Venue: Room No 11, G-Block, HSS building</p>
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09.30-10.50	<p>Day II</p> <p>Session IV</p> <p>Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building</p>			
	<p>Syntax</p> <p>Room No (to be announced)</p> <p>Chair: Pritha Chandra</p>	<p>Phonology</p> <p>Room No (to be announced)</p> <p>Chair: Priyankoo Sarma</p>	<p>Semantics</p> <p>Room No (to be announced)</p> <p>Chair: George van Driem</p>	<p>Classifier</p> <p>Room No (to be announced)</p> <p>Chair: Gautam K. Borah</p>
09.30-09.50	A Study on the Clause Structure in Phong Niharika Dutta	Lamkang Phonology Sumshot Khular Shobhana Chelliah	The expression of placement and removal events in Nepali Krishna Parajuli Anetta Kopecka	Associative Plural marker in Rajbanshi: A case of classifier, affix or construction? Hari Madhab Ray

09.50-10-10	Long Distance Binding and Opacity in Assamese Diganta Kumar Nath	English Loans and Nepali Phonology: An OT account Hemanga Dutta	Analysis of 'eat' expressions in Bangla using image-schema and metaphors and comparing productivity of these expressions in standard and colloquial Bangla Tanima Bagchi Rajesh Kumar	Class terms in Tai Khamyang Anujeema Saikia On the Absence of the numerals in the definite singular classifier phrase Gautam K. Borah
10.10-10.30	Case Marker in Thulung Suman Rai	Coda-less final syllables in Gaddi : a non - indo-aryan feature Sakshi Kalra	Noun Incorporation in Manipuri- A Semantic Extension Dhanapati Shougrakpam	A study of Classifiers in Assamese and Rabha Samhita B
10.30-10.50	Nominalization in Chungli Ao Naroti Jamir	Syllable Structure of Totok Chingkho Anisha Sinha	A Study on Some Selective Complex Predicates in Bangla Nivedita Mitra Mouparna Sen	Numeral Classifiers in Nepali Krishna Maya Manger

10.50-11.00	Tea break
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11.00-11.30	Poster Presentation Session I Venue: HSS Building Lounge (Ground floor)	
P1-01	Pooja Saikia	Characterization of the Assamese language on the basis of Chierchia's nominal mapping parameter
P1-02	Mayashree Mahanta	Ambiguity in Assamese Language: An Analysis
P1-03	Krishna Hazarika	The Particle "u" in Assamese
P1-04	Anjali Nair and Yangchen Roy	Phonological Distribution of Malayalam Dative Case Markers
P1-05	Bijayanti Haobam	Roots and Affixes in Somdal (a dialect of Tangkhul)
P1-06	Bediskiva Nath	Reduplication in Assamese

P1-07	Dhrubajyoti Doley	Noun Formation of the Mising Language of the Tani group
P1-08	Bandita Saikia	A lexical comparison of Standard Assamese and Barpetia variety of Assamese
P1-09	Elangbam Manimohon Meitei	The Negative Construction in Mao
P1-10	Rujab Muchahary	Word Formation in Bodo
P1-11	Pemlhamu Tamang	Phi-feature in Tamang
P-12	Murchana Lopamudra	Language Loss: A sociolinguistic survey of the loss of Assamese Traditional Knowledge System

11.20	Group Photo Session Venue: HSS Building Lounge (Ground floor)			
11.30-01.10	Session V Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building			
	Syntax Room No (to be announced) Chair: Madhumita Barbora	Ethnolinguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Pramodini Nameirakpam	Folklore and Culture Room No (to be announced) Chair: Sunil Kumar Dutta	General Linguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: KV Subbarao
11.30-11.50	Language Mixing in Assamese DPs: An Exoskeletal Approach Chandrika Baruah	Biate: An ethnolinguistic study Rajuram Boro Daimalu Brahma Monali Longmailai	Of Being Tiwa in Assam: Assimilation and Beyond Maitrayee Patar	Reconstructing a 2nd person mirative construction for Central Himalayan – and beyond? Marie-Caroline Pons
11.50-12-10	Tag Questions in Manipuri And German Niranjana Thokchom Ch. Yashawanta Singh	The Structure of Kinship words in Patriarchy and Matrilineal Societies (Special reference to Assamese, Garo and Khasi languages) Biswajit Das	Transitivity Analysis of Contemporary Legends of Assam Arunima Das	A Contrastive Study of Some Linguistic Features of Two Varieties of Bangla Gargi Roy, Rajesh Kumar

12.10-12.30	A brief discussion on the Compound verb constructions in the Assamese Language Sushanta Rajkhowa	Re-carved Histories and Local Realities: A Study of the Role of Science as Discourse in Shaping a Tai-Ahom Identity Kabita Chiring	“Burhi Air Xadhu” and the Politics of Writing the Folk Archana Deka	Nouns in Sukte : A Preliminary Investigation Arambam Sadananda
12.30-12.50	Predicate constructions in Bulu Puroik Ismael Lieberherr	An Ethnolinguistic Study of Personal Names in Khelma Pushpa Bhattacharyya Barshapriya Dutta	Some aspects of Folkloristics in Dimasa Monali Longmailai	Phonological pattern of sound change in Barpetiya Assamese Dulumani Das Murchana Lopamudra
12.50-01.10	Scrambling in Tinkar-Lo Bimrisha Mali	The Traditional Cultural Heritage of the Liangmai Naga in North East India Charengna Widinibou	Kinship Terms of Hunphun-Tangkhul Yatmi Luikham	Causatives in Mara Meenakshi Chaudhary

01.10-02.30	Lunch Break
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02.30-03.30	Session VI Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building			
	Sociolinguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Bornini Lahiri	Language Endangerment Room No (to be announced) Chair: Kavita Rastogi	Language Technology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Utpal Sharma	Typology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Tikaram Poudel
02.30-02.50	Conversational code switching: A case study on Bodo Jupitara Boro	Language Endangerment and Language Vitality in the Darjeeling- Sikkim Himalayas Samar Sinha	Extraction and processing of web news data to create a structured corpus Arpita Chakraborty Niladri Sekhar Dash	Typological profile of Kanashi: Some preliminary observations Anju Saxena Anna Sjöberg
02.50-03.10	Kinship Terms in Khelma Barshapriya Dutta Pushpa Renu Bhattacharyya	Documentation and Preservation of the Languages of the Primitive Tribe Groups (PGT): A Study of the Birhor Language of Jharkhand Uttam Kr Pegu Saket Bhardwaj	Decomposing Bangla Verbs as Decontextualized Autonomous Lexical Units for Multi-Domain Applications Niladri Sekhar Dash	Dirang Monpa and Tshangla - A Phonological and Lexical Comparative Study Ankita Karmakar
03.10-03.30	Sonowal Kachari: A case study of language loss in Assam Jenny Merry Daimari	A Tai-Khamyang perspective towards language maintenance" Nawaf Zahdaan Helmi Trisha Borgohain	Preparation of Digital Lexical Database from a Multi-Domain Sylheti Speech Corpus Amallesh Gope Rijumoni Rajput Kabita Kumari	Lexical Comparison of South Munda Languages Srikanth Kumar D
03.30-03.45	Tea break			

03.45-05.05	<p style="text-align: center;">Session VII Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building</p>			
	<p style="text-align: center;">Applied Linguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Niladri Sekhar Dash</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Syntax Room No (to be announced) Chair: Samar Sinha</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Language Technology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Amalesh Gope</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Negation Room No (to be announced) Chair: Tanmoy Bhattacharya</p>
03.45-04.05	<p>Teaching Communicative Assamese and Validation of Linguistic and Communicative Oral Language Tests: A few Anecdotes Juri Dutta</p>	<p>The structure of Koch-Rajbangshi as an SOV language Surajit Ray Narayan Gahatraj</p>	<p>Developing language resources for Bodo Ritesh Kumar</p>	<p>Negation in Biäte M Hemminlal Haokip</p>
04.05-04.25	<p>Language skills as critical factor for regional guides: Rural tourism sites of Himalayan valley of North East India. Mridul Dutta</p>	<p>Complementation Strategies in Tinker Payal Khullar</p>	<p>Ontological Representation of Amri-Karbi and Rabha Silpi Shikha Barkakati Himashree Baruah</p>	<p>Negation in Maram Amarnath Pathak</p>
04.25-04.45	<p>Language Loss in Assamese Aphasics Deepa Boruah</p>	<p>Differential Object Marking in Nepali Shrijana Chhetri</p>	<p>Interface Enabled Multilingual Information Retrieval Using Structured Thesaurus Database Dibyajyoti Sarmah Shikhar Kr. Sarma</p>	<p>Negation: with especial reference to Karbi Manik Rongpi</p>
04.45-05.05	<p>Analysis of the morphosyntax of causative verb in Assamese and its implication in computational morphology Palash Das Madhumita Barbora Utpal Sharma</p>	<p>Adjectives in Nepali Sourabh Chetry</p>	<p>Generation of Training Lexical Data Set in a Semi-Supervised Manner for Automatic Bangla Medical Text Identification Ankita Dhar Kaushik Roy</p>	<p>Negation in Chungli (Ao) Temsunungsang T. Temsunungsang</p>

06.30-07.45	Cultural Evening Venue: KBR Auditorium
08.00-09.00	Vice-Chancellor's dinner (Guest House)

09.30-10.50	Day III Session VII Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building			
	Language Politics and Gender Room No (to be announced) Chair: Debarshi Prasad Nath	Tone and Intonation Room No (to be announced) Chair: Rajesh Khatiwada	Morphosyntax Room No (to be announced) Chair: Diganta Nath	Negation/Typology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Ismael Leiberhr
09.30-09.50	Santali language and Politics Rejina Marandi	Behaviour of tone sandhi in different morphological structures in Mizo Wendy Lalhminghlui Phunuma Mazumdar Priyankoo Sarmah	Verb-pronominal Agreement and /ə~/ə/ Alternation in Mara Jyoti Sharma	Negative Construction in Hruso-Aka Sansuma Brahma Madhumita Barbora
09.50-10.10	Miyah Poetry: Arrival of a Speech Jyotirmoy Talukdar	Tone documentation: Tone periodic table, a new method to know tone Sahiinii Lemaina Veikho	Possession in Kokborok Samir Debbarma	A case study on negative markers in Sizang Bobita Sarangthem
10.10-10.30	The politics of language and ethnicity in North East India Dipak Sarma	Acquisition of Mandarin Tone by Non-Native Adult Speakers Amalesh Gope Prangshu Manjul	Noun Phrase and its Constituent Order in Inpui Laishram Bijenkumar Singh Waikhom Pinky Devi	Negative constructions in Nocte Syed Iftiqar Rahman
10.30-10.50	Sexism and Gender Inequality in Tai Ahom language Khammoun Phukan Arup Nath	Intonational phonology of various question types in Standard Colloquial Assamese Asim Twaha	Towards the existence of future tense in Meeteilon (Manipuri) Sanatombi Devi	Word Order Typology of Liangmai D. Mary Kim Haokip

10.50-11.00	Tea break			

11.00-11.30	Poster Presentation Session II Venue: HSS Building Lounge (Ground floor)	
P2-1	Hemlata Thapa	Phi-feature in Magar
P2-2	Bhim Kumar Sharma	Sentential and constituent negations in Nepali
P2-3	Bishnu Bhujel	Bhujel Language in Sikkim and Darjeeling: A language attitude study
P2-4	Trisha Borgohain	Case Marking in Tai-Khamti
P2-5	Guddu Prasad Basumatary	Naming system in Bodo: a linguistic study
P2-6	Manokh Hazarika	Part of Speech tagging: Issues and Challenges: with special reference to Tai Turung
P2-7	Kakali Talukdar and Sushanta Rajkhowa	A brief discussion on the quantification system in the Assamese Language
P2-8	Kabita Borah and Gitanjali Chetry	An Acoustic analysis of Kokborok Tone
P2-9	Bloomee Kalita	Nominalization in Assamese: a cognitive approach
P2-10	Bipasha Patgiri and Arup Kumar Nath	Onomastics of some tribal languages with special reference to Tai-Phake
P2-11	Reena Rai	Adposition in Kulung

11.30-01.10	<p style="text-align: center;">Session IX Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building</p>			
	<p style="text-align: center;">Morphology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Dorte Borchter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Typology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Marry Haokip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Morphosyntax Room No (to be announced) Chair: KV Subbarao</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Linguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Dan Regmi</p>
11.30-11.50	Anti-allophony or Anti-homophony: Balancing the morphological paradigm Paroma Sanyal	Discourse Continuity in Magar Kaike and Bhujel: A Functional-Typological Perspective Dan Regmi Ambika Regmi	Contraction and deletion in interrogative markers in Kakching Dialect Naorem Brindebala Devi Ch Yashawanta Singh	The Semantics and Grammar of Modality in Assamese Jahnabi Neog, Akansha Baruah Kangkana Pathak, Kakali Talukdar
11.50-12.10	Incorporating Classifier Predicates: Typological Perspective on Incorporated Classifiers and Related Phenomenon of Sign Language Morphology Michael Morgan	A Descriptive Analysis of Tense and Aspect in Sadri Albin Rico Xalxo	Grammatical Relations: S, A and P marking in Koro Nupur Sinha	Sounds and Syllables of Tai-Turung Prashanta Hazarika Manokh Hazarika
12.10-12.30	Word Formation in Sukte: A Preliminary Investigation. Arambam Sadananda Bijayanti Devi Haobam	Indo-Aryan root meets Tibeto-Burman Suffix in Dhimal Bornini Lahiri	Nominal Structure of Poula H. Dune Antonia Pao	A brief discussion on verbal morphology in Tai Turung Rima Saikia Rhitoraj Gogoi
12.30-12.50	Nature and Types of Compound Words in Bangla Sucharita Chakraborty Soumi Bannerji	A Grammatical Sketch of Hrangkhoh Banashree Das Rhitoraj Gogoi	Verbal Compounding in Bodo Daimalu Brahma	Conjunct Verb as marker of bilingualism in the Tinkar society Debmalya Biswas
12.50-01.10	Functions of -ma markers in Bori Adi Language Rejhoney Borang Lisa Lomdak	Specifiers in Mara Anna Merin Mathew	A Morphological Analysis based on Kinship terms in Koch Language Rehamat Shaikh	The Size and composition of Productive Vocabulary Ruchi Sehgal

01.10-02.30	Lunch Break
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02.30-03.50	Session X Venue: Department of EFL, HSS Building			
	Prosodic Phonology Room No (to be announced) Chair: Priyankoo Sarmah	Script, Typography, Identity Room No (to be announced) Chair: Michael Morgan	General Linguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Paroma Sanyal	General Linguistics Room No (to be announced) Chair: Manmee Bhattacharya
02.30-02.50	Finding Prosodic domain of Wh in situ in Hindi Bharat Kumar	Liangmai Orthography: A proposal Wichamdinbo Mataina	Applicatives in Bodo Raju Ram Boro	Towards Proto-Sartang and its place in Tibeto-Burman/Trans-Himalayan Gregory D. S. Anderson Bikram Jora
02.50-03.10	Dichotic test among tonal and non-tonal speakers Viyazonuo Terhija	Letter-sound correspondences in Bodo Prafulla Basumatary	Gaddi case Yangchen Roy	Verbal Substitution in Manipuri Huiningshumbam Surchandra
03.10-03.30	Rising pitch in declarative sentences in Nepali: A Semantic Approach Sandhaya Upadhaya Bipasha Patgiri	The Dual Linguistic Identities of Misings in Assam" Gayatri Das	Syntax of Negation in Gaddi Vyom Sharma	Verb serialisation in Duhumbi Tim Bodt
03.30-03.50	Acoustic Analysis of Rajbongshi Phonemes Nibedita Rajbongshi		The Event Schemas of the Material World:with reference to Axomiya Bristi Saikia	Using Linguistic Survey of India to showcase the typology of argument marking Tibeto-Burman Languages of South Asia Amos Teo
04.00-04.30	Valedictory Session			

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The Himalayan languages broadly refer to the languages of north-western and north-eastern India, where languages of Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Tibeto-Burman, Austro-Asiatic, and Tai-Kadai linguistic stocks are spoken; the languages of Nepal, Bhutan and the Tibetan Plateau; the languages of northern Burma and Sichuan; and the languages of Nuristan, Baltistan and the Burushaski speaking area in the west. This area is known for its large scale of linguistic diversity where being multilingual is a need rather than an urge. Considering the huge diversity of ethno-linguistic peoples of this region and the 'contact' linguistic situation, it could be well assumed that different research insights may have emerged in the works of various scholars. The Himalayan Languages Symposium would provide a platform to discuss and share these linguistic aspects of Himalayan languages. The Himalayan Languages Symposium is a multidisciplinary conference that covers a broad range of topics of the Himalayan languages. As mentioned in the official website of Himalayan Languages Symposium (<http://www.himalayansymposium.org/>), contributions are welcome on any language of the greater Himalayan region, e.g. Burushaski, Kusunda, Tibeto-Burman, Indo-Iranian, Austroasiatic, Kradai, Andamanese, Nihali, Dravidian etc. Contributions are also invited from related disciplines such as history, anthropology, archaeology and prehistory focusing on the greater Himalayan region.

We are delighted to inform you that the 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium will be held at the sprawling Tezpur University Campus, Tezpur, Assam, India from July 5th--7th, 2017, hosted by the Linguistics wing of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS). This year at Tezpur University, we will pay special attention to the following areas of research in the Himalayan Languages:

- 1) Phonetics and Phonology
- 2) Cognitive Linguistics
- 3) Syntax
- 4) Semantics
- 5) Morphology
- 6) Language Technology Development
- 7) Natural Language Processing
- 8) Writing systems and typography
- 9) Language and Politics
- 10) Migration pattern of the greater Himalayan region
- 11) History of linguistic research in the Himalayan region
- 12) Speech Technology
- 13) Second Language Acquisition
- 14) Language Documentation
- 15) Sociolinguistics
- 16) Pragmatics
- 17) Psycho-linguistics / Neuro-linguistics

Submissions

We invite abstracts from scholars, academicians, language planners, community members and students. The abstract should be of not more than 350 words and it has to be submitted latest by 20th October, 2016 through an EasyChair account which is available in the link: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=hls23>. One can submit a maximum of 2 abstracts on two different topics, i.e. one single authored and the other joint.

All abstracts will be anonymously peer reviewed. Acceptance will be notified latest by 20th December, 2016. Authors whose abstracts are accepted will have to submit a short paper (Maximum 4 pages) on the concerned topic. The deadline of submission of such a paper will be 30th January 2017. Select papers are likely to be invited for submission as full length papers in a volume to be published after the conference.

Here is the Linguist List notification:

<http://linguistlist.org/callconf/browse-conf-action.cfm?ConfID=256836>

Registration and Accommodation

The local organizing committee of HLS23 has decided to keep the registration fees of the participants/presenters as follows:

Categories	India and SAARC countries	Countries other than SAARC
Post-Graduate students	500 INR	1500 INR or 25 USD
Research Scholars	1000 INR	1500 INR or 25 USD
Faculty Members/Other Participants	2000 INR	3500 INR or 55 USD

Please note that this registration fees include conference kit, working lunch, tea and snacks etc.

Accommodation will be provided in the University Guest House on twin sharing basis and in the hostels. Delegates are requested to meet lodging, travel and other incidental expenses from their own resources. Here is the link which has all the details:

http://www.tezu.ernet.in/guesthouse/rules_guest_house.htm

However, accommodation in the Guest House is subject to availability and the rates are subject to change as per University regulations. The students and research scholars will be accommodated in the hostels in the university campus.

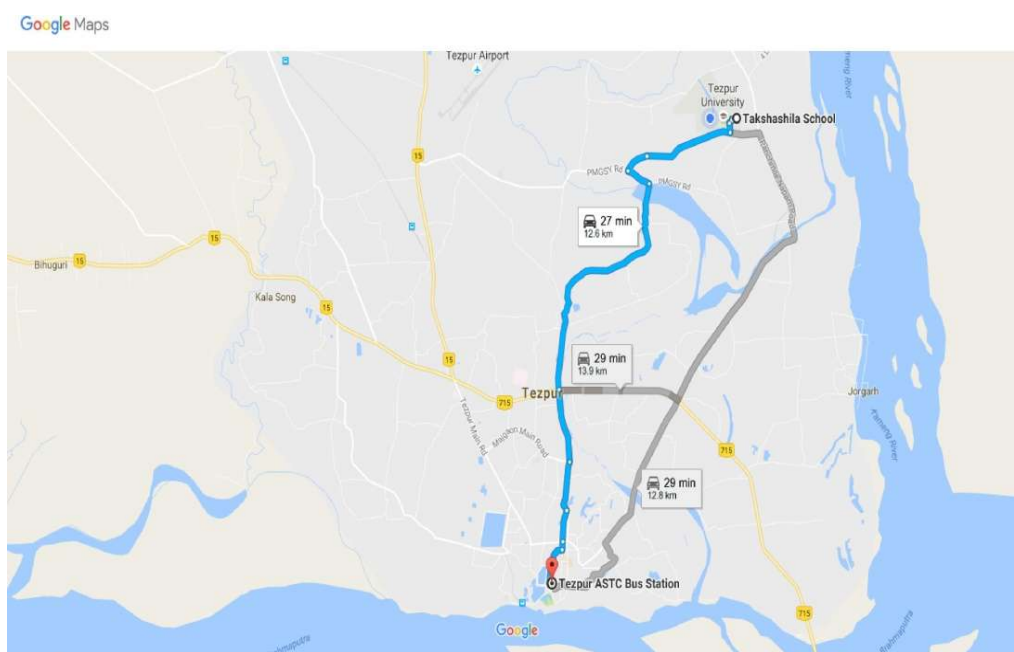
About Tezpur University:

Tezpur University was established by an Act of Parliament of India in 1994. Located in Tezpur, a historic town of Assam on the northern bank of the mighty Brahmaputra, the University has a scenic campus stretching over 262 acres of land filled with greenery. An outcome of the Assam movement, the University, one of the 46 Central Universities of the country, has found its niche in the national educational scenario with its dynamic and innovative methods of pedagogy and research. Recently, the University has been conferred with the Visitor's (President of India's) Best University Award, 2016 among all central universities of India. This was immediately followed by yet another honour: the first ever National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, ranked this University 5th among all the Institutions in India. The University has also found a place in the list of top 800 universities of the world as prepared by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings among the list of top 980 universities of the world, 2016-17. The University has also been accredited with an 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council in 2016. Currently, the University offers 70 academic programmes through 20 Departments under the Schools of Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, and Sciences. With 3800 students, 260 faculty members and 280 administrative and technical personnel, the University today has emerged as a leading centre of quality activities in higher education and research. The University has got a world class infrastructure, part of which is 15 hostels for girls and boys and an international standard guest house with a capacity for over 100.

How to reach Tezpur?

Tezpur is situated on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra. Tezpur is well connected to Guwahati, the capital city of Assam, both by road and railways. There are two roads to

Tezpur from Guwahati, one via Nagaon, the other via Mangaldoi. The second road is slightly shorter than the first one, but the first one perhaps is the better. The distance between Tezpur and Guwahati is 190 kilometres, and it takes around four hours by bus. Buses are available from the Guwahati Railway Station to Tezpur from 5 am to 8 pm. The bus fare is around Rs 250. On reaching Tezpur, participants may avail of the University bus service at the Tezpur Bus Station to come to the University campus (by paying Rs 20), or hire an auto (by paying Rs 150). Instead of travelling up to the Tezpur Bus Station they may also get down at the Parowa Charali (some 7 kilometres ahead of the Tezpur Bus Station), from where they can take an auto to the University campus by paying Rs 100. Participants can also hire an (app-based) shared taxi at Guwahati or the Guwahati Airport to reach the Tezpur University campus direct by paying a maximum of Rs 3,500. Below is the Google map showing the Tezpur bus station –Tezpur University route.



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Important Dates

Conference Dates: 5th to 7th July, 2017

Deadline for submission of abstract: 20th October, 2016

Notification of Selection: 20th December, 2016

Deadline for submission of short papers is 30th January 2017

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