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Education

The English and Foreign Languages University   **Hyderabad, India**
Ph.D. in Linguistics   *2019–forthcoming submission*
Thesis - *Acquiring disjunction in Bangla: Preschool children's derivation of scalar implicature*
Supervisor - Prof. Shruti Sircar   Advisors - Dr. Utpal Lahiri & Dr. Meena Debashish

Jawaharlal Nehru University   **New Delhi, India**
M.A. in Linguistics   *2017–2019*
Graduated with distinction: CGPA 8.12 out of 9.0
Thesis - *The Phonetics and Phonology of Khasi Segmental Sounds* (field report)
Course-supervisor - Prof. Pradeep Kumar Das

The English and Foreign Languages University   **Hyderabad, India**
B.A.(Hons) in English   *2014–2017*
Graduated with distinction: CGPA 7.0 out of 8.0
Minor - German

Research interests

Broad: Psycholinguistics; semantics; pragmatics; language acquisition; language and communication; language processing; language and cognitive development

Narrow: Semantics-pragmatics interface; experimental semantics and pragmatics; implicature; context; inference; quantifier; disjunction; theory of mind

Languages

Bengali (native/bilingual proficiency); Hindi (native/bilingual proficiency); English (full professional proficiency); German (limited working proficiency); Assamese (limited working proficiency)

Areas of expertise

- Quantitative research
- Behavioral experiments, cross-sectional research
- Recruiting participants and running experiments offline and online (Prolific, Pavlovia)
- Descriptive data analysis, Hypothesis testing (Binomial probability test, Chi-square test, Fisher's Exact test, t-test, ANOVA), Regression analysis (Linear Mixed-Effect models, Logistic regression models)
- R, Python, PsychoPy, Praat, MS-Office, LaTeX
- Academic writing, presentation skills, communication skills, collaborative work

Grants

- EFL University Research Travel Grant for Doctoral Students to present paper at International Conferences. December, 2022. Grant Amount: INR 80,000

Awards and fellowships

- AMPRA Graduate Student Travel Award. 2024. Awarding body: American Pragmatics Association.
  Details: Competitive travel fellowship awarded to eight highly rated single-authored research.
  Award Amount: $ 500

- UGC Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). 2024. Awarding body: University Grants Commission, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India.
  Details: Three years of research scholarship awarded to senior Ph.D. students by the UGC.
  Examiner: Vaijayanthi Sarma, IIT, Bombay.

- Faculty of Arts & Science Doctoral Recruitment Award. 2023. Awarding Body: University of Toronto.
  Details: An award offered to the incoming graduate students for outstanding academic record.
  Award Amount: $ 5000

- Department of Linguistics Admission Award. 2023. Awarding Body: University of Toronto.
  Details: An award offered to the incoming graduate students for their good academic record.
  Award Amount: $ 5000

- UGC Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF). 2019. Awarding body: University Grants Commission, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India.
  Details: Competitive research scholarship awarded to early-stage Ph.D. students for a period of two years.

- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students. 2014. Awarding body: Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India.
  Details: Financial assistance to meritorious students to pursue higher studies after high school.

Publications

- **Bhaumik, M.** (under review). Bengali children's comprehension of linguistic disjunction: Access to the alternative. 2024

Presentations

- **Bhaumik, M.** (2024). Children's derivation of scalar inference from or-sentences: Evidence from varying the degree of relevance. *Poster selected for the 49th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD-49)*, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. November 7-10.

- **Bhaumik, M.** (2024). Disjunction comprehension in preschool children: Does access to alternative help in implicature derivation? *Paper selected for the 6th International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA-6)*, University of South Florida, St Petersburg, Florida, USA. September 27-29.

- **Bhaumik, M.** (2024). Disjunction comprehension in preschool children: Does access to alternative help in implicature derivation? *Poster selected for the Child Language Symposium 2024 (CLS2024)*,

Newcastle University, UK, July 9-11.

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2024). Disjunction comprehension in preschool children: Does access to alternative help in implicature derivation? *Paper presented at the 40th Northwest Linguistics Conference (NWLC 2024)*, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, May 4-5.

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2023). Disjunction comprehension in preschool children: Does access to alternative help in implicature derivation? *Paper presented at the 4th South Asian Forum on the Acquisition and Processing of Language (SAFAL)*, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India, December 8.

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2022). Pragmatic inference is as immediate as literal interpretation: Importance of context and communicative intent. *Paper presented at the CogLing Days 2022, Belgium-Netherlands Cognitive Linguistics Association (BeNeCLA)*, Tilburg, the Netherlands, December 8-9.

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2022). Reduction of context extension helps children compute implicature. *Paper presented at the 12th Annual Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development (BCCCD)*, Budapest, Hungary, January 10-14.

○ Mitra, A., **Bhaumik, M.**, Mondal, A., & Dutta, I. (2019). Phonetic accommodation in English loanwords in Bengali. *Paper presented at the National Conference on Phonetics: Theoretical Underpinnings and Research Explorations*, Department of Phonetics and Spoken English, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, November 19-20.

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2019). The Segmental Phonology of Khasi. *Paper presented at the Conference on Indigenous Languages (COIL-1)*. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Patna, India, February 21-23.

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2018). The Cultural and Typological Challenge to Translation. *Paper presented at the International conference on Translation and Knowledge Society*. National Translation Mission, CIIL, Mysore, India, March 7-9.

Invited talks

○ **Bhaumik, M.** (2023). Pragmatic acquisition: Do children read between the lines? *An orientation program on research in Linguistics*. School of Language Sciences, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, August 21-29.

Training and Certification

○ Python Programming. 2024. National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT). Lucknow, India. 20 May-01 July.

○ ILCB Summer School. 2023. Institute of Language, Communication, and Brain. CIRM, Aix Marseille University, Luminy, Marseille, France. 28 August-01 September.

○ Advanced Data Analytics with R programming. 2021. VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur, Kolkata, India. 4-19 December.

○ Introduction to R programming and Data Analytics. 2021. VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur, Kolkata, India. 6-21 November.

○ Utrecht Summer School in Psycholinguistics. 2020. Psycholinguistics - UiL OTS. Utrecht University, the Netherlands. 24-28 August.

○ Workshop on Indian Sign Language. 2018. Linguistic Empowerment Cell, JNU, New Delhi. 15-16 February.

Other achievements

○ I was shortlisted for the interview stage. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship. United States-India Educational Foundation. 2023-24