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## Education

### The English and Foreign Languages University

Hyderabad, India

*Ph.D. in Linguistics*

2019 – January 2025

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)

### 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

## Teaching certifications

- Certified for Assistant Professorship through the National Eligibility Test (NET) in Linguistics. 2019. Conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India.

## 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, Depart-

ment 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.

- UGC Junior Research Fellowship (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.

## Peer-reviewed publications

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

## Refereed conference proceedings

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- **Bhaumik, M.** (to appear). Children's derivation of scalar inference from or-sentences: Evidence from varying the degree of relevance. In *Proceedings of the 49th Boston University conference on language development*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.

## Conference papers

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- **Bhaumik, M.** (2024). Children's derivation of scalar inference from or-sentences: Evidence from varying the degree of relevance. *Paper accepted for Lightning Talk at the Amsterdam Colloquium 2024 (AC2024)*, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. December 18-20.
- **Bhaumik, M.** (2024). Children's derivation of scalar inference from or-sentences: Evidence from varying the degree of relevance. *Poster presented at 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? *Paper presented at the 40th Northwest Linguistics Conference (NWLC 2024)*, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA, 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 loan-words 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

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- **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

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- 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

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

## Areas of expertise

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- Quantitative research
- Behavioral experiments, cross-sectional research
- Recruiting participants and running experiments offline and online (Prolific, Pavlovio)
- Descriptive data analysis, Hypothesis testing (Binomial probability test, Chi-square test, Fisher's Exact test, Mann-Whitney U test, Kruskal-Wallis test, Wilcoxon signed-rank test, t-test, ANOVA), Regression

- analysis (Linear mixed-effect models, Mixed-effect logistic regression models)
- R, PsychoPy, Praat, MS-Office, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Academic writing, presentation skills, communication skills, collaborative work

## Languages

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