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Education

The English and Foreign Languages University

Hyderabad, India

Ph.D. in Linguistics, Completed coursework with distinction (CGPA 7.75 out of 9.0)

2019–present

Studying children's acquisition of pragmatic meaning.

Supervisor - Prof. Shruti Sircar; Advisors - Dr. Utpal Lahiri & Dr. Meena Debashish

Jawaharlal Nehru University

New Delhi, India

M.A. in Linguistics, Graduated with distinction (CGPA 8.12 out of 9.0)

2017–2019

Thesis: The Phonetics and Phonology of Khasi Segmental Sounds (Field report)

Course-in-charge: Prof. Pradeep Kumar Das

The English and Foreign Languages University

Hyderabad, India

B.A.(Hons) in English, Graduated with distinction (CGPA 7.0 out of 8.0)

2014–2017

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, t-test, Fisher's Exact test, ANOVA), Regression analysis
- R, PsychoPy Builder, Praat, MS-Office, LaTeX
- Academic writing, presentation skills, communication skills, teamwork

Grants

- EFL University Research Travel Grant for Doctoral Students to present paper at International Conferences. December, 2022. Amount: INR 80,000.00

Awards and fellowships

- Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) - Linguistics, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, 2021.
- National Eligibility Test - Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF), University Grants Commission, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India, 2019
- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India, 2014

Publications

- **Bhaumik, M.** (under review). Bengali children's comprehension of linguistic disjunction: Access to the alternative. 2024
- **Bhaumik, M.** (2023). The cognitive cost of deriving implicature: A reaction-time study. *Indian Journal of Language and Linguistics*. Vol 4(3), 38-46. <https://doi.org/10.54392/ijll2334>

Presentations

- **Bhaumik, M.** (2023). Disjunction comprehension in preschool children: Does access to alternative help in implicature derivation? *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. *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. *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. *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. *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. *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

- ILCB Summer School. Institute of Language, Communication, and Brain. Centre International de Rencontre Mathematiques, Aix Marseille University, Luminy, Marseille, France. 28 August-01 September, 2023
- Advanced Data Analytics with R programming. VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur, Kolkata, India. 4-19 December, 2021
- Introduction to R programming and Data Analytics. VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur, Kolkata, India. 6-21 November, 2021
- Utrecht Summer School in Psycholinguistics. Psycholinguistics - UiL OTS. Utrecht University, the Netherlands. 24-28 August, 2020
- Workshop on Indian Sign Language. Linguistic Empowerment Cell, JNU, New Delhi. 15-16 February, 2018

Other achievements

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

References

- Prof. Shruti Sircar (*Supervisor*)
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