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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 developmentdevelopmental psycholinguistics;

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, PsychoPy Builder, Praat, MS-Office, L^AT_EX
- Academic writing, presentation skills, communication skills, teamwork

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

- 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 [not availed]
- 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 [not availed]
- Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) - Linguistics. 2021. Awarding body: Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.
Details: AICTE GATE scholarship is awarded to graduate students through a national-level exam assessing their comprehensive understanding in various areas of Engineering, Technology, Science, and Humanities. [not availed]
- 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.** (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. 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