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Skills

Languages: Bengali/ Bangla (native)

English (near-native)

Hindi (native)

Spanish (basic- part of B.A. module)

Khasi (research)

Mizo (research)

Ao (research)

Assamese (elementary)

Software: Python, R, LaTeX, Praat, Ruby.

Experience

Indian Institute of Technology / Summer Intern
July, 2017 - Assam, India

Building an automatic speech detection system based on
North-Eastern Indian languages.

English and Foreign Languages University / Teaching Assistant
Hyderabad, India

Introduction to Formal Semantics (Fall 2017)

Introduction to Mathematical Linguistics (Spring 2018)

Yale University/ Teaching Fellow
Connecticut, USA

Semantics I (Fall 2022)

Cognitive Science of Language (Spring 2023)

Introduction to Linguistics (Fall 2023)

Pragmatics (Spring 2024)

Education

Yale University / Ph.D in Linguistics

September 2020 - onwards, USA

Modules covered: Semantics 2, Syntax 2, Phonology 2, Field Methods, Linguistic Change, Semantic Investigations in Unfamiliar Languages, Intensional Semantics, Pragmatics, Advanced seminars on formal semantics: Discourse particles; Morpho-syntax to meaning; Plurality; Asserting, Asking, Answering

English and Foreign Languages University / M.A in Linguistics

August 2016 - May 2018, Hyderabad

Overall GPA - 7.8 (on an 8 point GPA scale)

Modules covered: Introduction to Syntax, Introduction to Morphology, Introduction to Phonology, Optimality Theory, Introduction to Formal Semantics, Introduction to Mathematical Linguistics, Advanced Semantics 1, Advanced Mathematical Linguistics, Advanced Semantics 2, Quantitative Methods in Linguistics, Natural Language Processing, Computational Syntax and Semantics, Introduction to Language Acquisition, Introduction to Psycholinguistics, Introduction to Neurolinguistics, Language Typology, South Asia as a Linguistic Area

English and Foreign Languages University/ B.A in English

August 2013- May 2016, Hyderabad

Overall GPA - 8.1 (on an 9 point GPA scale)

Awards

Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET JRF)

University Grants Commission, India

(awarded to the top 10 % of students taking the competitive NET exam)

CreteLing Fellowship

CreteLing summer school 2019, Greece

(awarded to a handful of applicants of the summer school)

Presentations

Paper: Semantics and Linguistic theory 33, Yale University (2023)

Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?

with Ka Fai Yip & Margaret Chui Yi Lee

Poster: (In)definiteness and genericity across languages, SALT 33 satellite sessions, Yale University (2023)

Khasi as a classifier language

Poster: Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA), Yale University (2022)

Some question particles in Bangla and where to find them

Poster: CreteLing, Greece (2019)

Modals in Bangla: Interation with Tense and Aspect

Conference talk: Acoustic Society of America, Minneapolis (2018)

Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates in Bangla

with Meghavarshini Krishnaswamy & Indranil Dutta

Poster: International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON), India (2017)

Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian

with Indranil Dutta & Irfan S.

Publications

ACL Anthology, Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (2018)

Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian

with Indranil Dutta & Irfan S.

Proceedings of SALT 33: 253–275, (2023)
https://doi.org/10.3765/56xkxm29

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