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Department of Linguistics
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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, CSS.

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 (Aug-Dec 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

MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship
Yale University 2024, USA

CreteLing Fellowship
CreteLing summer school 2019, Greece

Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET JRF
University Grants Commission, India
(awarded to the top 10 % of students taking the competitive NET exam)

Other study experiences

LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America (2023)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, U.S.A.

CreteLing summer school (2019)
University of Greece, Gallos campus, Rethymnon, Greece

QIP-CEP Workshop on Experimental & Empirical Methods in Linguistics (2017)
Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India

Presentations

Paper: Semantics and Linguistic theory 34, University of Rochester (2024)

Accounting for counting

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.

Acoustical Society of America (2018)

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

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Proceedings of SALT 33: 253–275, (2023)

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Proceedings of SALT 34 (2024)

Accounting for counting