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## Education

- 2020–  
onwards **Ph.D in Linguistics**, *Yale University*, New Haven, CT  
Dissertation title: Topics in crosslinguistic variation within the nominal domain - investigating Khasi and Mizo  
Advisor: Veneeta Dayal  
Committee: Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Jim Wood, Ayesha Kidwai
- 2016–2018 **M.A in Linguistics**, *English and Foreign Languages University*, Hyderabad, India  
Primary mentor: Utpal Lahiri
- 2013–2016 **B.A in Linguistics**, *English and Foreign Languages University*, Hyderabad, India

## Research

- AREAS Formal Semantics, Morphology, Semantics Fieldwork for under-documented languages, Typology
- INTERESTS: Numeral classifiers, Number marking, Non-counting plurals, Demonstratives and Definiteness determiners, Bare nouns and Kinds
- FIELDWORK: Austroasiatic: Khasi, Pnar. Tibeto-Burman: Mizo, Mongsen Ao.

## Publications

### Journals

- In prep A Universal account for Numeral Classifiers: typological perspectives. To be submitted to NLS
- In prep Bare nouns and reference in Khasi, Mizo, and Mongsen Ao. To be submitted to Language: Research Reports

### Conference Proceedings

- 2024 **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Accounting for counting (crosslinguistically). *Proceedings of SALT 34*: 713-733.  
<https://doi.org/10.3765/c5vw5q42>
- 2023 Yip, Ka Fai, **Banerjee, Ushasi** and Chui Yi Lee, Margaret. Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?. *Proceedings of SALT 33*: 253-275.  
<https://doi.org/10.3765/56xkxm29>

- 2018 Meghavarshini, Krishnaswamy, Dutta, Indranil and **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates, *The Journal of Acoustical Society in America*, Vol 153, No. 1.  
<https://doi.org/10.1121/1.5035741>
- 2018 **Banerjee, Ushasi**, Dutta, Indranil and S. Irfan. Coarticulatory propensity in Khalka Mongolian, ACL Anthology, *Proceedings of 14th International Conference on Natural Language Processing*

## Awards

- 2024 MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Yale University
- 2023 Linguistic Society of America Summer Program Award, Yale University
- 2019 Creteling Summer School Fellowship, Creteling Organizers
- 2018 Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET JRF), University Grants Commission India (awarded to the top 10% of students taking the competitive NET exam)

## Presentations

- 2024 **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Accounting for counting (crosslinguistically). *Semantics and Linguistic theory 34*, University of Rochester. Talk.
- 2023 **Yip, Ka Fai, Banerjee, Ushasi and Chui Yi Lee, Margaret**. Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?. *Semantics and Linguistic theory 33*, Yale University. Talk.
- 2023 **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Khasi as a Classifier language. *(In)definiteness and genericity across languages SALT 33 satellite sessions*, Yale University. Poster.
- 2022 **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Some question particles in Bangla and where to find them. *Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA)*, Yale University. Poster.
- 2019 **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Modals in Bangla: Interaction with Tense and Aspect. *Creteling Poster Sessions, University of Crete, Greece*. Poster.
- 2018 **Banerjee, Ushasi, Dutta, Indranil and S. Irfan**. Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian. *International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON), India*. Poster.

## Teaching

- Spring 2026 Teaching Fellow for *Phonology I*, Instructor: Natalie Weber, Yale University
- Fall 2025 Teaching Fellow for *Semantics I*, Instructor: Simon Charlow, Yale University
- Spring 2024 Teaching Fellow for *Pragmatics*, Instructor: Laurence Horn, Yale University
- Fall 2023 Teaching Fellow for *Introduction to Linguistics*, Instructor: Jim Wood, Yale University
- Spring 2023 Teaching Fellow for *Cognitive Science of Language*, Instructor: Robert Frank, Yale University
- Fall 2022 Teaching Fellow for *Semantics I*, Instructor: Veneeta Dayal, Yale University

Fall 2019 Teaching Fellow for *Introduction to Formal Semantics*, Instructor: Utpal Lahiri, English and Foreign Languages University

## Other research and study experience

### Research

- 2024 Fieldwork at Meghalaya, Project: Classifiers and plural marking in Khasi
- 2024 Fieldwork at Mizoram, Project: Bare nouns and (in)definiteness in Mizo
- 2017 Building an automatic speech detection system for Naga languages, Indian Institute of Technology, Assam. Supervisor: Shakuntala Mahanta

### Study

- 2023 LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2019 Creteling Summer School, University of Greece, Rethymnon
- 2017 QIP-CEP Workshop on Experimental & Empirical Methods in Linguistics, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

## Academic Service

- 2024 Reviewer, NELS abstracts
- 2022 Co-Organizer, SNEWS at Yale University
- 2022 Website designer: Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA) at Yale University
- 2021–2022 Organizer, Semantics Reading Group at Yale

## Skills

Languages Bangla (native), English (native), Hindi (native), ASL (basic), Spanish (basic), Khasi (research), Mizo (research), Ao (research), Assamese (elementary), Yoruba (research)

## References

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