

**36th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal and 21st Himalayan Languages Symposium
(36th LSN & 21st HLS)
Kathmandu
November 26-28, 2015**

Call for Papers

Linguistic Society of Nepal (LSN) organizes an annual conference on 26-27th November every year. The conference is one of the major activities of the Society which provides a platform for those who have been working on different aspects of languages. LSN has been organizing the annual conferences since 1979 unfailingly bringing various linguists and practitioners together from home and abroad concentrating on the studies of Nepalese languages.

Himalayan Languages Symposium, originated from Himalayan Languages Project based in Leiden, is organized in different parts of the globe annually. The conference is one of the major activities among the scholars working on different aspects of the languages of the Himalayas. Two Himalayan Languages Symposiums have already been organized by Linguistic Society of Nepal jointly with LSN in Kathmandu. The 21st HLS was scheduled to be organized on 1-2 June 2015 by Central Department of Linguistics (CDL), Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu. However, due to the devastating earthquake in Nepal in April, it was not possible to hold it as scheduled.

Later, LSN and CDL decided to organize the respective two events jointly on November 26-28, 2015 in Kathmandu.

You are requested to submit an abstract and full presentation for the conference papers on theoretical, descriptive, interdisciplinary, or applied aspects of language studies in the following or any other relevant topics of linguistics:

- Phonetics
- Phonology
- Morphology
- Syntax
- Semantics and lexical studies
- Pragmatics
- Historical Linguistics
- Sociolinguistics
- Anthropological Linguistics
- Language contact and Linguistic Typology
- Applied linguistics
- Indigenous languages and Identity
- Corpus and computational linguistics
- Any other relevant areas
- Natural language processing
- Language teaching
- Language policy and planning
- Discourse analysis
- Language and technology
- Ethnolinguistics and language ideology
- Language documentation
- Translation Studies
- Psycholinguistics
- Neurolinguistics
- Language, Power and Politics
- Language and Tourism
- Mother-tongue and multilingual education

Special note regarding the papers selected for 21st HLS

As call for paper and selection process have already been completed and the authors have already been notified about the acceptance of their papers for 21st HLS, the organizers have decided to accept these papers for 36th LSN and 21st HLS as they are, and inform the authors about this change of situation. However, we request the authors to reformat and resize the abstracts to get them published in abstract and program booklet, if they are not in the size and format mentioned below.

Further, there is the provision of poster presentation as well. If you are interested to do the poster presentation instead of oral presentation that has already been accepted, you may proceed and prepare your presentation accordingly. However, it does not mean you are preparing an additional preparation. If you would like to compete for an award, please inform us first and submit the full paper as per the guidelines mentioned below.

There will be oral presentation sessions and poster presentation sessions. The details of the abstract and full presentation or poster presentation are as follows:

Abstract:

- (1) Abstract contains 150-200 words exactly (including examples and references if any. (The title and author information will not be counted in this word limit.)
 - (2) Title should be followed by name of the author/authors, author's affiliation, address, email and landline or mobile phone number (obligatory, mobile phone number preferred)
 - (3) Text of the abstract should be clearly written with the information on the data, methodology, and results of the research (but no separate headings).
 - (4) Abstract should be written in English and Roman script for English medium paper; and in Nepali and Devanagari Unicode for Nepali medium paper.
 - (5) Examples from other languages in English medium paper should be presented in IPA Unicode. Other scripts can also be used in the example if it is necessary, however it should be in Unicode.
 - (6) Abstract should be both in the MS Word format and PDF.
 - (7) Submit electronic copy of abstract via email to linguisticsocietynepal@gmail.com
- * The accepted abstracts will be included in the abstracts and program booklet (after registration process is completed).

Full oral presentation:

- (1) Full oral presentation of 10-15 slides or 3-4 pages write up of the presentation.

Full poster presentation:

- (1) Poster following the guidelines given below or 3-4 pages write up of the materials to be included in the poster.

Guidelines for the poster:

Poster size: 91 cm wide and 122 cm tall (A0)

Font size: Maximum 78 pt (for main title) and Minimum 24 pt (for body text).

- * Full presentation for oral and poster presentation will be reviewed, so the oral presentation or poster can be corrected or modified later within the limit of reviewers' suggestion.

Important dates:

- (1) Submission deadline: ~~5th September, 2015~~ 20th September, 2015
- (2) Notification of acceptance: ~~20th September, 2015~~ 25th September 2015
- (3) Full paper submission for Award: 1st October 2015
- (4) Conference: 26-28th November 2015

We will keep on posting the information on the website as well. Please visit <http://www.lsn.org.np/>

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Best Paper Awards

Linguistic Society of Nepal announces two Best Paper Awards for forthcoming 36th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal and 21st Himalayan Languages Symposium. The main objective of the Best Paper Awards is to promote the linguistic study and research in Nepal and encourage young researchers of linguistics within SAARC countries. Please note the criteria given below:

- (1) Two presenters will be selected for the Best Paper Awards—one from the contestants among national level (Nepal) and another from the contestants among the SAARC countries.
- (2) Each of the Awards contains NRS. 10000 (Ten Thousand Nepali Rupees) and a Certificate.
- (3) Interested presenters should state that their paper be evaluated for the award (specifying whether it is for "LSN Best Paper Award - Nepal" or "LSN Best Paper Award - SAARC") or both of the Awards during abstract and full presentation submission, and submit full paper before 1st October 2015 in the following format:
 - a. Between 10-15 pages in A4 size page with 1 inch margins on all sides and 1.5 line spacing.
 - b. An abstract of 50-60 words.
 - c. The organization of the paper should be as: Introduction/background in the beginning including theoretical and methodological information, data and discussion, summary/conclusion, and list of references.
 - d. Should follow APA style sheet for referencing.
 - e. Data from other than English need to be in IPA
 - f. Glossing needs to follow Leipzig Glossing Rules
- (4) The following people are eligible for the Awards:
 - a. English medium papers
 - b. Both oral and poster presentations
 - c. Nepali citizen (for "LSN Best Paper Award - Nepal")
 - d. Citizen of any of the SAARC countries (for "LSN Best Paper Award - SAARC")
 - e. Who has not earned a PhD degree yet.
- (5) The organizing committee will set the evaluation criteria with 75-80% load on written and 20-25% load on presentation.
- (6) An evaluation committee will evaluate the papers and presentations for the Best Paper Award based on the evaluation criteria.