

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal

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CEDA Hall, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur

## Program

**Tuesday, November 26**

**08:00 – 08:30 Registration**

**08:30 – 9:45 Inauguration**

**9:45-10:15 Hi-Tea**

**10:15-11:00 Keynote Speech**

### Chair:

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| Professor<br>Dr.<br>Ramawatar<br>Yadav | <i>The Structure of Middle Maithili</i><br>(As Gleaned from the Hand-Copied Newari Manuscripts of Maithili Plays and Songs Composed by Malla Rulers of the Medieval Nepālamaṇḍala and Archived in the Nepāla Rāṣṭriya Abhilekhālaya in Kathmandu) |
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### 11:05 -13:10 First Session

#### A: Syntax

##### Chair:

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| 1. | Tanmoy<br>Bhattacharya                     | The lack of argument indexation in some “inner” TB languages and the “Third” wave of migration into the Northeast |
| 2. | Eshani Baishya                             | When a COMP is not a COMP: Assamese Complementizers in Subjunctive Clauses  |
| 3. | Jyoti Sharma<br>and Tanmoy<br>Bhattacharya | Comparing Argument Indexation and Person hierarchy in Kuki-Chin and some Kiranti languages                        |
| 4. | Binod Kumar<br>Yadav                       | V-V constructions as Maithili complex predicates  |

## B: Sociolinguistics

Chair:

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| 5. | Binay<br>Pattanayak | Towards Education in Children's<br>Languages in Jharkhand, India                         |
| 6. | Bhim Lal<br>Gautam  | Language shift in Kathmandu: A<br>study on language use and attitude                     |
| 7. | Gangi Magar         | Sociolinguistic Study of Magar<br>Language spoken in Sikkim                              |
| 8. | Rozen Neupané       | Is globalization a catalyst for<br>Language shift? A study comparing<br>Nepal and Québec |

## C: Lexicography, lexical studies and sociolinguistics

Chair:

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| 9.  | बलराम प्रसाईं    | नेपाली बृहत् शब्दकोश २०७५ को विश्लेषण                                     |
| 10. | मुक्तिनाथ घिमिरे | दुरा भाषाका अनेकार्थी शब्दहरूको अध्ययन                                    |
| 11. | भीमकुमार शर्मा   | नेपालीमा पोलारिटी आइटम  |
| 12. | सुरज गुरुङ       | भिन्न क्षमतायुक्त मानिसहरूका निम्ति<br>प्रयोग गरिने भाषाको समाजपरक अध्ययन |

**13:10-14:00 Lunch**

### 14:00-14:40 Second Session (Poster)

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| 13. | Pinki Wary  | Syllabic structure of dukpa: a<br>preliminary investigation   |
| 14. | Md Arfeen<br>Zeeshan, Dr.<br>Sanket Pathak and<br>Dr. Sabahuddin<br>Ahmed | Building Morphological Analyser<br>Lexical Resources for Less<br>Resource Languages: A Language<br>Engineering Approach |
| 15. | Divyendu Kumar<br>Mishra  | Implementing and measuring<br>efficacy of deletion command for<br>Hindi Speech-to-Text system                           |
| 16. | Priti Zimba and<br>Chandan Prasad   | Bhavanakos 2.0: A Lexical<br>Resource For Sentiment Analysis  |

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|     | Gupta  | of Nepali texts   |
| 17. | Suraj Prasai,<br>Sushil Awale,<br>Birodh Rijal, Santa<br>B. Basnet | Preprocessing of Nepali News<br>Corpus for Downstream Tasks   |
| 18. | Birat Bade<br>Shrestha and Bal<br>Krishna Bal                      | Named-Entity based Sentiment<br>Analysis for Nepali in News<br>Media Texts  |
| 19. | Charengna<br>Widinibou   | Prenasalized Consonants in<br>Liangmai-Naga   |
| 20. | Bhim narayan<br>Regmi  | Language distribution at province<br>and local levels in Nepal and<br>question of appropriate unit for<br>official language |

### 14:40-15:30 Third Session

#### A: A session conducted by Language Commission

Chair:

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| 21. | उषा हमाल | भाषा आयोगको कार्यक्षेत्र |
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#### B: Language change

Chair:

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| 22. | Hifzur Rahman<br>Ansari | The verb 'say' in Dravidian<br>Languages: A Study in<br>Grammaticalization |
| 23. | Kwang-Ju Cho            | A history of politeness encoding in<br>the Bantawa pronoun system          |

#### C: Language variation

Chair:

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| 24. | Cathryn<br>Donohue and<br>Mark Donohue | A note on variation in the use of the<br>ergative in Bumthang |
| 25. | Surya Prasad<br>Yadav                  | Regional variations in Maithili: A<br>sociolinguistic study   |

### 15:30 - 17:10 Fourth Session

#### A: Phonetics and phonology

Chair:

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| 26. | Nazish Malik    | Phonological Variations in Spoken Urdu of Rampur |
| 27. | Egira Shadap    | The Phonological Study of Mowkaiaw               |
| 28. | G. B. Shrestha  | Ayogavāha in Nepal Bhasha                        |
| 29. | Madhav Pokharel | Problem of Sanskrit pronunciation                |

#### B: Applied linguistics: language teaching, language acquisition and error analysis

Chair:

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| 30. | Patricia Lorenz  | Engaging eStudentMentors as online learning support in Foreign Language Learning    |
| 31. | Patricia Lorenz,<br>Estelle Bech,<br>Jean François<br>Ghesquière,<br>and Hani<br>Mustafa | Student Perception of Blended Learning: a case study from Foreign Language Learning |
| 32. | Priyakhi<br>Khanikar   | Interference between Assamese and English wh-constructions                          |
| 33. | Pratigya Regmi<br>and Nawa Raj<br>Khatiwada  | Language and sign used in waste management sector: practice and issue               |

#### C: Morphosyntax

Chair:

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| 34. | Thejaswini Baja       | Temporal and Aspectual system of Tulu |
| 35. | Biswanath Dash        | Usage of Negation in Odia             |
| 36. | Ksaidbok<br>Shaphrang | Word Order of Sohka                   |

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|     | Shadap             |                                    |
| 37. | Surath<br>Debbarma | Classifiers in Hrangkhawl Language |

**17:45 Dinner** (Venue: Parikar Banquet, Syuchatar)

**Wednesday, November 27**

**9:00 -11:05 Fifth Session**

**A: Morphology**

Chair:

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| 38. | Mahesh Singh<br>Saud                          | Describing Darchuleli verbs from the morphological perspectives |
| 39. | Biman Debbarma                                | Case Markers in Korbong   |
| 40. | Diksha Konwar<br>and Humaira<br>Khan          | Compound formations in Assamese                                 |
| 41. | Mahesh Kumar<br>Chaudhari                     | Lexical Reduplication in Saptariya tharu                        |
| 42. | Khawlsongkim<br>Suantak and<br>Biman Debbarma | Reduplication in Vaiphei  |

**B: Lexical studies**

Chair:

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| 43. | Netra Mani Rai | A lexical comparison of Dumi, Sampang and Thulung   |
| 44. | Tara Mani Rai  | Historical Legacy of the Kirati Languages : A Lexicostatistical Study                               |
| 45. | Loren Maggard  | An analysis of wordlists applying selected methods of comparison using the Sherpa language of Nepal |
| 46. | Binod Duwadi   | Nativization of words from English Language in Nepali   |

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| 47. | Mohd Hamid Raza | An OT Account of Loanwords from Indian Languages in English Documents |
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**C: वाक्यविज्ञान, भाषिक स्थिति, भाषिक भेद र संकथन विश्लेषण (Syntax, language situation, language variation and discourse analysis)**

Chair:

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| 48. | सुरेन्द्र कुमार बम | बैतडेली भाषामा वाक्यसङ्गति                             |
| 49. | गीता खनाल          | थारूको भाषिक भेद                                       |
| 50. | भागीरथा न्यौपाने   | 'काम्यो लुग्लुग त्यो' कविताको सङ्कथन विश्लेषण          |
| 51. | मनोज लिम्बू        | भारतीय नेपाली पाठ्यपुस्तकमा संज्ञानात्मक भाषाको प्रयोग |
| 52. | कविता सुब्बा       | पवन चामलिङ 'किरण'का कविताहरूको भाषिक अध्ययन            |

**11:10 -12:50 Sixth Session**

**A: Semantics and pragmatics**

Chair:

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| 53. | Yan Huang                        | Lexical Cloning in English: A Neo-Gricean Lexical Pragmatic Analysis                |
| 54. | Seongha Rhee                     | On the Conceptual Network of Becoming: The Case of the Korean <i>Toy</i> - 'become' |
| 55. | Mehsina Sabnam and Arup Kr. Nath | Semantic features associated with expressives in Mising                             |
| 56. | Dhruba Karki                     | Modern and modernity in visual semiotics: Aesthetics of geometric design in arts    |

## **B: Anthropological linguistics**

Chair:

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| 57. | Dubi Nanda Dhakal    | Kinship and Related Terms in Three Tibetic languages of Nepal   |
| 58. | Ahanthem Romita Devi | An account of certain customs and rituals of Baram people   |
| 59. | Omkareshwor Shrestha | Totemic Practice among the Maharjans of Kathmandu city  |
| 60. | Jiban Mani Poudel    | Soil Forgot to Cry ( <i>Sa-kromi Mleyaye</i> ): Making Sense of Climate Change in the Himalaya Regions of Nepal |

## **C: Linguistic theories and language with technology**

Chair:

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| 61. | Kumon Tokumaru     | Digital Linguistics: Activation of Neural Capacity to cope with World Wide Web by Overcoming Sign-Reflex Restrictions |
| 62. | Mohammad Inzamam   | Generative versus Cognitive Grammar Debate: New Rationale from the Viewpoint of Developmental Linguistics             |
| 63. | Raj Kishor Singh   | SMS language  |
| 64. | Kamal Kumar Poudel | Notational conventions for analyzing the oral business Nepali data: A functional perspective                          |

**12:50 - 13:40**

**Lunch**

**13:40 -15:45 Seventh Session**

## **A: Language planning, policy and development issues**

Chair:

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| 65. | Dan Raj Regmi | Some Issues and Challenges in Developing and Implementing Mother-tongue Education Policy in |
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|     |                      | Minority Speech Communities in Nepal: Case Studies of Western Tamang and Rajbanshii                   |
| 66. | Bishnu Kumar Sinjali | Language Impact Assessment: Missing part in SIA for promoting development                             |
| 67. | Rishiram Adhiakri    | Role and Practice of Local Bodies to Save Indigenous Languages in Nepal: A Study of Chepang Language  |
| 68. | Ambika Regmi         | Roles of languages in social cohesion and inclusion in minority ethno-linguistic communities in Nepal |
| 69. | Tikaram Poudel       | The Place of English in Educational Policy Documents of Nepal: A Critical Discourse Analysis          |

### **B: Morphosyntax and discourse analysis**

Chair:

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| 70. | Krishna Hazarika              | The morpho-syntactic alignment of case and adjunct in Assamese |
| 71. | Kaustubh Ghoshal              | Backward and Partial Control in Assamese                       |
| 72. | Asim. I. Twaha                | Focus realisation in Barpetiya variety of Assamese             |
| 73. | Michael Barrie and Sihun Jung | Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Nepali                            |
| 74. | Diwas Rai                     | Agreement patterns in the Lohorong verb                        |

### **C: Sociolinguistics: language ideology and attitude**

Chair:

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| 75. | Ganesh Kumar Bastola | Perception of Tamang Community People towards English: A Brief Study |
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| 76. | Yogendra Kharel  | Exploring subject teachers' perception on English as a medium of instruction in a community school                       |
| 77. | A. Michael Vermy | (Standard) language ideologies and linguistic practices among multilingual students at the American University of Beirut |
| 78. | Sangita Sapkota  | Perception of the Master's level students on the role of English in their career   |

### 15:50 - 16:40 Eighth Session

#### A: Discourse analysis

Chair:

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| 79. | Murchana Lopamudra | Portrayal of a Woman in Assamese Proverbs                    |
| 80. | Sudipt Subhankar   | Analysis of Animal expression in proverbs and common sayings |

#### B: Corpus linguistics and Phonetics

Chair:

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| 81. | Anupama Pandey, Srishti Singh, Atul Kr. Ojha and Girish Nath Jha | Improving Hindi POS Tagger Accuracy through Domain Adaptation |
| 82. | Bhabindra Kumar Rai  | Acoustic analysis of nasal consonants in Chamling             |

16:40-17:10

Closing

**Thursday, November 28**

**Post-conference talks**

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| 10:30-12:00 | Tanmoy<br>Bhattacharya | Appearance, Disappearance, and<br>Reappearance of AGREEMENT:<br>How a theoretical account can be<br>useful for us |
| 12:30-14:00 | Kumon<br>Tokumaru      | “Concept” and<br>“Interdisciplinary Integration” to<br>Complete Linguistic Evolution of<br>Homo Sapiens           |