

**The 2nd International Conference
of
Geolinguistics Society of Nepal**

**Geolinguistics Trends: Language Contact and Conflict,
Policy and Pedagogical Practices**

August 29 (Fri.) – August 30 (Sat.), 2025

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**Day 1, August 29 (Friday), 2025
Program Schedule**

All times Nepal Standard Time

10:00 ~ Registration

10:30 ~ 11:15 Opening Ceremony

11:15 ~ 12:00 Keynote Speech: “Geolinguistic Trends Across The World: A Case Study of Japan, Nepal, and Guyana”
Dr. Grigory Kazakov, Associate Professor,
MGIMO University, Executive Secretary of the
journal *Linguistics & Polyglot Studies*, Moscow

12:00 ~ 12:40 Plenary Session
My Linguistic Journey from the National Language Policy Suggestion Commission to the Language Commission – Amrit Yonjan-Tamang

Session I

Session Title: Theoretical Concepts and Models of Geolinguistics

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| 12:40 – 12:55 | 1. <i>Language, Globalization, and Linguistic Rights in Nepal: A Doctrinal Analysis of Language Policy Taboo, and Vitality</i> – Krishna Raman Adhikari |
| 12:55 – 1:10 | 2. <i>Human Mind, Language, Caste and Discrimination</i> – Dr. Mahendra Kumar Budhathoki |
| 1:10 – 1:25 | 3. <i>Language Awareness of Interdisciplinary Students: A Geolinguistics Perspective from Nepal</i> – Dr. Aita Bishowkarma & Gobinda Kaini |
| 1: 25 – 1: 40 | 4. <i>Geolinguistic Influence on Buddhism and Monasteries</i> – S. Namgyal |
| 1: 40 – 1: 55 | 5. <i>Diplomatic Mistranslation and Interpretation: A Study of Historical Errors and Consequences</i> – Dr. Surendra Pokhrel |

- 1: 55 – 2:10** 6. *Translanguaging as Resistance: Linguistic Hybridity, Code-Switching, and Identity in My Broken Language* – Dilenia Ureña

2:10 – 2:40 Lunch Break

Session II

Session Title: Language Contact, Conflict, and Solutions-Oriented Approaches

- 2: 40 – 2:55** 1. *The Limbu Culture, Language and Pedagogy* – Su Hangma Limboo
- 2: 55 – 3:10** 2. *Language, Identity, and Belonging: Sustaining Heritage Languages in Japan* –Dr. Ravi Maharjan
- 3:10 – 3:25** 3. *A Discussion of the Process of Multilingualism due to Mass Migration* – Juan C. Guzman
- 3: 25 – 3:40** 4. *Situation of Languages Spoken in Lumbini Province of Nepal* – Thaneshwar Kunwar
- 3: 40 – 3:55** 5. *Exploring Translanguaging Practices in English Classrooms at the BBS Level: Insights from a Student Survey* – Kumar Narayan Shrestha

Session III

Session Title: Geolinguistic perspectives on culture, education, and rights

- 3: 55 – 4:10** 1. *Situation of linguistic right of Indigenous communities in Nepal: A case study of Newari (Nepal Bhasa) language* – Ambika Raghubanshi
- 4:10 – 4:25** 2. *Experiences of Persons with Disabilities in Nepal: A Geolinguistic Perspective from Nepal* – Bimal Basnet
- 4: 25 – 4:40** 3. *Challenges and of foreign languages to Migrant people: A case of Nepalese migrant workers in Japan* – Ranjana Bishwokarma

- 4:40 – 4:55** 4. *Magar Studies in Nepalese University: Struggle with Unilingual-Cultural Mindset of Academic Professional* – Dr. Bishnu Kumar Sinjali
- 4: 55 – 5:10** 5. *Cultural Ideologies Embedded in School English Language Textbooks in Nepal: A Critical Discourse Analysis* – Harka Raj Tembe
- 5:10 – 5:25** 6. *Magar Language and cultural Traditions* – Dhan Bahadur Magar

**Day 2, August 30 (Saturday), 2025
Program Schedule**

All times Nepal Standard Time

10:00 – 10:30

Registration

10:30 – 11:10

Plenary Session

Professor Emeritus Hikaru Kitabayashi
Former President of American Society of
Geolinguistics, and Founding Advisor and Patron of
Geolinguistics Society of Nepal

Session I

Session Title: Indigenous Languages and Marginal Voices

- 11:10 – 11:20** 1. *Language and Policy: An Analysis of the Marginalization of Trans-Women Athletes in US Sports* – Oriana Guzman
- 11:20 – 11:30** 2. *Socio-Linguistic Pressures and Language Decline: Case of the Doteli Language* – Bhuban Bahadur Bohara
- 11:30 – 11:40** 3. *The Mother Tongue of the Indigenous Artisan Community is in Danger of Survival!* – DB Nepali ‘Damu’
- 11:40 – 11:50** 4. *English for Dalits: Is there anything to lose?* – Babu Ram Bishwokarma
- 11:50 – 12: 00** 5. *Culture, Language and Pedagogy of Suptulung in Kirat Rai Indigenous Education* – Dr. Shanti Devi Rai

Session II

Session Title: Geolinguistics Perspectives on Mother Tongue, Heritage Language, and Identity

- 12:00 – 12:10** 1. *Speaking Identity: The Role of Language in Shaping Belonging for Second-Generation Immigrants* – Ariana Guzmán
- 12:10 – 12:20** 2. *Contesting Language Politics: Unveiling an Added Layer of Educational Exclusion for Madhesi Dalit Women* – Ghamber Nepali
- 12:20 – 12:30** 3. *Indigenous Toponyms: Encoding Knowledge, Resisting Erasure, and Reclaiming Identity* – Dr. Tara Mani Rai
- 12:30 – 12:40** 4. *The Ainu Hokkaido Language* – Nick del Castillo
- 12:40 – 12:50** 5. *Geolinguistic Perspectives on the Bajhangi Language: Spatial Distribution, Identity, and Vitality in Far-Western Nepal* – Lakshmi Devi Rokaya

Session III

Session Title: Recent Research and Practices in Geolinguistics

- 12:50 – 1:00** 1. *A Critical Pedagogy as Praxis in School Education: A Phenomenological Study* – Dr. Surya Sigdel
- 1:00 – 1:10** 2. *The Situation of Human Linguistic Rights in Community Schools: A case of Kathmandu* – Ram Bahadur B.K.
- 1:10 – 1:20** 3. *Language Barrier as a Risk in Selling Insurance Products and its Risk Management: Geo-Linguistic Insights from Nepal* – Lakpa Sherpa
- 1:20 – 1:30** 4. *Language Used in Facebook Chat* – Saraswati Poudel
- 1:30 – 1:40** 5. *Mother-tongue based multilingual education in schools* – Ambar Jang Limbu
- 1:40 – 1:50** 6. *Practices and challenges of integrating ICT in English language classes in Nepal* – Bharat Ram Bishwokarma

1:50 – 2:00 7. *Geolinguistic Shifts in Far Western Nepal: Migration, Policy, and Indigenous Language Futures* – Dr. Narendra Raj Paneru & Mahesh Bhatta

2:00 – 2:30 Lunch Break

Session IV

Session Title: Language Planning, Policy, and Pedagogical Practices

2:30 – 2:40 1. *On Becoming a Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Teacher- Professional Growth After Faculty Capacity Enhancement Training: teachers' narratives* – Mani Ram Sharma

2:40 – 2:50 2. *Language Planning, Policy (LPP) and its implementation in Koshi Province* – Santosh Kumar Chongbang

2:50 – 3:00 3. *The Use of Nepali in Secondary-Level English Classrooms of Shadananda Municipality, Bhojpur* – Nabin Acharya

3:00 – 3:10 4. *Integrating Artificial Intelligence to Promote Geolinguistic Equity in Nepal's Language Education Policy* – Surendra Prasad Bhatt

3:10 – 3:20 5. *Perceptions of English Teachers and Students on Learning English in Multilingual Classroom* – Saraswati Acharya

3:20 – 3:30 6. *AI-Powered Language Learning vs. Traditional Pedagogy: Conflicts and Coexistence in Nepalese ELT Classrooms* – Govinda Dhungana

3:30 – 4:30 **Panel Discussion**
Theme: Multilingualism, Pedagogical Practices and Geolinguistics

Panelists: Prof. Dr. Grigory Kazakov
Prof. Dr. Hikaru Kitabayashi,
Prof. Dr. Drona Rasali
Dr. Kailash Rai

4:30 – 5:15 **Closing Ceremony and Farewell**