

George van Driem
lectures

My experiences with speakers of Dränjongke and Hypotheses with regard to Dränjongke phonology, talk at the workshop of the Indo-Swiss collaboration project PhoPhoNo, University of Bern, 9 March 2018.

The East Asian linguistic phylum and northeast India: A reconstruction based on language and genes, invited keynote lecture at the conference Biodiverse 2018, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 29 January 2018.

The peopling of Himalaya, invited lecture at the Department of Applied Zoology, Mangalore University, 15 November 2017.

The four language families comprising the East Asian linguistic phylum each correlate with a distinct subclade of Y chromosomal haplogroup O, invited lecture at the 2nd International Conference on Founder Populations from the Near to Far East, Cochin, 9 November 2017.

From Tibeto-Burman to Trans-Himalayan: The history of scholarly thinking about the world's second most populous language family, lecture at the workshop on Phonetics, Phonology and New Orthographies, Kokusai Kirisutokyō University, Tōkyō, 12 September 2017.

Hunches and hypotheses with regard to Dränjongke phonology, lecture at the workshop on Phonetics, Phonology and New Orthographies, Kokusai Kirisutokyō University, Tōkyō, 11 September 2017.

Orthographic Development for Tibetic Languages: Dzongkha, Dränjongke and Standard Tibetan, lecture at the workshop on Phonetics, Phonology and New Orthographies, Kokusai Kirisutokyō University, Tōkyō, 10 September 2017.

History of Sikkim and the Sikkimese language Dränjongke, lecture at the workshop on Phonetics, Phonology and New Orthographies, Kokusai Kirisutokyō University, Tōkyō, 10 September 2017.

An overview of scholarship on the Tamang language, lecture at the workshop on Phonetics, Phonology and New Orthographies, Kokusai Kirisutokyō University, Tōkyō, 10 September 2017.

The ancestry of the Sikkimese in the broader Asian context: The Mongoloid myth vs. the true linguistic ancestry and biological heritage of the peoples of Sikkim, lecture at the Dränjongke Phonology and Grammar Workshop, Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim, 31 July 2017.

Language families of Asia and the place of Sikkimese: The discovery of Asian language families and the place of the Bhutia language of Sikkim within the Trans-Himalayan family, lecture at the Dränjongke Phonology and Grammar Workshop, Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim, 25 July 2017.

Some epistemic categories in the Dzongkha verb, lecture at the Dränjongke Phonology and Grammar Workshop, Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim, 18 July 2017.

The intranslatability postulate and normative vs. descriptive linguistics, lecture at the Dränjongke Phonology and Grammar Workshop, Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim, 18 July 2017.

Diversity of heritage and the question of homelands: The Mongoloid myth vs. the true linguistic ancestry and biological heritage of the indigenous peoples of the Northeast, invited keynote lecture at the 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium, Tezpur University, 5 July 2017.

A short and sweet history of the Himalayan Languages Symposium, opening talk at the 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium, Tezpur University, 5 July 2017.

New insights on Northeast India as a thoroughfare in human prehistory: Ethnolinguistic phylogeography and the pre-glacial and post-glacial dissemination of salient Y chromosomal haplogroups, invited lecture at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 4 July 2017.

History and prehistory of the Trans-Himalayan language family, invited keynote lecture at the opening of the conference « Ancestry of the Languages and Peoples of China », Jinán University, Canton (Guǎngzhōu), 30 May 2017.

Historical relations between Sikkim and Nepal since the 17th century and their ethnolinguistic consequences and ramifications, lecture for students and team members of the project « Phonetics, Phonology and New Orthographies: Helping Native Language Communities in the Himalayas », Linguistics Institute, University of Bern, 31 March 2017.

Who are the Japanese, and where do the Japanese come from?, invited lecture presented at the workshop 'Human Evolution in Eurasia elucidated through Genetics, Archaeology and Linguistics' hosted by the National Institute of Genetics at Mishima, 17 March 2017.

Previously unknown episodes in the peopling of the greater Himalayan region, invited lecture at the International Consortium for East Himalayan Ethnolinguistic Prehistory, La Trobe University, Bundoora, 8 February 2017.

Transitivity in Lohorong, invited keynote lecture at the Kiranti language workshop, Université Paris Diderot, 2 December 2016.

The Denisovan Legacy in Tibet and Beyond, invited guest lecture at the 1st Tibetan Language Linguistic Forum, Nánkāi University, Tiānjīn, 27 August 2016.

Some epistemic categories in the Dzongkha verb: The dangers of Platonic essentialism in linguistics and in life, invited guest lecture at the 1st Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshop, Nánkāi University, Tiānjīn, 25 August 2016.

Proto-Trans-Himalayan verbal morphology: Kiranti languages, the Gongduk and the Black Mountain Mönpa, invited guest lecture at the 1st Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshop, Nánkāi University, Tiānjīn, 25 August 2016.

Ethnolinguistic phylogeography and prehistory: The Eastern Himalayan region as a cradle of ethnogenesis and linguistic diversification in the prehistoric past, invited guest lecture at the 1st Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshop, Nánkāi University, Tiānjīn, 24 August 2016.

The Trans-Himalayan language family: The history of scholarly thought about the world's second most populous language family, invited guest lecture at the 1st Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshop, Nánkāi University, Tiānjīn, 24 August 2016.

Northeast Endangered language communities and their history of migration to the Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalayas, invited guest lecture for the newly established Department of Endangered Languages at Sikkim University, Gangtok, 25 July 2016.

The Phonology of Dränjoke: Experimental Development of Roman Dränjoke and of Phonological Dränjoke in the Sikkimese 'Ucen script, workshop conducted at the Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok on 22, 23 and 24 July 2016.

An orthography for the Sikkimese language: Options and choices, invited guest lecture in three parts, at the Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, 21 July 2016.

Northeast India and the domestications of Asian rice, invited guest lecture for the newly opened Department of Archaeology at Cotton College State University, Guwahati, 16 June 2016.

The Eastern Himalayan Corridor in Prehistory, invited opening keynote address, 22nd Himalayan Languages Symposium, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 8 June 2016.

Platonic Essentialism, the Cheat of Words and Grammar Writing, module d'enseignement pour le projet « Extended Grammars », Université Paris Diderot, 7 April 2016.

The Toto language of the western Bhutanese duars, lecture presented at the 21st Himalayan Languages Symposium and the 36th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, 28 November 2015.

Défis pratiques du terrain sur le Toit du Monde, module d'enseignement pour la Journée d'études Master-Doctorat « Défis et définition du terrain », Salons d'Honneur de l'Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, 13 November 2015.

Symbiosism and Symbiomism, invited lecture at Salons d'Honneur de l'Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, 12 November 2015.

The discovery of Trans-Himalayan: The history of thought on Asia's most populous language family — A tale of the well informed and demure vs. the poorly informed but unabashed, invited lecture at the School of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences of the University of New England, Armidale, 24 August 2015.

New insights into Dzongkha phonology and morphophonology, invited paper presented at the 2nd meeting of the Consortium for the Study of Eastern Himalayan Ethnolinguistic Prehistory, University of Sydney, 21 August 2015.

Archaeology, Linguistics and Genetics: Rice and People in the Eastern Himalayan Corridor, invited paper presented at the 30th Anniversary XV Nordic Tag, University of Copenhagen, 18 April 2015.

Linguistic Topography: Loss of terrain as a matter of domain, invited paper presented at the 1st International Caucasus University Association Conference on Endangered Languages, Ardahan Üniversitesi, 15 October 2014.

Endangered Language Research and the Moral Depravity of Ethics Protocols, invited paper presented at the one-day pre-conference Workshop on Establishing a Research Centre for Endangered Languages in Turkey at the 1st International Caucasus University Association Conference on Endangered Languages, Ardahan Üniversitesi, 13 October 2014.

Translation and interpretation, three-part lecture in the tailor-made training programme Strategic Management of Parliamentary Affairs for the National Assembly Secretariat of the Royal Government of Bhutan, Institute for Cultural Affairs, Brussels, 19 September 2014.

The underestimated diversity of the Trans-Himalayan language family and the Eastern Himalaya as its long unrecognised centre of linguistic diversity, lecture given at the Inaugural Workshop of the International Consortium for Eastern Himalayan Ethnolinguistic Prehistory, University of New England, Armidale, 7 September 2014.

Asian ethnolinguistic phylogeography from a linguistic perspective, invited public lecture at the University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales, 4 September 2014.

Asian ethnolinguistic phylogeography from a linguistic perspective, lecture at the interdisciplinary conference *Migrations and Transfers in Prehistory: Asian and Oceanic Ethnolinguistic Phylogeography*, University of Berne, Switzerland, 29 July 2014.

Gongduk Nominal Morphology and the phylogenetic position of Gongduk, lecture at the 20th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 16 July 2014.

The Eastern Himalaya: Cradle of Ethnogenesis, invited lecture organised by the Alliance for Social Dialogue and *Himal Southasian*, Annapurna Hotel, Kathmandu, 13 July 2014.

The Trans-Himalayan family and the Himalayan homeland, invited talk organised by the Linguistic Society of Nepal and the Central Linguistics Department at the Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, 6 June 2014.

Paragliding through the eastern Himalayas: Discovery, ancestry and language, invited talk at the Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi, 12 February 2014.

Ethnogenesis in Northeast India, invited lecture at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi, 6 February 2014.

Ethnolinguistic phylogeography: From East Asia into and across the Indian Ocean and the Pacific, presentation at the 20th Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Siem Reap, 15 January 2014.

Ethnogenesis in Northeast India: The Eastern Himalayan Fatherland and the debunking of the Mongoloid myth, invited lecture at Indian Institute of Technology at Guwahati, 27 October 2013.

The Mongoloid myth and the Eastern Himalayan homeland: Evidence from historical linguistics and human population genetics, invited lecture at Tezpur University, 25 October 2013.

From Tibeto-Burman to Trans-Himalayan: An uncensored history of thinking about the planet's second most populous linguistic phylum and the new multidisciplinary view, invited lecture at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 11 September 2013.

The oldest Limbu historical text, presentation at the 19th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Australian National University, Canberra, 6 September 2013.

East Asian prehistory through the eyes of language and genes, invited public lecture at Australian National University, Canberra, 2 September 2013.

East Asian ethnolinguistic prehistory: An interdisciplinary approach, a full-day master class held at Australian National University, Canberra, 30 August 2013.

Beyond the linguistic event horizon: Bottlenecks and ethnolinguistic prehistory, invited lecture at the Language and Culture Research Centre, Cairns Institute, James Cook University, Cairns, 21 August 2013.

East Asian ethnolinguistic phylogeography and reconstructible episodes in prehistory, invited lecture at the Estonian Biocentre, University of Tartu, 25 April 2013.

Between the Himalayas and the Ganges: Ancient thoroughfare for the peopling of the Orient, invited valedictory lecture at the 18th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Benares Hindu University, Varanasi, 12 September 2012.

Asian ethnolinguistic population prehistory: Father Tongues and lost lineages, paper presented at the 18th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Benares Hindu University, Varanasi, 11 September 2012.

A brief history of the Himalayan Languages Symposium, invited opening lecture at the 18th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Benares Hindu University, Varanasi, 10 September 2012.

The diversity and wealth of Bhutan's linguistic heritage, invited lecture at the Paro College of Education, Paro, 11 August 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan linguistic phylum and linguistic vs. biological ancestry, invited lecture at the Paro College of Education, Paro, 11 August 2012.

High-Level Talk, invited lecture to the Committee of Government Secretaries representing the various ministries, Thimphu, 9 August 2012.

The diversity and wealth of Bhutan's linguistic heritage, invited lecture to the planning officers and Dzongkha focal persons of the Royal Bhutan Police, the Royal Bhutan Army, the Royal Body Guard, the Royal Audit Authority, the Anti-Corruption Commission, the Election Commission, the Judiciary, constitutional bodies and other agencies, Paro, 9 August 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan linguistic phylum and linguistic vs. biological ancestry, invited lecture to the planning officers and Dzongkha focal persons of the Royal Bhutan Police, the Royal Bhutan Army, the Royal Body Guard, the Royal Audit Authority, the Anti-Corruption Commission, the Election Commission, the Judiciary, constitutional bodies and other agencies, Paro, 9 August 2012.

The diversity and wealth of Bhutan's linguistic heritage, invited lecture at the Yangchenphug Higher Secondary School, Thimphu, 8 August 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan linguistic phylum and linguistic vs. biological ancestry, invited lecture at the Yangchenphug Higher Secondary School, Thimphu, 8 August 2012.

Seven epistemic categories of meaning in the Dzongkha verbal system, invited lecture at the Institute for Language and Cultural Studies, Taktse, 1 August 2012.

Languages, Genes and Prehistory: The origins of East Asian language families, invited lecture at the Institute for Language and Cultural Studies, Taktse, 1 August 2012.

The Languages of Bhutan and the Three Gems, invited lecture at the Institute for Language and Cultural Studies, Taktse, 31 July 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan phylum: To which language family do the languages of Bhutan belong?, invited lecture at the Institute for Language and Cultural Studies, Taktse, 31 July 2012.

Seven epistemic categories of meaning in the Dzongkha verbal system, invited lecture at the Kelki Higher Secondary School, Thimphu, 27 July 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan phylum and the languages of Bhutan, invited lecture at the Kelki Higher Secondary School, Thimphu, 27 July 2012.

Seven epistemic categories of meaning in the Dzongkha verbal system, invited lecture at the School for Language and Culture Studies, Thimphu, 26 July 2012.

The Languages of Bhutan and the Three Gems, invited lecture at the School for Language and Culture Studies, Thimphu, 26 July 2012.

Epistemic verbal categories of meaning in Dzongkha, invited lecture for the Dzongkha Development Commission of the Royal Government of Bhutan, Conference Hall of the Royal Audit Authority, Thimphu, 25 July 2012.

Languages, Genes and Prehistory, invited lecture for the Dzongkha Development Commission of the Royal Government of Bhutan, Conference Hall of the Ministry of Education, Thimphu, 24 July 2012.

The Languages of Bhutan, invited lecture for the Dzongkha Development Commission of the Royal Government of Bhutan, Conference Hall of the Ministry of Education, Thimphu, 24 July 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan phylum: Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan — To which language family do the languages of Bhutan belong?, invited lecture for the Dzongkha Development Commission of the Royal Government of Bhutan, Conference Hall of the Ministry of Education, Thimphu, 24 July 2012.

The Languages of Bhutan, invited lecture for the Bhutan Society of Switzerland, University of Lucerne, 31 March 2012.

Newar and the Trans-Himalayan phylum: Unraveling the linguistic and genetic ancestry of Newar, invited lecture for the Center for Molecular Dynamics Nepal (CMDN), Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, 31 January 2012.

बराम भाषा अनुसन्धानको संक्षिप्त प्रगति विवरण, invited lecture for the Baram Society of Gorkha District, Kathmandu, 30 January 2012.

The Trans-Himalayan phylum and the linguistic ancestry of Tibetan, invited plenary lecture at the 3rd International Conference on Tibetan Language, Columbia University, New York, 10 December 2011.

The Greater Himalayan Region: Highland Refuge or Cradle of Civilisations?, invited lecture at the workshop Northwest by Southeast: Zomia — Redefining Our Boundaries of Knowing, Pan-Asia Institute, Indiana University at Bloomington, Saturday 19 November 2011.

The Trans-Himalayan phylum and its implications for population prehistory, invited lecture at the 2nd Meeting on Linguistic Evolution and Genetic Evolution, Fudan University, Shanghai, Friday 16 September 2011.

The Black Mountain Mönpa language, paper at the 17th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Kōbe City University of Foreign Studies, Thursday 8 September 2011.

Asian rice and language, invited lecture at the National Museum of Ethnology, Ōsaka, Sunday 4 September 2011.

Apport de la paléolinguistique à l'histoire du peuplement en Asie extrême-orientale, module d'enseignement sur l'invitation de l'école doctorale du Muséum d'Histoire naturelle, jeudi 24 mars 2011.

Dzongkha in Education and the Promise and Peril of English, invited lecture at Oxford University, 8 March 2011.

Gongduk verbal conjugations and Proto-Tibeto-Burman morphology, paper presented at the 16th Himalayan Languages Symposium at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Sunday 5 September 2010.

A new Austroasiatic Homeland, paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics at Mahidol University, Salaya, Thursday 29 October 2009.

Language and Genes: Ethnolinguistic hot spots in Asian population prehistory, presentation made at the invitation of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Wednesday 26 November 2008.

Ani-pānin abhelleyaṅ məsinənlə! Həndzabitchaha?nu ani-pānin pättum lə! (in Limbu: 'May our language never die! Let us speak our language with our children!'), evening address at the Felicitation Ceremony held in honour of the speaker by a joint gathering of the Sukhim-Yakthung

Sapsok Songjumbho ('Sikkim Limbu Literary Society'), Bhāratīya Limbū Mahāsaṅgha ('Greater Indian Limbu Convention'), the Sirijunga Yakthung Sakthim Phojuṃbho ('Sirijunga Sikkimese Limbu Organisation') and the Sikkim Limbu Youth Association, Orient Hotel at Gangtok, Sikkim, Thursday evening, 2 October 2008.

Sikkim and the Limbu script, presentation given at the Golden Jubilee Conference of the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology 'Buddhist Himalaya: Studies in Religion, History and Culture' at Gangtok, Sikkim, Thursday 2 October 2008.

The Gongduk language of central Bhutan: Some new grammatical and lexical data, paper presented at the 14th Himalayan Languages Symposium, University of Göteborg, 23 August 2008.

Linguistic population prehistory of the greater Himalayan region: Interpretations of emergent genetic data, invited presentation at the the International Conference 'First Great Migrations of Peoples' under the auspices of UNESCO, at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, 19 June 2008.

Reflections on Tibeto-Burman population prehistory: Possible interpretations of emergent genetic data, invited presentation at the conference 'Origins and Migrations of Tibeto-Burman Speakers of the Extended Eastern Himalayas', Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Saturday 24 May 2008.

Specialised vocabularies, genes and homelands: The new linguistic palaeontology, presentation made at the European Science Foundation (ESF) Origin of Man, Language and Languages (OMLL) workshop 'New Directions in Historical Linguistics', Université Lumière, Lyon, Wednesday 14 May 2008.

Linguistic population prehistory of the Himalayas: Interpretations of emergent genetic data, invited lecture delivered at the India International Centre, New Delhi, Friday 7 March 2008.

The Shompen data from Great Nicobar Island: Possible implications and new questions, 3rd International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics (ICAAL 3), Deccan College, Pune, Monday 26 November 2007.

De etnolinguïstische prehistorie van de Himalaya en omstreken, toespraak op uitnodiging van de Leidse culturele studentenvereniging Prometheus, woensdag 14 november 2007.

Linguistic population prehistory of the Himalayas: Interpretations of emergent genetic data, invited lecture delivered at Delhi University, Friday 26 October 2007.

The population prehistory of the Himalayas: Interpretations of emergent genetic data, lecture delivered at the 13th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies at Shimla, Monday 22 October 2007.

The Tibeto-Burman language family and the ancestry of Chinese, invited lecture delivered at the University of Zhèjiāng in Hángzhōu, Tuesday 24 July 2007.

Reflections on the ethnolinguistic prehistory of the greater Himalayan region, invited presentation at the workshop ‘Landscape, demography and subsistence in prehistoric India: exploratory workshop on the middle Ganges and the Vindhyas’ held at the Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies, University of Cambridge and the Ancient India and Iran Trust, 2 June 2007.

De bevolkingsgeschiedenis van Bhutan: vergelijkende taalwetenschap en erfelijkheidsleer, voordracht op uitnodiging van de stichting Friends of Bhutan, in de dépendance van de Leidse universiteit op Lange Voorhout 44 te 's Gravenhage, 24 mei 2007.

The population genetics of language communities in the Himalayas: Questions about peopling and the extent of the last glaciation, invited lecture at the symposium on Cenozoic Climate and Landscape Evolution in Tibet and Bhutan, held at the Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics, University of Amsterdam, 21 May 2007.

Symbiosism, Symbiomism and the Leiden definition of the meme, invited keynote lecture at the pluridisciplinary symposium on Imitation, Memory and Cultural Change: Probing the Meme Hypothesis, hosted by the Toronto Semiotic Circle at the University of Toronto, 4 May 2007.

Tibeto-Burman and the Himalayas: The prehistory of a language family in light of population genetic studies, invited presentation at the workshop on ‘Human Evolution and Disease’ of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO), held at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) at Hyderabad, 7 December 2006.

Formatted or Free? Unfettering Grammar, lecture delivered at the 12th Himalayan Languages Symposium, held at Tribhuvan University in Kirtipur, Nepal, 27 November 2006.

Austroasiatic and Tibeto-Burman: The prehistory of language families in light of population genetic studies, invited presentation at the 9th Ethnogenesis of South and Central Asia (ECSA) Round Table entitled ‘International Conference on the Substrate and Remnant Languages of South, Southeast, East Asia and Sahul Land: The Year of the Australoid’, Harvard University, 21 October 2006.

Austroasiatic phylogeny and the Austroasiatic homeland in light of recent population genetic studies, invited presentation at the Pilot meeting of the 3rd International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics at l'École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) at Siem Reap, 28 June 2006.

The diversity of the Tibeto-Burman language family and the linguistic ancestry of Chinese, invited keynote address to the joint meeting of the 14th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics and the 10th International Symposium on Chinese Languages and Linguistics at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Saturday, 27 May 2006.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: To which language family does Chinese really belong?, invited lecture at the Southwest University of Nationalities in Chéngdū (Xīnán Míngzú Dàxué), Thursday 13 April 2006.

In Quest of the linguistic ancestors and biological ancestors of the Chinese people, invited lecture at the Kūnmíng Institute of Zoology of the Chinese Academy of Science in Kūnmíng (Zhōngguó Kēxué Yuàn Kūnmíng Dòngwù Yánjiūsùǒ), Monday 11 April 2006.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: To which language family does Chinese really belong?, invited lecture at the Anthropology Department of Amoy University (Xiàmén Dàxué), Saturday 8 April 2006.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: To which language family does Chinese really belong?, invited lecture at the Anthropology Department of Quánzhōu Normal University (Quánzhōu Shīfàn Dàxué), Wednesday 5 April 2006.

In Quest of the linguistic ancestors and biological ancestors of the Chinese people, invited lecture at the Genetics Department of Fùdàn University in Shanghai (Fùdàn Dàxué), Friday 24 March 2006.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: To which language family does Chinese really belong?, invited lecture at the Chinese Department of Fùdàn University in Shanghai (Fùdàn Dàxué), Thursday 23 March 2006.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: To which language family does Chinese really belong?, invited lecture at the Central University for the Nationalities in Peking (Zhōngyāng Míngzú Dàxué), Tuesday 21 March 2006.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: To which language family does Chinese really belong?, invited lecture at Peking University (Běijīng Dàxué), Monday 20 March 2006.

The Peopling of the greater Himalayan region: Comparative linguistics and genetics, invited lecture at Chinese University of Hong Kong (Xiānggǎng Zhōngwén Dàxué), Friday 10 March 2006.

De Nepalese exodus en Bhutan, voordracht gehouden op uitnodiging van het Commissariaat-Generaal voor de Vluchtelingen en de Staatlozen te Brussel, donderdag 23 februari 2006.

De Nepalese politiek: een geschiedkundig overzicht, voordracht gehouden op uitnodiging op het Commissariaat-Generaal voor de Vluchtelingen en de Staatlozen te Brussel, donderdag 23 februari 2006.

De bevolkingsgeschiedenis van het Indiase subcontinent: vergelijkende taalwetenschap en erfelijkheidsleer, invited lecture at Ghent University, Wednesday 22 February 2006.

The peopling of the Indian subcontinent: Languages, genes and social history, public lecture for the Department of South and Central Asia at Leiden University, Friday 17 February 2006.

Tibeto-Burman and Sino-Bodic vs. Indo-Chinese and Sino-Tibetan: To which language family do most of the languages of Nepal really belong? invited lecture for the Sunday afternoon series at Madan Puruskar Pustakalaya and presentation of the handbook *Languages of the Himalayas* to the Tribhuvan University Linguistics Department library, 18 December 2005, Lalitpur, Nepal.

Mother Tongues and Father Tongues in and around the Himalayas, invited keynote lecture given at the opening of the 11th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 6 December 2005.

Languages and Genes of the Greater Himalayan Region: An Invitation to International and Interdisciplinary Collaboration, invited lecture given at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, 24 November 2005.

To which language family does Chinese belong?, lecture given at the Colloquium 'Indo-European and its neighbours', Leiden University, 6 June 2005.

Constructing a Tibeto-Burman lexical and grammatical database as an ever expanding global resource, opening talk at the workshop Databases in Linguistic Research, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, 23 June 2005.

English and globalisation, with specific reference to the Indian subcontinent, invited lecture delivered at Deccan College at Poona (Pune), India, 17 December 2004.

Report on the Proceedings of the Xth Himalayan Languages Symposium, invited presentation at the National Banquet Hall, Thimphu, Bhutan, 3 December 2004.

Three new grammars: Lhokpu, Black Mountain Monpa and Gongduk, paper presented at the Xth Himalayan Languages Symposium, Thimphu, Bhutan, 2 December 2004 [televised on the Bhutanese national network].

The history of the Dzongkha Development Authority and of linguistic research in Bhutan, invited keynote address at the Xth Himalayan Languages Symposium, Thimphu, Bhutan, 1 December 2004 [televised on the Bhutanese national network].

Language and the population prehistory of India, invited lecture given at Delhi University, 25 November 2004.

Lhokpu, la langue des Doyas au sud-ouest du Bhoutan, invited lecture given at l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 25 June 2004.

Black Mountain, la langue des Montagnes Noires, invited lecture given at l'École des Hautes

Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 14 June 2004.

Het beest in ons brein: De Leidse taaltheorie, voor het NWO programma Bessensap: Wetenschap ontmoet pers, in Nemo op dinsdag 18 mei 2004.

‘On the Himalayas’, presented at the Colloquium ‘Linguistics and the History of Populations: On the Interrelationship between Linguistics, Archaeology and Genetics’, Leiden University, 24 April 2004.

Dzala and Dakpa form a coherent subgroup within East Bodish, and some related thoughts, paper presented at the 9th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Central Institute of Indian Languages at Mysore, 11 December 2003.

The State of the Art in Himalayan Linguistics and the next venue of the Himalayan Languages Symposium, invited keynote address at the 9th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Central Institute of Indian Languages at Mysore, 9 December 2003.

Development of the National Language in Bhutan and other activities of the Dzongkha Development Commission, at the Xth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Oxford University, 12 September 2003.

Tibeto-Burman versus Sino-Tibetan, invited keynote address at the Third Conference of the European Association of Chinese Linguistics, Ghent University, Belgium, 8 September 2003.

Bhutan’s Endangered Languages Documentation Programme under the Dzongkha Development Commission: Three Rare Gems, at the First International Seminar on Bhutan Studies, Centre for Bhutan Studies, Thimphu, Bhutan, 21 August 2003.

The Language Organism: The Leiden Theory of Language Evolution, at XVIIth International Congress of Linguists, Prague, Czech Republic, 29th July, 2003.

The Dallas Manifesto: Implications for Language Typology, invited lecture given at the Max-Planck-Institut für evolutionäre Anthropologie, Leipzig, 25 June 2003.

The ethnolinguistic composition of Nepal and the peopling of the Himalayas, invited lecture for the Cultural Studies Group Nepal and the Nepal-Netherlands Friendship Association in Durbar Hall at the Shanker Hotel, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, 17 January 2003.

The Austric Problem: Issues, Solutions, Ramifications at the 9th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics at Australian National University, Canberra, 11 January 2003.

Chantyāl mānavjāti ra vaṃśānugat guṅko anusandhān, invited lecture for the Chantyāl Samāj at Bālāju, Kathmandu, Nepal, 3 January 2003.

Tulanātmak bhāṣāvijñān ra vaṃśānugat guṅko anusandhān, invited lecture for the Kirāt

Yakthung Chumlung at Lalitpur, Nepal, 27 December 2002.

A Holistic Approach to the Fine Art of Grammar Writing: The Dallas Manifesto, invited lecture given at the Institute of Linguistics of the Academia Sinica at Taipei, 4 November 2002.

A Holistic Approach to the Fine Art of Grammar Writing: The Dallas Manifesto, invited lecture at the Summer Institute of Linguistics Grammar Writing Symposium at Dallas, Texas, 18 October 2002.

Some particulars of the Lhokpu language, 22 September 2002, talk given at the 8th Himalayan Languages Symposium at the University of Berne, Switzerland.

The Father Tongue Hypothesis: Sexually dimorphic dispersals in prehistory, 10 September 2002, lecture delivered at the 17th Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan.

Language communities and the peopling of the Himalayas, invited lecture, 30 August 2002, Chulalongkorn University.

An assessment of the empirical basis for Austric, invited lecture, 13 June 2002, l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

Language Communities of Bhutan and the Peopling of the Himalayas, 14 May 2002, invited lecture for the Bhutan Society of the United Kingdom, Lady Violet Room, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London.

The Ethnolinguistic Composition of Bhutan and the Population Prehistory of the Himalayas, invited lecture, 13 May 2002, Oxford University, Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane.

The Language Organism: The Leiden Theory of Language Evolution, paper presented at the Fourth International Conference on the Evolution of Language, 28 March 2002, Harvard University at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Austric Problem: Issues, Solutions, Ramifications at the 9th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics at Australian National University, Canberra, 11 January 2002.

The holistic approach to endangered language documentation: Research philosophy of the Himalayan Languages Project, invited lecture presented at the 2nd International Conference on Endangered Languages, Kyoto International Conference Centre, 1 December 2001.

Tibeto-Burman vs. Sino-Tibetan: Ramifications for population prehistory, invited lecture presented at the Department of Chinese, Translation and Linguistics at the City University of Hong Kong, China, 26 November 2001.

The Language Organism: The Leiden Theory of Linguistics, invited lecture presented at the 2nd

Workshop of Language Acquisition, Change and Emergence, on 24 November 2001, Hong Kong City University, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The evidence for Brahmaputran and the implications for the prehistory of the Tibeto-Burman area, paper presented at the 34th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, Yúnnán Institute for the Nationalities, Kūnmíng, China, 24 October 2001.

De vele tongen van de Draak: Taalverscheidenheid in Bhutan, public lecture for the Genootschap de Gulden Draack, Ghent, Flanders, Belgium, 16 October 2001.

The Gongduk language of central Bhutan, paper presented at the 7th Himalayan Languages Symposium at Uppsala University, Sweden, 7 September 2001.

Genes, languages and material culture shed light on Tibeto-Burman phylogeny and prehistory, invited lecture presented at the Colloque «Perspectives sur la Phylogénie des Langues d'Asie Orientales» at Périgueux, France, 29 August 2001.

Tibeto-Burman phylogeny and prehistory: Genes, languages and material culture in the Himalayas, invited lecture presented at the Conference on Origins and Dispersals of Agricultural Societies and Language Families, held at the McDonald Institute for Archaeology, Cambridge, England, 26 August 2001.

Evidence for Brahmaputran, invited lecture presented at the Workshop on Tibeto-Burman Linguistics at the University of California at Santa Barbara, 28 July 2001.

Threnody on the Palace Massacre at Kathmandu, invited lecture held in Nepali at the memorial service organised for the Nepali community in the Netherlands, organised by the Royal Nepalese Consulate, Amsterdam, 10 June 2001.

Taal en taalwetenschap, inaugural lecture as Professor of Linguistics in the Academiegebouw, Leiden University, 23 March 2001.

Moderne Vertolkingen van het Leven in Tibet, invited lecture at the vernissage of the exhibition of oil paintings by Mei Dong Sheng at Art Gallery Gérard in Wassenaar, 24 November 2000.

The Bogus in Linguistics and the Humanities, invited lecture delivered at the Research School for Asian, African and Amerindian Studies at Leiden University, 21 November 2000.

The Language Organism: A Symbiotic Theory of Language, invited lecture delivered at the Belgian-Dutch Workshop for Language Evolution held at the Atomium in Brussels, 17 November 2000.

The National Language and the Indigenous Languages of Bhutan, invited public lecture given under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Bhutan at the SAARC building in Thimphu, 28 August 2000 [televised on the Bhutanese national network].

Language relationships in Bhutan, invited lecture given at the two-day seminar of the Dzongkha Development Commission devoted to the drafting of a charter for the Commission at the Bhutanese Chamber of Commerce at Thimphu, 21 August 2000.

De evolutie van de taal: Beginselen van de biologische taalwetenschap, invited public lecture delivered at Paradiso, Amsterdam, 16 April 2000.

‘De lichtende God van de taal’ over de talen van de Himalaya, invited lecture given at the Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen, Amsterdam, 4 March 2000.

Zhangzhung and its Relatives on the Southern Flank of the Himalayas, lecture given at the 5th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Kathmandu, 13 September 1999.

Zhangzhung and its Next of Kin in the Himalayas, invited lecture given at Zhangzhung and Bonpo Symposium at the National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan, 24 August 1999.

Some Educated Guesses about Zhangzhung, lecture given at the 5th Meeting of the European Project for Himalayan Languages, Leiden, 17 June 1999.

What Linguists Can Teach Archaeologists About Prehistory, invited lecture given to the Archaeology Department of Deccan College, Poona (Pune), India, 11 December 1998.

What Archaeologists Can Teach Linguists About Prehistory, invited lecture given to the Archaeology Department of Deccan College, Poona (Pune), India, 10 December 1998.

Ancient Tibeto-Burman Migrations in the Greater Himalayan Region, 4th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Deccan College, Poona (Pune), India, 7 December 1998.

On Himalayan Languages, invited opening lecture at the 4th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Deccan College, Poona (Pune), India, 7 December 1998.

Mahakiranti Grammatical Etyma in Baram, 19th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Nepal, 27 November 1998.

Talen uit de Himalaya, Symposium ‘De Wijde Wereld van de Kleine Talen’, Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen, 11 October 1998.

Toto, 2nd Annual Seminar ‘Grammatical Phenomena in Languages of the Himalayas’, Leiden University, 2 September 1998.

Epistemic verbal categories in Dzongkha, at the meeting of the Europäische Kooperationsprojekt über Himalaja-Sprachen, Universität Heidelberg, 4 June 1998.

Epistemic Verbal Categories in Dzongkha, 18th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of

Nepal at Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, 26 November 1997.

Overzicht van de talen van de Himalaya tot China, address to the students of the Vakgroep Zuid- en Oost-Azië of the University of Ghent in Flanders, 28 October 1997.

The significance of conducting linguistic research in the Himalayas, invited talk presented at the Next Generation Leaders Forum hosted by the Korea Foundation, Seoul, 4 September 1997.

The Baram of Gorkha: Hodgson's 'Bhrámú' rediscovered, at the 3rd Himalayan Languages Symposium, University of California at Santa Barbara, 17 July 1997.

The Genetic Position of Chinese, invited keynote address at the opening of the Sixth International Conference on Chinese Linguistics, Leiden University, 19 June 1997.

Sprachen und Bevölkerungsschichten in Nepal, invited lecture for the Deutsch-Nepalesische Gesellschaft at Bonn during the annual Nepal-Tag, 3 May 1997.

Himalaya-onderzoek en de Leidse traditie, invited public lecture, Dieslezing in het Akademiegebouw, address on the occasion of the 422nd anniversary of the founding of Leiden University, February 8th, 1997.

A Career in Linguistics and Research Prospects in the Himalayan Region, invited lecture to the faculty and students of the Linguistics, English and Nepali Departments of Tribhuvan University at Kirtipur, 27 December 1996.

Ani-pānin abhelleyaṅ mesinēnl! Hēndzabitchaha?nu ani-pānin pāttum l! (in Limbu: 'May our language never die! Let us speak our language with our children!'), invited public address to the village elders of the Limbu communities of the Phedāp, Chathar and Āṭhrāi regions, and to the members of the Tehrathum District Chapter of the Kirāt Yākthung Cumlung 'Kiranti Limbu Association', Kirāt Yākthung Cumlung building, Myānglung Bazaar, Tehrathum, 17 December 1996.

किरात राईहरूको बहुभाषिक धनको व्यावहारिक समस्या (in Nepali: 'Practical problems associated with the multilingual wealth of the Kiranti Rai peoples'), invited lecture given at the seminar of the Kirāt Rāi Yāyokkhā 'Association of Kiranti Rai Peoples', Nepal Bar Association Building, Kathmandu, 7 December 1996

Sino-Bodic: A major 'new' linguistic subgrouping in the Himalayas, paper presented at the XVIIth Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, 26 November 1996

Linguistic Research in the Himalayan Area, invited public address to the Royal Nepal Academy at Kamaladi, Kathmandu, 21 November 1996

Het Sino-Bodisch: Een 'nieuwe' taalgroep in de Himalaya, lezing op uitnodiging van de

Onderzoeksgroep Beschrijvende en Historische Taalkunde van de Rijksuniversiteit te Groningen, in het Tehuis, 25 oktober 1996

Some Sino-Bodic morphophonology, at the 2nd Himalayan Languages Symposium and at the XXIXth International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, Congrescentrum Leeuwenhorst te Noordwijkerhout, 12 October 1996

The genetic affinity of the Toto language, am Projekttreffen des Europäischen Kooperationsprojekt über Himalaja-Sprachen an der Universität Zürich, den 21. Juni 1996

Culturele verscheidenheid van Bhutan, lezing op uitnodiging van de Stichting Friends of Bhutan in de Kleine Aula van het Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen te Amsterdam op 1 juni 1996

Het Himalaya-talenproject, toespraak bij de uitreiking van de Rolex Associate Laureate Award for Enterprise 1996, het West-Indisch Huis te Amsterdam op 22 mei 1996

Een vergezicht vanaf de Himalaya, invited lecture, in de lezingencyclus 'Babels Erfenis', in Paradiso te Amsterdam op 17 maart 1996

Neolithische Volksverhuizingen en Oosterse Taalfamilies, voordracht op uitnodiging van het Oosterse Genootschap in het Volkenkundig Museum te Leiden, 20 februari 1996

The Toto Language, at the XXIIIrd International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, University of Virginia at Charlottesville, 9 October 1995

Vestiges of Kentum Indo-European in the Himalayas: Substrate or Sophistry?, at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden, September 2nd, 1995.

Grammatical Sketch of the Bumthang Language of Central Bhutan, 7th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Schloß Seggau outside of Leibnitz in Austria, June 22nd, 1995.

The Kiranti imperfective of reification, First International Himalayan Languages Symposium held at Leiden University, June 17th, 1995.

Middle Voice in Lohorong, au 27ème Congrès International sur les Langues et la Linguistique Sino-Tibétaines, Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques de Sèvres, Paris, le 12 octobre 1994.

The Ethnolinguistic Prehistory of Bhutan, World Archaeological Congress 3 in New Delhi, December 10th, 1994.

Dzongkha language and linguistics in Bhutan, invited lecture given in Cologne for the Bhutan-Himalaya-Gesellschaft Gesellschaft, June 1994.

De talen en volkeren van de Himalaya, op het PIONIER-symposium van de Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek te 's-Gravenhage, May 16th, 1994.

East Bodish and Newar in the comparative context, at the 14th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, Tribhuvan University at Kirtipur, November 1993.

Het 'Ole Mönpa van de Zwarte Bergen en de Proto-Tibeto-Birmaanse morfosyntaxis, vrijdagmiddaglesing op uitnodiging van de vakgroep Algemene Taalwetenschap, in het Bungehuis van de Universiteit van Amsterdam, November 1993.

East Bodish and Proto-Tibeto-Burman morphosyntax, at the XXVIth International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, National Museum of Ethnology at Osaka, Japan, September 1993.

Language policy in Bhutan, invited lecture at the Conference 'Bhutan: A Traditional Order and the Forces of Change', School of Oriental and African Studies, University of Londen, March 1993.

The Monpa language of Bhutan in Himalayan and Tibeto-Burman perspective, at the 13th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, Tribhuvan University at Kirtipur, November 1992.

Mönpa verbal morphology in Tibeto-Burman perspective, at the XXVth International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley, October 1992.

Gedragpatronen in Nepal en hun historische achtergronden, invited lecture, Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen, Amsterdam, augustus 1992.

Die Sprachen Bhutans, invited lecture, Aula der Universität Zürich, Dezember 1991.

Einige Bemerkungen zum Aspekt im Limbu, invited lecture, am Seminar für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft der Universität Zürich, Dezember 1991.

The Gongduk Language of Bhutan, at the XXIVth International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, Ramkhamhaeng University at Bangkok, 8 October 1991.

De vormleer van het werkwoord in het Proto-Kiranti, voor het Leidse TaalkundigengEZelschap 'De Vrijdagmiddag', november 1989.

The verbal morphology of Lohorong, at the XXIIInd International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Honolulu, August 1989.

Taal en identiteit: Indo-Arisch expansionisme in oostelijk Nepal, op het 9e congres van de 'Contactgroep Tropisch Azië', Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden, juni 1989.

A structured exploration of Proto-Kiranti verbal morphology, at the 9th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, Tribhuvan University at Kirtipur, November 1988.

The Kiranti languages and their speakers: A bird's eye view, invited lecture for the Linguistic Society of the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, November 1988.

Dumi Rai and Proto-Kiranti verbal morphology, at the XXIst International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, Lunds Universitet, Sweden, October 1988.

De invloed van de achttiende eeuwse boeddhistische expansie in Sikkim op de natuurgodsdienst van de Limbu's, voordracht op uitnodiging van de Stichting 'Vrienden van het Boeddhisme', in de Kosmos te Amsterdam, oktober 1987.

The verbal morphology of Dumi Rai simplicia, at the XXth International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, University of British Columbia at Vancouver, August 1987.

Reflexen van Tibeto-Birmaanse causatieve affigeringen in het Dumi Rai, voor het Leidse TaalkundigengEZelschap 'De Vrijdagmiddag', februari 1987.

Actantencodering in het Limbu, voor het Leidse TaalkundigengEZelschap 'Nomen', december 1985.

Functionele plaatsen in het Limbu werkwoord, voor het Leidse TaalkundigengEZelschap 'De Vrijdagmiddag', november 1985.