



**Department of Linguistics
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A Workshop on

Agreement in Indian Languages

Faculty:

Dr. Pritha Chandra (HSS, IIT Delhi)

Dates: 17th – 21st February, 2020

Timings: 9.30 am – 5.00 pm

Venue: Ji Xianlin Center, University of
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Schedule

Day	Time	Topic
17 th February	09-30 am – 01.00 pm	Agreement in the Generative System: (From Syntactic Structures (Chomsky 1957) to Government and Binding Theory (Chomsky 1981)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1957 - agreement as part of transformations, not phrase structure rules ❖ 1957 – agreement vis-à-vis Case? ❖ 1965 – the role of semantic features, and implications for agreement ❖ 1965 – D-structure level of representation, and implications for agreement ❖ 1981 – Case Filter, and association with agreement, specifier-head relations
	02.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Practical session: Phrase Structure & Transformations Practice with South Asian language data
18 th February	09-30 am – 01.00 pm	Agreement in Minimalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Basic Tenets of Minimalism: Operations, Architectural Constraints and interfaces ❖ Features, Feature-checking, Specifier-head relations ❖ Natural relations, and revisiting specifier-head relations ❖ Long-distance Agree operation, valuation, erasure/deletion ❖ Constraints, Phases, Phase Impenetrability Condition
	02.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Practical session: Minimalist operations with South Asian language data
19 th February	09-30 am – 01.00 pm	Agreement Variation and Mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Borer-Chomsky Conjecture and redefining Parametric Variation ❖ Featural Variation (Gender, Person, Number) ❖ Parametric Hierarchy ❖ Different Levels of variation

	02.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Practical session: Practice with South Asian language data – macro/meso/micro-level differences
20 th February	09-30 am – 01.00 pm	Specific Case/Agreement Relations and Conflicts ❖ Is nominative always unmarked? ❖ Does nominative always trigger agreement? ❖ Accusative-Agreement Correlations? ❖ Ergative-Agreement Correlations?
	02.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Practical session: Practice with South Asian language data – agreement/case associations
21 st February	09-30 am – 01.00 pm	Case/Agreement change over time ❖ Cases and agreement patterns in older varieties ❖ Case/agreement change in current varieties ❖ Case/agreement patterns in dialects/idiolects
	02.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Practical session: Practice with data from older varieties

Primary Readings:

Chomsky (1957) Syntactic Structures (chapter 2 to chapter 5; Appendices)

Chomsky (1965) Aspects (chapter 2)

Chomsky (1981) Government and Binding Theory

Hornstein, Nunes and Grohmann (2005) Understanding Minimalism