

# Ushasi Banerjee

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## Skills

Languages: Bengali/ Bangla (native)

English (near-native)

Hindi (native)

Spanish (basic- part of B.A. module)

Khasi (research)

Mizo (research)

Ao (research)

Assamese (elementary)

Software: Python, R, LaTeX, Praat, Ruby, CSS.

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## Experience

**Indian Institute of Technology** / Summer Intern

July, 2017 - Assam, India

Building an automatic speech detection system based on North-Eastern Indian languages.

**English and Foreign Languages University** / Teaching Assistant

Hyderabad, India

*Introduction to Formal Semantics* (Aug-Dec 2018)

**Yale University**/ Teaching Fellow

Connecticut, USA

*Semantics I* (Fall 2022)

*Cognitive Science of Language* (Spring 2023)

*Introduction to Linguistics* (Fall 2023)

*Pragmatics* (Spring 2024)

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## Education

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### **Yale University / Ph.D in Linguistics**

September 2020 - onwards, USA

Modules covered: Semantics 2, Syntax 2, Phonology 2, Field Methods, Linguistic Change, Semantic Investigations in Unfamiliar Languages, Intensional Semantics, Pragmatics, Advanced seminars on formal semantics: Discourse particles; Morpho-syntax to meaning; Plurality; Asserting, Asking, Answering

### **English and Foreign Languages University / M.A in Linguistics**

August 2016 - May 2018, Hyderabad

**Overall GPA - 7.8 (on an 8 point GPA scale)**

Modules covered: Introduction to Syntax, Introduction to Morphology, Introduction to Phonology, Optimality Theory, Introduction to Formal Semantics, Introduction to Mathematical Linguistics, Advanced Semantics 1, Advanced Mathematical Linguistics, Advanced Semantics 2, Quantitative Methods in Linguistics, Natural Language Processing, Computational Syntax and Semantics, Introduction to Language Acquisition, Introduction to Psycholinguistics, Introduction to Neurolinguistics, Language Typology, South Asia as a Linguistic Area

### **English and Foreign Languages University/ B.A in English**

August 2013- May 2016, Hyderabad

**Overall GPA - 8.1 (on an 9 point GPA scale)**

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## Awards

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### **MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship**

Yale University 2024, USA

### **CreteLing Fellowship**

CreteLing summer school 2019, Greece

### **Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET JRF)**

University Grants Commission, India

(awarded to the top 10 % of students taking the competitive NET exam)

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## Other study experiences

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### **LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America (2023)**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, U.S.A.

### **CreteLing summer school (2019)**

University of Greece, Gallos campus, Rethymnon, Greece

### **QIP-CEP Workshop on Experimental & Empirical Methods in Linguistics (2017)**

Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India

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## Presentations

**Paper: Semantics and Linguistic theory 34, University of Rochester (2024)**

*Accounting for counting*

**Paper: Semantics and Linguistic theory 33, Yale University (2023)**

*Are there “weak” definites in bare classifier languages?*

with Ka Fai Yip & Margaret Chui Yi Lee

**Poster: (In)definiteness and genericity across languages, SALT 33 satellite sessions, Yale University (2023)**

*Khasi as a classifier language*

**Poster: Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA), Yale University (2022)**

*Some question particles in Bangla and where to find them*

**Poster: CreteLing, Greece (2019)**

*Modals in Bangla: Interaction with Tense and Aspect*

**Conference talk: Acoustic Society of America, Minneapolis (2018)**

*Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates in Bangla*

with Meghavarshini Krishnaswamy & Indranil Dutta

**Poster: International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON), India (2017)**

*Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian*

with Indranil Dutta & Irfan S.

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## Publications

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### ACL Anthology, Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (2018)

*Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian*

with Indranil Dutta & Irfan S.

### Acoustical Society of America (2018)

<https://doi.org/10.1121/1.5035741>

*Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates*

with Indranil Dutta & Meghavarshini Krishnaswamy

### Proceedings of SALT 33: 253–275, (2023)

<https://doi.org/10.3765/56xkxm29>

*Are there “weak” definites in bare classifier languages?*

with Ka Fai Yip & Margaret Chui Yi Lee

### Proceedings of SALT 34 (2024)

*Accounting for counting*