

Lectures George van Driem

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 meṣinenlɔ! Hendzabitchaha?nu ani-pānin pāttum lɔ! (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 Phojumbho ('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 International Conference 'First Greet 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 (ICAAAL 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 Yánjiūsuǒ), 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 Mínzú 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 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 mesinenlɔ! Hendzabitchaha?nu ani-pānin pättum lɔ! (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.

Kirāt Rāhaīrū ko bahubhāṣik dhan ko vyāvahārik samasyā (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, Congressentrum 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 XXVIIIrd 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 London, 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.