

40th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable (SALA-40)

9–11th September, 2026

Venue: CITEC Building, Closest tram stop: Wellensiek (Tram line 4)

Day 1: Room 1.204 on 1st floor

Time	Title
08:30–09:30	Registration
09:30–10:00	Welcome (Jutta M. Hartmann & Farhat Jabeen)
Session 1: Creativity	
Session chair: Indranil Dutta	
10:00–10:30	<i>When script changes but language remains: A computational study of Romanized Indic Texts</i> Chetana Ghosh
10:30–11:00	<i>Telugu or Thelagoo? Variability in civilian romanization among Telugu natives</i> Vikram Goudar
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break
11:30–12:30	Plenary talk: <i>Acoustic features of phonetic representations in early bilinguals and language learners are creatively similar.</i> Indranil Dutta
Session chair: Farhat Jabeen	
12:30–13:30	Lunch
Session 2: Comparative Linguistics	
Session chair: Shravani Patil	
13:30–14:00	<i>Pre-verbal and post-verbal negation in Odia: Distribution and typological patterns</i> Dibya Panda & Thapasya Jayaraj
14:00–14:30	<i>Dative “subjects” and “direct objects” – The dative case in Middle and Modern Kannada</i> John Peterson
14:30–15:00	<i>Typological universals and variation in objective case marking: Evidence from Eastern India</i> Shuvam Dutta
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break
Session 3: Morphology/Syntax	
Session chair: Sandhya Sundaresan	
15:30–16:00	<i>Morphological priming of Bangla prefixed and pseudo-prefixed words: A sentence-prime lexical decision study</i> Basita Biswas & Indranil Dutta
16:00–16:30	<i>On modally flavoured silent predicates in Vedic Sanskrit copular sentences</i> Davide Mocci
16:30–17:00	<i>Event integration in Hindi multi-verb predicates</i> Sakura Ishikawa
17:00–17:30	<i>Case and theta-driven processing biases in Malayalam non-subject antecedent preference</i> Anil Devaprabha

18:30 (Self-paid) Conference dinner at Brauhaus Joh. Albrecht, Hagenbruchstraße 8, 33602, Bielefeld

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Session 4: Dialect studies/ Descriptive / Sociolinguistics	
Session chair: Chinmay Dharurkar	
09:00–09:30	<i>Language shift in Jharkhand: A study of linguistic identities and ideologies</i> Ariba Khan
09:30–10:00	<i>Ergative variation in the Konkani varieties spoken in Karnataka</i> Ruta Paradkar
10:00–10:30	<i>Arranging converbs in Domaaki</i> Noboru Yoshioka
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:00	Plenary Talk: <i>Some syntax puzzles from Tamil, and why we should care.</i> Sandhya Sundaresan Session chair: Jutta Maria Hartmann
12:00–13:00	Lunch
Session 5: Historical Linguistics	
Session chair: Désirée Kleineberg	
13:00–13:30	<i>Ingressive ↔ progressive: Bidirectional shifts in Indo-Aryan grammaticalisation</i> Chinmay Dharurkar
13:30–14:00	<i>Sources of polar question particles in some Indian languages</i> Aaditya Kulkarni & Chinmay Dharurkar
Session 6: Computational/Corpus Linguistics	
Session chair: Jutta Maria Hartmann	
14:00–14:30	<i>Reassessing relative constructions in 19th Century Urdu: A corpus based analysis of ‘jo’ correlatives and embedded relatives</i> Miki Nishioka & Muhammad Nawaz
14:30–15:00	<i>Exploring place names through new computational tools: Two case studies in India</i> Lennart Chevallier & Søren Wichmann
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break
Session 7: Phonetics & Phonology	
Session chair: Ákos Buza	
15:30–16:00	Diachronic and dialectal evidence for the presence of central vowels in Old Tamil Ramprashanth Venkatakrishnan & Chandan Narayan
16:00–16:30	<i>Acoustics of four-way laryngeal contrast in Kudmali stops</i> Baidyanath Mahato & Indranil Dutta
16:30–17:00	<i>Phonological transitions and contact phenomena in the Maithili–Angika continuum</i> Abhishek Kumar & Katyayani Singh
City tour: Meet up at 18:00. Jahnplatz clock	

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Session 8: Semantics / Pragmatics	
Session chair: Maryam Mohammadi	
09:00–09:30	<i>Subject obviation in directive sentence types in Tamil</i> Gopalakrishnan Ramamurthy
09:30–10:00	<i>On the clause-finality of Marathi polar question particles</i> Aaditya Kulkarni
10:00–10:30	Coffee Break
10:30–12:30	Tutorial: <i>Evaluating acceptability through statistical analysis</i> Farhat Jabeen
12:30–12:45	Closing Remarks