



**Conflict and Language Endangerment -  
An online conference organized by  
University of North Texas (14/05/2024)  
and  
Department of HSS, Indian Institute of  
Technology Guwahati (15/05/2024)\***

**PROGRAM TIMES & SPEAKER DETAILS DAY 1 - 14TH MAY 2024  
INDIA TIME - 7.00 PM , US TIME: 8AM (CENTRAL TIME, US & CANADA)**

6.50 PM/  
7.50 AM Log in to the event 10 minutes early  
LINK <https://unt.zoom.us/j/83107167959> Meeting ID: 831 0716 7959

7.00 PM/  
8.00 AM Introduction by Jim Meernik (UNT)

7.15 PM/  
8.15 AM Kimi King (UNT) will present the keynote address titled, "Preserving Voices, Promoting Peace: Language Endangerment and Conflict Violence"

7.45 PM/  
8.45 AM Ridhi Panchakarla (UNT) will present on "Language and Conflict in Assam"

8.05 PM/  
9.05 AM Sophie Law (UNT) will present on "The Long Road: How IRA Propaganda Shaped Irish Language Identity During The Troubles."

**PROGRAM TIMES & SPEAKER DETAILS DAY 2 - 15TH MAY 2024 INDIA TIME 7.00  
PM , US TIME 8 AM (CENTRAL TIME)**

6.50 PM/  
7.50 AM Log in to the event 10 minutes early  
<https://meet.google.com/yno-kgho-tgy>

7.00 PM/  
8.00 AM Introduction by Shakuntala Mahanta, IITG and  
Welcome by Priyankoo Sarmah, HoD, HSS, IIT Guwahati

7.15 PM/  
8.15 AM Pauthang Haokip (JNU) will present the keynote titled "Political instability and language endangerment"

7.50 PM/  
8.50 AM Jimmy Sebastian Daimary will present on "Language, identity and violent political conflict in Bodoland."

8.10 PM/  
8.40 AM CONCLUDING REMARKS BY PAHI SAIKIA

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## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

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**PAUTHANG HAOKIP** IS A PROFESSOR AT THE CENTRE FOR LINGUISTICS, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI. HE HOLDS A MA & PHD FROM THE NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY, SHILLONG..HE HAS AUTHORED NUMEROUS BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS & ARTICLES ON THE THADOU-KUKI LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN MANIPUR, INDIA INCLUDING THE 'ANNOTATED TEXTS OF THE LANGUAGES OF THE BARAK VALLEY: THADOU, SAIHRIEM, HRANGKHOL, RANGLONG. AQUILINE BOOK, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS' (2021). HIS FORTHCOMING ARTICLE IS "COME THOU THE SPIRITS OF VILLAGE AND LOCALITY, COME THOU THE SPIRITS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS!": THE DYING RITUAL LANGUAGE OF THADOU-KUKI. LINGUISTICS OF THE TIBETO- BURMAN AREA 47(1). 57-90.

**JIMMY SEBASTIAN DAIMARY** HAS COMPLETED HIS DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI (IITG), ASSAM, INDIA. HIS PHD WORK FOCUSED ON THE BODO INSURGENCY LED BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF BOROLAND (NDFB) IN ASSAM DURING THE 1980S. HE COMPLETED HIS MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES FROM IIT GUWAHATI IN 2014. HIS RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE IDENTITY POLITICS & CONFLICT, ETHNIC INSURGENCIES AND SECURITY STUDIES IN NORTHEAST INDIA.

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