



## WORKSHOP ON LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY in the Northeast India-Myanmar-Southwest China region

In collaboration with the Japan Society of the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

**6 - 7 August 2019 | HSS Conference Room (HSS-05-57)**  
Registration begins at 10am. Meals are provided.

This Workshop will leverage on an unprecedented combined knowledge of Austroasiatic, Indo-Aryan, Sino-Tibetan and Tai-Kadai languages, dovetailing the expertise of specialists working in Southwestern China, Myanmar and Northeast India for the first time in the history of ethnolinguistic research in the region to explore from an innovative new research perspective how ethnocultural and linguistic histories are intertwined.

Some issues that will be discussed are:

- Folklore - discussions of various motifs appearing in folk tales
- Lexicon - Identification of borrowed vocabulary and structures - also identification of donor languages, direction of borrowing
- Grammaticalization - Investigation of the nature and extent of grammaticalization phenomena
- Linguistic Convergence - Exploration of linguistic convergence involving genetically related and unrelated languages

### Presenters:

- David Peterson (Dartmouth College, USA)
- Hideo Sawada (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan)
- Keita Kurabe (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan)
- Kosei Otsuka (Osaka University, Japan)
- Alexander Coupe (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
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- Michael Stanley-Baker (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
- William Chong (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
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