CONCEPT NOTE

TiBLANEI invites papers for its first online and peer reviewed "International Journal of Tibeto-Burman Languages" from scholars working on the Tibeto-Burman languages of Northeast India. Keeping in view the nature of language endangerment of the region and the lack thereof, of linguistically based literature, the first volume invites papers from a broad of range of topics not limited to the following:

1. Phonetics and Phonology
2. Morphology
3. Syntax
4. Semantics
5. Socio-linguistics
6. Anthropological Linguistics
7. Language Teaching
8. Historical Linguistics
9. Lexicology
10. Morpho-Syntax
11. Typology
12. Field Linguistics and language documentation
13. Language Endangerment
14. Lesser Known TB Languages of NE India
15. Computational Linguistics
16. Multi/Bilingualism
17. Orthography/Writing System

Papers may be submitted from the first week of June 2025 to one of the editorial team (names provided below). The tentative date for the receipt of papers is 30th June, 2025. Papers must be written in English within the limit of 7500 words (20 pages approximately) in the TiBLANEI style sheet and mailed to tiblanei.editors@gmail.com. Papers thus received will be sent to two unanimous reviewers whose observations will be final and binding on the part of the editorial team.

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TiBLANEI Style Sheet

1 General points
Submission of the manuscript
− Please be sure to adhere to the appropriate length of an article as stipulated by the editor of the volume. For a rough estimate: a paper consists of approx. 65000 characters (including spaces and punctuation).
− Please be sure to indicate an email address and affiliation for each contributing author
− Your article should include an abstract of approx. 200 words and 3-5 relevant keywords.
− Please be sure to also submit a PDF file of your contribution to ensure the proper typesetting of special characters.
− Check to ensure that all sections, subsections, examples, tables, figures, notes, etc., are numbered consecutively without any gaps.
− Note that corrections made during the proofing stage should be kept to an absolute minimum and should only include typesetting errors.

Special attention
− If you are not a native speaker of English, please have your contribution carefully checked by a native speaker.
− Please check the references systematically to ensure that all works cited in the text are also listed in the reference section, and vice versa. Do not list any works that are not cited.
− Please be sure to obtain written permission for the use of material (e.g., maps, figures) for which the copyright is owned by others.

2 Headings
All headings begin flush left and should follow the following numbering system:
1 First-level heading
1.1 Second-level heading
1.1.1 Third-level heading

− Never begin numbering sections with "0" ("0" should not be used anywhere in section numbering). Capitalize only the first letter of the first word and of proper nouns and adjectives: e.g., "The capitalization of titles in English" (not "The Capitalization of Titles in English").

3 Quotations
− Short quotations (fewer than 60 words) should run-on in the text and be enclosed in double quotation marks. Single quotation marks enclose quotations within quotations.
− Longer quotations should appear as a separate block and should not be enclosed in quotation marks. The citation to the source should be placed at the end of the quote following the punctuation.
− All quotations in languages other than English should be followed by a translation in square brackets.
− Always give the page number(s) for quotations.

4 Citations

Brief citations are used within the text as follows:

> One author: (Bouissac 1985)
> Two authors: (Smith and Jones 1995)
> Three or more authors: (Ameka et al. 2006), but please do list all authors in the reference entry
> Several works by one author: (Bouissac 1987a, Bouissac 1987b, and Bouissac 1994)
> Works by different authors: (Bouissac 1985; Deakin 1993)
> Citation of an entire chapter: (Auer 2007: Ch. 3)
> Reprints: (Dickens 1987 [1854]: 73)
> Page number ranges: (Hockett 1964: 140–145); please do not drop digits (e.g., 140–5)
> Page citations in a work being reviewed in a book review: (p. 36), (pp. 133–136)

- The date is always given in parentheses: "Bloomfield (1933: 123–125) introduced the term. . ."; "In his (1922) article Sapir argued that . . ."
- Use the word and to conjoin author names in the running text (do not use ampersand [&])
- Give page numbers in full: do not use "f.", "ff."
- Always give the full author-date citation: do not use "op. cit.", "loc. cit.", or "'ibid."
- When citing more than one work by the same author/editor published in the same year, please differentiate the works by using letters: Smith (2004a, 2004b, 2004c)
- When citing edited works, do not include the abbreviation "ed." or "eds." in the citation

5. Cross-references
- References to section/subsection numbers within the article should include the capitalized word "Section" followed by the section number: e.g., "see Section 4.2".
- References to tables or figures within the article should include the capitalized word "Table" or "Figure" followed by a number: e.g., "cf. Table 3".
- Do not cite page numbers within your own article or page numbers in other articles in the issue.

6 Typeface, emphasis, and punctuation
Italics should be used for:
- Words, phrases, and sentences treated as linguistic examples
- Foreign-language expressions
- Titles of books, published documents, newspapers, and journals
- Drawing attention to key terms in a discussion at first mention only. Thereafter, these terms should be set in roman
- Emphasizing a word or phrase in a quotation indicating [emphasis mine]

Bold or underlining may be used sparingly to draw attention to a particular linguistic feature within numbered examples (not in the running text). Please keep the use of italics and boldface type to an absolute minimum.

CAPITAL LETTERS and SMALL CAPS should not be used for emphasis.

Quotation marks:
- Single quotation marks should be used for the translation of non-English words, e.g., cogito 'I think'.
- Double quotation marks should be used in all other cases, i.e., direct quotations in running text.
- Please always use rounded quotation marks (". . .") not "straight" ones.

Dashes:
- Spaced EN-dashes are used as parenthetical dashes ("text – text").

−   Unspaced EN-dashes should be used between inclusive numbers, e.g., 153–159, 1975–1979.

Spacing: Type one space (not two) after periods, commas, and colons.

Brackets: Do not use double round brackets: brackets within brackets should be square brackets, e.g. "(as introduced by Bloomfield [1933: 123–125])".

7 Linguistic examples

Linguistic examples with interlinear glossing should follow the "Leipzig glossing rules" (http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/resources/glossing-rules.php) and should be presented as shown below. Align the glosses using tables preferably or tabs (not the space bar). The example source should be listed on a new line left-aligned with the example text.

1. *a-ni*   *laiʃi*
      1SG-GEN   book
      'My book'

7 Appendices and footnotes

−   Appendices should be placed after the references.
−   Footnotes, not endnotes should be used. There should be no superscript note number in the article title or abstract.
−   Note numbers in the running text should directly follow punctuation marks, with no blank space, e.g.,   text text. 7

8 References

−   The format for reference entries should follow the "Unified style sheet for linguistics" (http://linguistlist.org/pubs/tocs/JournalUnifiedStyleSheet2007.pdf) (see below for examples).
−   All works cited in the running text must be listed in the reference section.
−   The reference section should include only those works that are cited in the text.
−   Whenever possible, please give the full first names of authors and editors.
−   Initials require periods and should be spaced, e.g., Ronald W. Langacker, R. M. W. Dixon.
−   Entries should show the full title and subtitle of each work.
−   Page numbers of articles in journals or edited works should be inclusive.
−   Reference entries for multiple works by the same author/editor or group of authors/editors should be listed chronologically, with the oldest publication at the top and the newest at the bottom.
−   The reference entries for authored works and edited works by a single author should not be mixed together, but rather grouped separately.

Sample reference entries (following the "Unified style sheet for linguistics")

Book (authored work):
Chomsky, Noam. 1986. *Knowledge of language: Its nature, origin, and use*. New York: Praeger.

Book (edited work):
Gippert, Jost, Nikolaus P. Himmelmann & Ulrike Mosel (eds.). 2006. *Essentials of language documentation* (Trends in Linguistics, Studies and Monographs 178). Berlin & New   York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Contribution in an edited work:

Heller, Monica. 2001. Gender and public space in a bilingual school. In Aneta Pavlenko, Adrian Blackledge, Ingrid Piller & Marya Teutsch-Dwyer (eds.), *Multilingualism, second language learning, and gender* (Language, Power and Social Process 6), 257–282. Berlin & New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

→ Note: Entries for articles in edited works should always include full bibliographical information for the edited work. Abbreviating the entry (here, e.g., with "In Pavelenko et al., 257–282") is not acceptable.

Book also published electronically:

Jefferson, Gail. 2004. Glossary of transcript symbols with an introduction. In Gene H. Lerner (ed.), *Conversation analysis: Studies from the first generation*, 13–23. Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins. http://www.liso.ucsb.edu/Jefferson/Transcript.pdf (accessed 24 June 2008).

→ Note: Publication date = year of online publication or year of the latest update. The date on which the URL was accessed should be provided in parentheses at the end of the entry.

Journal article:

DeLancey, Scott. 2013b. The history of postverbal agreement in Kuki-Chin. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* 6. 1–17.

→ Note: Publication date = year of online publication or year of the latest update. The date on which the URL was

Special issue of a journal (cited as a whole):

Majid, Asifa & Melissa Bowerman (eds.). 2007. Cutting and breaking events: A crosslinguistic perspective. [Special issue]. *Cognitive Linguistics* 18(2).

Reprint:

Jakobson, Roman & Morris Halle. 2002 [1956]. *Fundamentals of language*, 2nd edn. Berlin & New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Thesis/dissertation:

Bijenkumar, Laishram Singh. 2015. *A descriptive grammar of Khoibu*. Silchar: Assam University Ph.D thesis.