

**Call for Papers for**  
**the Sixth Workshop**  
**on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Southwest China**  
(STLS-2021)

**First Circular**

**Location: Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Japan**

**Workshop dates: September 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**(Sept 7<sup>th</sup> for Opening and Keynote)**

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**About the Workshop**

As is widely known, the southwest part of China includes affluent languages apart from Mandarin Chinese: Tibeto-Burman, Tai-Kadai, Austroasiatic, Hmong-Mien, etc. Such non-Chinese languages exhibit many interesting features from typological viewpoints; phonotactics, phonetic features, tone alternation, phonation, word order, case-marking, pronominalization, nominalization, relativization, egophoricity, aspectuality, evidentiality, etc. At the same time, however, many such languages are not well described even though they are threatened to be endangered or language extinct.

This workshop was first held by the Institute of Linguistics at Academia Sinica in 2008, focusing on the Tibeto-Burman languages spoken in Sichuan Province. It aims to strengthen the collaborative relationship among international researchers. After that conference, the second workshop (2010) was held by Peking University and the third (2013) by Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) with the name of the workshop converted into “The workshop on Sino-Tibetan languages in Sichuan”.

The fourth workshop (2016) was held by University of Washington with its scope expanded as “Sino-Tibetan Languages in Southwest China”, which was also inherited in the fifth workshop held by Nankai University in 2019. For more details in the previous workshops, please visit the following website: <https://blogs.uw.edu/stls2016/about/>

The sixth workshop will be held at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies in Japan, which is located in the west side of Kobe City in September, 2021. We welcome all the linguists who are engaged and/or interested in the Sino-Tibetan languages of Southwest China, and hope to have fruitful discussions for the future prospects!

## **Regarding COVID-19 Measures**

It is not possible to predict how COVID-19 situation will be in 2021, but we organizers will prepare for dual system to host this workshop.

- 1) The participants who can come to Japan are welcome to attend this workshop on face-to-face basis.
- 2) The participants who cannot come to Japan are welcome to join in this workshop via ZOOM online.

## **Call for Abstracts**

STLS-2021 will be held on September 7-11, 2021 at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, JAPAN. Abstracts are invited for presentations on any aspect of linguistic research on any variety of the non-Sinitic Sino-Tibetan languages of southwest China. Applicants are welcome to submit up to one single-authored and one co-authored abstracts.

## **Important Dates**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: March 15, 2021**

**Notification of Acceptance: April 15, 2021**

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be no more than 600 words (or 1000 Chinese characters) in length in PDF formats via *EasyChair* system (open approximately from December 2020), including examples and/or a figure (one at most). Abstracts should be written in English or Mandarin Chinese. (At the moment each presenter will be allotted 30 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.)

Please be kindly requested to remove any self-identifying information from the abstract(s), and attach another file in your email which specifies your abstract title, your name, title, affiliations, email address, phone number and other relevant information.

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