



**IIT MADRAS**  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras

## **AICTE Sponsored a 6-day Short Term Course on Fundamentals of Language Science 22-27 March 2021**

### **Theme of the Course**

Uncovering underlying intricacies of language structure for building foundations in dealing with nature, structure, and acquisition/learning of language with reference to the human mind and society. Many language scientists working on language from a wide range of domains would regard language simply as a pairing of a lexicon and syntax i.e., of words and the set of rules that defines how we can combine those words. One would of course add to these the set of rules that define how sounds combine into words. Some of these scholars believe that most fundamental of these rules are innate i.e., they are already there in the human mind before it is exposed to society. This means there is perhaps an innate Language Faculty. Still others believe that General Cognitive Abilities that account for other kinds of learning can also account for language. There are many others who strongly believe that language is essentially socially embedded and that all learning takes place through social interactions. The relationship between language and thought is equally complex. Nobody would perhaps deny a close connection between the two but many strongly believe that language structures our thought. Whatever we know is due to language. Still more complex is the relationship between language and society. Here we notice language playing a very distinct role in mass-media, advertising, gender marking, politeness marking, class formation, political activity, voices of dissent etc. The relationship between language and education has always intrigued people.

### **Objectives**

The primary objective of this 6-day Short Term Courses on the Fundamentals of Language Science will deal with the nature and structure of language and examine in some detail its relationship with mind, society and education. It is possible to view language from a variety of perspectives. This short-term course intends to create a basic foundation for learning current trends in scientific research in the study of language as a scientific object of inquiry.

### **Contents**

This course plans to organize the discussion around some specific themes such as:

- (1) Language Science
- (2) Nature of Language
- (3) Language, Human Mind, Cognition
- (4) Language and Society
- (5) Multilingualism
- (6) Language and Machine

## Registration

Aspiring participants require to send a one-page CV summary containing detailed contact details (mobile no., email ID, and postal address) to the Programme Coordinator at [rajesh@iitm.ac.in](mailto:rajesh@iitm.ac.in) on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

## Mode

Looking at the public safety and well-being of the participants and instructors during this pandemic time, the training sessions and subsequent discussions will be organized in digital space on the online link officially communicated to the selected participants and instructors. A separate mail will be sent to all the participants and instructors containing training schedule and links for connecting online.

## Certification

All the participants who successfully complete the short-term course will get a certificate of their successful completion of the course. The certificates will be sent both in digital as well as physical copies to the contact they provide in their registration document.



## Contact

### Programme Coordinator

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