



Fourth Workshop on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Southwest China

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The Fourth Workshop on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Southwest China (STLS-2016) is a three-day academic conference bringing together scholars from around the world to present cutting-edge research on the non-Chinese languages spoken in Sichuan and adjacent areas of southwest China.

In recent decades scholars have been increasingly turning their attention to these fascinating and understudied languages and dialects, including many Tibetan varieties, Ngwi (=Yi) varieties, and at least a dozen languages tentatively classified as “Qiangic”. The Qiangic languages in particular are of typological interest, featuring such properties as large segmental inventories, uncommon tone and tone-like systems, topography-based spatial deixis, prohibitive marking with dental-stop-onset prefixes, nominal classification via existential verbs, and grammatical structures governed by animacy hierarchies.

At the workshop, specialists from Asia, North America, and Europe will present results of fieldwork and data analysis in a collaborative atmosphere. This event is free and open to the public; guests are welcome to attend and listen to presentations without registering.

The program and other workshop information is available at <http://blogs.uw.edu/stls2016/>.

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