

THIRD INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE SOCIOLINGUISTICS OF LANGUAGE ENDANGERMENT (SoLE-3)

This workshop will discuss and analyze the major sociolinguistic factors in the process of language endangerment. This will take the form of presentations on particular communities from an insider and outsider perspective, as well as overview presentations on specific types of endangerment factors. We will also attempt to provide some examples of successful language maintenance and revitalization strategies.

SoLE-1 was held at the 3L Summer School at the School of Oriental and African Studies in 2009. SoLE-2 was held at the Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute in 2011. SoLE-3 will be held at the Chenggong campus of Yunnan Nationalities University on 22 and 23 October 2014. Chenggong is the new university campus area near Kunming and is connected to Kunming by the new metro rail system. All three workshops have been held with the sponsorship of the Comité International Permanent des Linguistes.

The SoLE-3 Local Organizing Committee at Yunnan Nationalities University is led by Prof Liu Jinrong and Prof David Bradley, and its other members are Dr Yu Defen and Dr Xiong Shunqing. The workshop will include an introductory panel discussion on 22 October as well as invited and other presentations. The focus will be on languages of China and surrounding countries, but talks on languages of other areas are also welcome.

Invited participants will include Prof Sun Hongkai of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Prof Sun Tianshin of Academia Sinica in Taiwan and others yet to be confirmed.

Abstracts are now invited for presentations on 22 and 23 October 2014. These should be sent by 1 July 2014 to SoLangEnd3@gmail.com. Speakers will be advised by 31 July 2014 whether their presentations have been accepted. Abstracts and talks may be in Chinese or in English.

An announcement including practical information and a provisional program will be distributed in August 2014. Accommodation will be in the hotel on the Chenggong campus of Yunnan Nationalities University, and enrolled participants will be provided with accommodation, meals and transport to the Kunming airport on 24 October. This workshop is being held to coincide with the 47th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics at Yunnan Normal University 17-19 October 2014 and the workshop Heritage Maintenance for Endangered Languages in Yunnan (4) at Yuxi Normal University 20-21 October 2014.