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Language Documentation in Nepal: Between the Macro- and the Micro-

While language documentation is frequently appreciated as ‘large scale’ in its aspirations (e.g. language mapping, language preservation & revitalization, creation of grammars & dictionaries), the methods involved often require careful attention to fine details at close-zoom. Our panel, comprised of two faculty and five undergraduate and graduate students, will illustrate how a collaborative project to document four languages of central Nepal is able to transition between small and large-scale approaches, between individual and community involvement, and between local and international impacts, to generate information about these languages that is maximally informative and useful for different audiences.