

Introduction to Nepali Morphology

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This presentation aims to introduce a short and brief Nepali Morphology based on my PhD work. The general introduction of Nepali language, such as genetic classification, origin, expansion and Nepali language speaking areas at present will be discussed briefly. The main focus of the presentation will be on the composition of Nepali lexicon, nominals and nominal features: number, person, genders and honorificity; verbs and verbal features: tense, aspect and mood, participial forms; and finally, passivization and causativization will be discussed briefly.

The presentation and discussion will follow the following sequence.

1. Classification: IE→II→IA→NZ→EP→Nepali
2. Origin: Khas Kingdom (Presently Karnali Province)
3. Expansion: Westward (Kumao and Gadwal) Eastward (Central and Eastern Nepal, Sikkim-Darjeeling, North East India, Manmyar, Hongkong, Thailand), Western World (GB, USA, AUS, etc.)
4. Nepali Lexicon: Loan words, Sanskrit words (two types) and native words.
5. Nominal Features: number-2, person-2, gender-2, honorificity-2 (morphologically), case markers
6. Verbal Features: tenses-2, aspect-4, mood-3, participial forms-8
7. Passivization-2 and Causativization-2