

2nd International Karbi Winter Workshop 2024
Diphu, Karbi Anglong
Assam

Organised by:

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), Diphu

Center for Karbi Studies, Diphu

Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, University of Tartu, Estonia

in Collaboration With

Centre for Oriental Studies, University of Tartu

Dates and Place: 16th – 17th January 2024, Diphu, Karbi Anglong

Place in Stories, Stories in Place: Narrating Landscapes in Folklore and (Indigenous) Oral Traditions

15.01.2024

19 00 – Welcome Reception hosted by KAAC and Hon’able Dr Tuliram Ronghang

Venue: Diphu Arboretum

Day I: 16.01.2024

Venue: Jirsong Asong, 3rd floor Conference Hall

9 00 – 09 15

Welcome words by Dharamsing Teron

09 15 – 09 30

Ancestor veneration ritual by Bilison Terang

09 30 – 09 45

Welcome Words by Hon’able Dr. Tuliram Ronghang

09 45 – 10 45

Opening lecture

Chairperson: Maggie Katharpi

Representing Karbi – Colonial Texts and Beyond

Dharamsing Teron

Centre for Karbi Studies

10 45 – 11 00

Tea break

Venue: Jirsong Asong

11 00 – 13 00

Session I

Venue: Jirsong Asong, 3rd floor Conference Hall

Chairperson: Kareng Ronghangpi

Jirkedam and Jirlong: Oral Narratives of Karbi

Amphu Terangpi

University of Hyderabad

Narrations, Lore and Locality of Parshuram Kund

Baburam Saikia

Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya

Mythology and Place-Making: The Significance of Lum Sohpetbneng Among the Khasis of
Northeast India

Eva Diengdoh

University of Tartu

The Perception of the Defeated Earth in the Karbi Worldview

Kareng Ronghangpi

Diphu Government College

13 00 – 14 30

Lunch Break

Venue: Jirsong Asong

14 30 – 15 30

Plenary Lecture I

Venue: Jirsong Asong, 3rd floor Conference Hall

Chairperson: Margaret Lyngdoh

Narrating the Folklore of Water in Karbi Oral Tradition

Maggie Katharpi

Diphu Government College

15 30 – 15 45

Tea Break

Venue: Jirsong Asong

15 45 – 17 45

Session II

Chairperson: Jane Orton

Over There and Back Again: Cosmopolitical Dialogues in the Himalayas

Davide Torri

University of Rome

No Place for Men: Negotiations Among People, Places, and Other Entities in the Northwest Himalayas

Jane Orton

Independent Researcher

Narrative Clusters of *Mohan Phador*: A Functionalist Study of Sacred and Supernatural

Pallavi Dutta

Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya

Bardwisikhla: An Analytical Study

Faguna Barmahalia

Gauhati University

17 45 onwards

Informal programme at the Karbi Youth Festival

Day II: 17.01.2024

Venue: Jirsong Asong, 3rd floor Conference Hall

09 00 – 10 00

Plenary Lecture II

Chairperson: Ülo Valk

The Multispecies Fairy-Tale Library Project

Mayako Murai

Kanagawa University

10 00 – 10 15

Tea break

10 15 – 12 15

Session III

Chairperson: Gregory Alles

Placemaking through Vernacular Belief and Ritual Festivities: The Case of Boiddonathpur

Malay Bera

Ashoka University

Multispecies Mutuality in Embodied Space: Analysing the Existential Reality of Gujjars
and Bakerwals through Folklore

Tanu Gupta

Indian Institute of Technology Jammu

Storying the Space Around a Dead Body: Narratives From the Funeral Nights

Henry Robert Goldsmith

University of Tartu

Liminal Placemaking: Fluid Identities within Shifting Geographies

Garima Plawat

Indiana University Bloomington

12 15 – 13 45

Lunch break

Venue: Jirsong Asong

13 45 – 15 45

Session IV

Chairperson: Mayako Murai

Walking and Listening: Indigenous Landscapes in O’odham Oral Traditions

Seth Schermerhorn

Hamilton College

Ideology, Religion, Contested Territories and Places

Ülo Valk

University of Tartu

Storying Places of Massacre: The Examples of Mangadh Hill and Sand Creek

Gregory Alles

McDaniel College

15 45 – 16 00

Tea break

16 00 – 16 40

Session V

Chairperson: J. Seth Schermerhorn

Roundtable “Indigenous (Religious) Research Methods from a Folkloristic Perspective”

Venue: Jirsong Asong

Discussants –

Reep Pandi Lepcha

Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College

Talilula

RRaD, (Project “Restore, Recover, and Decolonise”)

Margaret Lyngdoh

University of Tartu

Participants –
Akar Rongphar
Guwahati University, IGNOU

Jirdat Engleng
Independent Researcher

Klir Tissopi
Diphu Government College

Serdihun Teronpi
Diphu Government College

16 40 – 16 50
Closing words by Margaret Lyngdoh

19 00 Final Dinner hosted by University of Tartu at the Diphu Arboretum