

Conference report

I am writing and pleased to submit my conference report (Autumn/Winter Round 2025) on my participation at *Glow in Asia the 2nd Workshop for Young Scholars*, held at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan from 13th to 15th March 2026. With the generous support of the CIPL travel grant, I was able to attend this conference. The *Glow in Asia the 2nd Workshop for Young Scholars* is an excellent and significant workshop for young scholars, particularly for students, to obtain helpful comments and insightful feedback from the professors and student fellows.

The *Glow in Asia the 2nd Workshop for Young Scholars* featured three invited talks, paper presentations (talks), as well as two poster presentations. This workshop primarily covered a broad range of theoretical linguistic subdisciplines, including syntax, semantics, and experimental syntax/semantics. A strong emphasis was placed on cross-linguistic research, and empirical data from underrepresented and less-studied languages and some from Mandarin and Japanese.

I attended all invited talks and paper presentations and several poster presentations relevant to my research interests, particularly those focusing on syntax: A'-phenomena, ellipsis, degree semantics. These discussions rendered valuable comparative perspectives and reinforced the relevance of my ongoing research. The highlight of the conference for me was the talk by Daiko Takahashi who talked about (*pseudo-*)*shuicing* under a comparative study between Japanese and Mongolian.

I was honoured to present my paper, *Yami wh-questions as pseudoclefts*, which investigated the syntactic properties of *wh*-question formatting in Yami. My research argued that *wh*-questions in Yami are best analyzed as pseudoclefts, where unlike English the *wh*-phrase is base-generated at the left periphery as a nonverbal predicate. My work also demonstrated four empirical evidence in favour of my proposal. The presentation was well received, and audience members remarked on its clear structure and engaging content. I received insightful feedback, particularly concerning possible future directions in identifying the derivation of *wh*-questions in Yami and a broader comparison to the other *wh*-phrase categories. These points will be central to further stages of my research.

Beyond the academic event, the *Glow in Asia the 2nd Workshop for Young Scholars* was an invaluable opportunity for social event. I met numerous scholars working on theoretical syntax and semantics, those of whom are working on relevant research topics. I met my friends who I had not met for a long while and also friended new fellows. Several conversations have already opened the possibility of future collaborations.

I am sincerely grateful to CIPL for the financial support that made my participation possible. I would also like to thank my supervisor, Dennis Ott, for his advice and support throughout my presentation. I greatly appreciate my language consultants, sinan Manaralay, si Somapi and syman Lamuran, for their kindly teaching Yami. I am also already looking forward to contributing to next edition of *Glow in Asia*.

Sincerely,
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