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# INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL LECTURE

Mangala Auditorium  
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10:00 am



**Prof. em. Dr. George van Driem**

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## The Father Tongue, the Mother Tongue & Genetic Footprints of the Dispersals of Language Families in East Asia

George van Driem is Professor Emeritus at the University of Bern, Visiting Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in Guwahati and Isabel Dalhousie Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Edinburgh. He has written several grammars of previously undescribed languages of the Himalayas, i.e. Limbu, Dumi, Bumthang and Dzongkha. In Bhutan, he conducted a linguistic survey of the kingdom under the auspices of the Royal Government of Bhutan, collecting the first linguistic data on three languages previously unknown to science, i.e. Lhokpu, Gongduk and Black Mountain Mönpa. In addition to his language descriptions, he published the two-volume handbook Languages of the Himalayas and a comprehensive history of tea entitled The Tale of Tea. His interdisciplinary collaboration with population geneticists and archaeologists resulted in the monograph Ethnolinguistic Prehistory and numerous writings on the population prehistory of Asia.

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