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A Comment on Urlike Zeshan’s Presentation

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My commentary to Zeshan's talk will discuss two things relating to her discussion: ethics in language documentation and collaboration with the community. I discuss these two points, reporting briefly on the preliminary documentation project of an endangered spoken language, Meche (in Nepal).

Documentary linguistics focuses on collecting and archiving language data and on archiving techniques. The activity itself need to consider outcomes that will be accessible and useful to the community.

In conducting a documentation project, it is also important to gain trust from the community and good collaborators for a successful documentation.