

Rahul Balusu left this world but he has left his distinguished mark in the world of Indian Linguistics . His contribution to Indian Linguistics in general and Dravidian linguistics in particular will always be there for us. He was an example of the dynamic linguist who was passionately driven into generative syntax and formal semantics.

As a professor in the English and Foreign Languages University, Rahul had inspired many of his students to work with him on various topics from "NPIs", "Unconditionals", "Polar Questions", " Epistemic Indefiniteness, and "Agreement shift" to mention a few.

Rahul encouraged students to write abstracts and present at conferences, and he would always walk the extra mile to help his students prepare for their presentations. He had just begun to successfully do what other illustrious syntacticians before him have done; he sacrificed his own research time to build a community of formally trained researchers around him.

When you ask any of Raul's students about him, they will tell you how "immensely patient" and "extremely kind " he was , and how he always " treated his scholars as equals" .

We will miss his provoking questions and valuable feedback during our end-of-semester presentations that he never used to miss.

His attitude and dedication to academics will always inspire us. We will miss him and think about him every time we pass by his office.

Rest in peace our dear friend, mentor, and brilliant linguist. Your presence in our journey has been more than extraordinary, and we will always be grateful for that.

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