Kri – A Mainland Southeast Asian Language and its Lessons

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In this presentation I will report on results of ongoing field research on Kri, a previously undescribed Vietic language with around 300 speakers living in Laos near the Vietnam border due East of Vientiane. I will use the occasion of presenting new facts on a Mainland Southeast Asian language to highlight some of the most interesting issues for researchers of language in the region, including issues of phonetics and phonology, grammar and semantics, fieldwork methods, social interaction, language contact, and the language/culture relationship.