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This document provides a summary of the UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative's recent activities.

Proposals/documents

Proposals or documents currently submitted to the UTC that have involved SEI include:

 Proposal for encoding the Beria Erfe (Zaghawa) script in the SMP -- Siddick Adam Issa, et al. (L2/24-004R)

Reports and Feedback

• Recommendations to UTC #179 (L2/24-068) (Goregaokar et al.)

Ongoing Work

Documents on Persian Siyaq and Sirmauri are expected in 2024. Anshuman Pandey is also working on Kerinci, Kulitan, Linear Elamite, Lampung, Proto-Elamite, Proto-Cuneiform, Ranjana, and Proto-Sinaitic, thanks to a grant from the Unicode AAC program.

Script Proposals in Progress

The following scripts have received SEI support in the past and are either in a preliminary stage, or are almost ready for approval, but require more information.

Script Proposals in Active Development

- Bété (Yeo et al) [<u>L2/23-279</u>]
- Book Pahlavi (Pandey) [L2/24-040]
- Kerinci (Pandey) [L2/16-074]
- Kulitan (Pandey) [*L*2/15-232]
- Lampung (Pandey) [L2/22-044]
- Linear Elamite (Pandey) [L2/21-233]
- Maya Hieroglyphs Classic (Vail) [L2/23-020]
- Maya Hieroglyphs Codical (Pallán) [L2/23-196]
- Persian Siyaq (Pandey) [L2/21-105]
- Proto-Cuneiform (Pandey) [L2/23-190]
- **Proto-Elamite** (Pandey) [<u>L2/23-196</u>)]
- **Proto-Sinaitic** (Pandey) [L2/19-299]
- Ranjana (Pandey) [L2/23-028]
- Seal (Cook) [L2/22-279]
- Sirmauri (Pandey) [L2/18-085]

Work Awaiting More Information

• Afáka (Everson) [*N*4292=*L*2/12-228]

- **Bagam** (Everson) [*N*4293=*L*2/12-229]
- Balti 'A' and 'B' (Pandey) [N3842=L2/10-231, N4016=L2/11-103]
- **Bhujinmol** (Pandey) [L2/14-283]
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) [*N*4287=*L*2/12-217]
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) [N4140=L2/11-348]
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) [*N*4668=*L*2/15-180]
- Eskaya (Pandey) [N4499=L2/13-229]
- **Kpelle** (Everson and Riley) [*N*3762=*L*2/10-063]
- Landa (Pandey) [*N3768=L2/10-013*]
- Loma (Everson) [*N*3756=*L*2/10-005; *cf. L*2/17-059, *L*2/17-233]
- Magar Akkha (Pandey) [N4036=L2/11-144]
- **Mwangwego** (Everson) [*N*4323=*L*2/12-311]
- Palaeohispanic, South and Palaeohispanic, North [L2/22-146, L2/22-147]
- **Pallava** (Pandey) [L2/18-083]
- Pau Cin Hau Syllabary (Pandey) [L2/16-014]
- **Pyu** (Pandey) [*N3874=L2/10-295*]
- **Rejang Numbers** (Pandey) [L2/18-081]
- Siyaq -- Diwani [L2/15-066] (Pandey) (cf. L2/15-340)
- Tangsa Khimhun (Pandey) [N4497=L2/13-230]
- Tani Lipi (Pandey) [N3823=L2/10-146]
- Tikamuli (Pandey) [N3963=L2/10-465]
- Woleai (Everson) [N4146=L2/11-362]
- Zou (Pandey) [N3864=L2/10-254]

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SEI at UC Berkeley

SEI will be maintaining its presence at UC Berkeley for the foreseeable future, under leadership of Anushah Hossain. Anushah Hossain will begin her post in July 2024 and continue to be mentored by Debbie Anderson for the upcoming year.

Conference Participation

Several members of SEI participated in the <u>"Unicode and the Humanities" conference</u> on February 2-3, 2024, held at Carnegie Mellon University and co-sponsored with University of Pittsburgh. Participants included Deborah Anderson, Anushah Hossain, Anshuman Pandey and Isabelle Zaugg.