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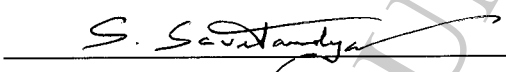


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### ABSTRACT

This thesis presents phonological descriptions of three Plang villages in Menghai County of Xishuangbanna Tai Autonomous Prefecture in Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China. Plang is a Mon-Khmer language of the Palaungic branch.

The purpose of this thesis is to give phonological descriptions of Man Noi, La Gang, and Bang Deng Plang for the purpose of determining, from a phonological perspective, if these three varieties could be written with one single orthography. The phonological description will include word structure, syllable structure, phonemes, register complex, and tonal analysis.

This thesis found that these varieties of Plang do not differ enough phonologically to require three separate orthographies. The main difference between the varieties is that La Gang, unlike Man Noi and Bang Deng, has not lost voiceless nasals. There for the orthography would need to include a grapheme for these phonemes. This would lead to an overdifferentiation for readers from Man Noi and Bang Deng.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

***	Unknown Gloss
CNE	Contrast in Non-Influencing Environment
CIE	Contrast in Identical Environment
//	Phonemic Transcription
[ ]	Phonetic Transcription
*	Proto form
.	Syllable Boundary
#	Word Boundary
σ	Syllable
C	Consonantal
V	Vowel
ᵛ	Vowel with tone
ᵛ̤	Breathy Phonation
ᵛ̥	High Tone
ᵛ̦	Low Tone