

25th Himalaya-Karakoram-Tibet Workshop
San Francisco State University, California, USA
5th- 10th June 2010
<http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25sf>

Final Circular

For a quarter-century the Himalayan-Karakoram-Tibet Workshop has provided students of the India-Asia collision system a wonderful opportunity for workshop-style discussion with other colleagues working in this region. In 2010, HKT returns to North America for the first time since 1996. The 25th HKT Workshop will be held from 5-10th June at San Francisco State University, California – please mark your calendar and register now. Following the format of previous workshops, thematic oral and poster sessions will occur within a single venue to avoid the distraction of parallel sessions.

1. Important dates, Deadlines, and Venue

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<i>June 5-7th, 2010</i>	<i>Saturday-Monday</i>	Pre-conference field trip: “The Mesozoic-Cenozoic Convergent Margin of Northern California”
<i>June 7th, 2010</i>	<i>Monday evening</i>	Icebreaker, from 6:30pm
<i>June 8-10th, 2010</i>	<i>Tuesday-Thursday</i>	Main workshop (ends 5 pm June 10 th)
<i>June 9th</i>	<i>Tuesday evening</i>	Reception at the California Academy of Sciences: The California Academy of Sciences (http://www.calacademy.org) is co-hosting a cocktail reception for HKT-25. We will tour a 4-storey living rainforest and explore the Steinhart Aquarium over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.
<i>June 10th</i>	<i>Wednesday evening</i>	Conference banquet, from 6:30pm
<i>June 11-12th, 2010</i>	<i>Friday-Saturday</i>	Post-conference NSF-sponsored workshop: “Future directions for NSF-sponsored research in the Himalaya/Tibet”: (apply online separately: http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/TibetNSFworkshop.html - deadline January 15 th).

Deadlines

NSF workshop application deadline:	January 15th, 2010
Workshop and field trip registration and payment: (All late reservations will incur a \$50 late fee.)	March 1st, 2010
Abstract submission deadline:	April 1st, 2010

Venue

The conference will be held at San Francisco State University <http://www.sfsu.edu/~sfsumap/> in the city of San Francisco in view of the Pacific Ocean, and within easy reach, via public transport, of both the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and many local tourist attractions. Visit the website of the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau at <http://www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/>.

2. Registration and Costs

Workshop registration includes the icebreaker reception on the evening of Monday, June 7th; a reception at the California Academy of Sciences on Tuesday, June 8th; and a conference dinner on Wednesday, June 9th; the workshop venue and abstract volume; and all coffee breaks and three lunches during the meeting. Reduced registration is available for students, post-docs, and participants from AGU's Tier 1 and Tier 2 countries (Tier 1 countries include Nepal and Pakistan; Tier 2 countries include Bhutan, China, and India:

<http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm09/registration/low-income-countries.php>).

Please download the final registration form from the HKT-25 website:

<http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25sf> and send it by e-mail to hkt25sf@gmail.com to indicate your housing choice, payment method, and your possible participation in the pre-conference field trip. **Final registration and payments must be made by March 1st, 2010**; after this date, on-campus housing availability and costs are not guaranteed. Reservations for housing accommodation and space on the field trip is on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Workshop registration costs*

Full registration	\$265
Reduced registration (Tier 2 countries – Bhutan, China, India)	\$215
Reduced registration (Students, post-docs, and Tier 1 countries)	\$165
Guest registration (does not include abstract volume, coffee breaks, or lunches)	\$145

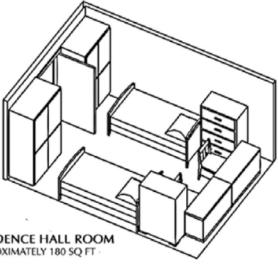
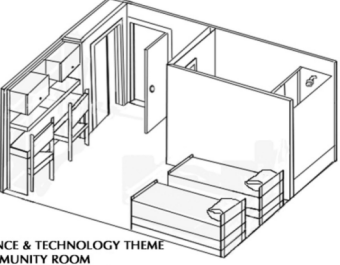
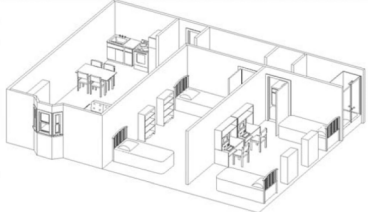
*Credit card and bank transfer payments online via PayPal are subject to 3-4% surcharge

Registration incurs a \$50 late fee if received after March 1st.

3. Accommodation and Rates

HKT-25 participants will be housed in student residences on the campus of San Francisco State University adjacent to the conference venue. Housing reservations (choice of quality and single or shared) will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Participants check in on Monday 7th June (after 4 pm) and check out either on Thursday 10th June or Friday 11th June (before 11 am); those remaining for the post-conference NSF workshop will remove to Tiburon Thursday after the conclusion of HKT-25. If you prefer to arrange your own accommodation, please see the HKT-25 website for alternate housing information.

On-campus housing options and rates per person per night, including breakfast*:

 <p>RESIDENCE HALL ROOM APPROXIMATELY 180 SQ FT</p>	 <p>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY THEME COMMUNITY ROOM APPROXIMATELY 250 SQ FT</p>	 <p>TOWERS AT CENTENNIAL SQUARE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT APPROXIMATELY 900 SQ FT</p>
<p>Single - \$63 Double - \$36</p>	<p>Single (en suite) - \$97[§] Double (shared en suite) - \$53[§] §Limited numbers – choose early</p>	<p>Single - \$105 (one person per bedroom, two bedrooms share one bathroom)</p>

*A 3-4% surcharge applies if reserved online via PayPal using a credit card or bank transfer.

*All reservations made after March 5th will incur a \$50 late fee.

4. Payment methods

Registration, housing, and field trip payments can be made via a direct bank transfer (bank details below), by check sent to the address below (U.S. bank accounts only), or through the HKT-25 web site using a credit card or electronic bank transfer via PayPal (a 3-4% fee will be added to the above costs): <http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25payment.html>

Account details for direct bank transfer:

Bank name: Stanford Federal Credit Union

Bank address: POB 10690, Palo Alto, CA 94303-0843, USA

Routing number: 321177722

Account number: Please e-mail hkt25sf@gmail.com for the account number

Account name: HKT-25

Provide your name under “special instructions”

U.S. checks may be sent by surface mail to:

HKT-25, c/o Mary Leech

Department of Geosciences, San Francisco State University,

1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132, U.S.A.

Credit card or electronic bank transfer: <http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25payment.html>

Please note: your completed registration form, to be submitted by e-mail, is required in addition to your payment.

5. Pre-conference field trip, June 5th-7th, 2010

A three-day field trip to see the geology of the Mesozoic-Cenozoic convergent margin of northern California prior to the main HKT-25 workshop will depart at 8 am on Saturday, June 5th, from the lobby of the Travelodge San Francisco Airport South (<http://www.travelodgesfairport.com/>). Participants who wish to stay at the Travelodge the night of Friday, June 4, should make reservations directly with the hotel. This hotel offers free transport from San Francisco International Airport and a complimentary continental breakfast.

The field trip will examine the Mesozoic-Cenozoic convergent margin of California, a well-studied example of such systems preserved and exposed by the transition to transform tectonics in the mid-Cenozoic. The field trip will visit world-class exposures of the main components of a convergent margin (accretionary complex, fore-arc basin and magmatic arc) and will be led by local experts over the short distance between the California coast and the Sierra Nevada mountains. Day 1 will focus on the Franciscan accretionary complex in the San Francisco Bay area. It will consist of stops to view classic blueschist mélangé, pillow basalts and other features, and will also provide ample opportunity for discussion of the younger geology associated with the San Andreas fault. Day 2 will focus on the forearc basin assemblage and will visit well-known outcrops of deepwater deposits of the Great Valley Group along the western margin of California's central valley. Outcrops will include sandstone, mudstone, and conglomeratic facies and will allow examination of a range of deepwater depositional features, such as turbidites, injectites, debris flows, and submarine fan architecture. The final day of the field trip will focus on the Sierra Nevada, where rocks of the Sierra Nevada batholiths and associated metamorphic country rock will be examined. Stops in the Sierra Nevada foothills will provide added opportunities to discuss the long-term evolution of the California convergent margin and the history of various terranes that comprise the region. Following the final geological stop of the third day, participants will return to SF State in time to check-in to on-campus housing and for the icebreaker Monday evening June 7th.

Advance registration and payment of \$340* are required by the March 1st deadline (*PayPal payments incur a 3-4% surcharge). Field trip registration includes a field guide, transportation (10-person vans), shared motel accommodation (Sat./Sun.), breakfasts (Sun./Mon.), and lunches (Sat./Sun./Mon.). Dinners are not included and to be arranged individually by field trip participants. A minimum of 20 participants is required to run the field trip. Full refunds will be given during the workshop if the field trip is cancelled because of a lack of interest.

6. Abstract submission

Abstracts are invited for both oral and poster presentations. Abstracts will only be accepted from those who have registered to attend the HKT workshop. Attendees may request but are not guaranteed an oral presentation. Both oral and poster presentations must be in English.

Abstracts will be published online as an Open-File Report of the US Geological Survey, and must precisely follow their guidelines: please download the template for your extended abstract (2 pages) from http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25_abstr_template.doc

Please e-mail your extended abstract to hkt25sf@gmail.com by the abstract submission deadline: April 1st, 2010.

7. Post-conference NSF workshop

“Future directions for NSF-sponsored research in the Himalaya/Tibet”: Friday-Saturday, June 11-12th (details at: <http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/TibetNSFworkshop.html>)

The US National Science Foundation has funded numerous large-scale experiments and field campaigns in the Himalaya and Tibet, and would welcome input on where and how future discoveries will be made. We particularly invite those US participants who have received or hope to apply for major NSF funding, together with key international participants from the HKT countries who have participated in these projects, to engage in a discussion about future research opportunities in the HKT region. (*NSF sponsorship is anticipated – for travel support, apply online at <http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/tibetNSFapp.html> by January 15, 2010).

8. Visas for travel to the U.S.

Participants are advised to check if they need a visa to enter the U.S., or whether they qualify for a visa waiver: see http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1262.html. Visitors from India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, and Taiwan are all required to have a visa. Please allow sufficient time for your visa applications to be processed; we recommend allowing at least 3 months for visa issuance. We can provide letters of invitation, if requested.

9. Workshop web site and e-mail communication

Updated workshop information will be available on the conference web site at <http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25sf> Please check the web site for updates before contacting workshop organizers at hkt25sf@gmail.com or by surface mail:

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For troubleshooting during the workshop, you can get quick information from
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