Not all languages have tense. Northern Paiute, an indigenous language of the western United States, is one such language.

Based on his fieldwork around Mono Lake in eastern California, Professor Toosarvandani will discuss how speakers of Northern Paiute talk about time. Without tense, they make use of aspectual categories, such as imperfective and perfective, that are also found in more familiar languages.

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