

Programme 55th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics

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Monday, 24-8-2026 - Herta Mohr Building

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Registration: 08:00 – 8:45 and 10:30-11:00

8.45	OPENING: WELCOME Room 0.02 Nancy C. Kula					
	Room 0.02	chair: Elisabeth Kerr helper:	Room 0.20	chair: Nancy Kula helper: Hilde Gunnink	Room 0.06	chair: Serge Sagna helper:
09:00 - 09:30	Denis Creissels	Non-contextual uses of classes and orphan classes in Atlantic languages	André Batchelder-Schwab	Tshila uvular clicks, and the case against clicks as clusters	Martha Lungi Kabinde-Machate	Decolonizing the Urban Linguistic Landscape: Multilingual Street Naming and the Reclamation of African Languages in South Africa
09:30 - 10:00	Florence Tabe Oben	Adjectives in Kenyang: Mappings between meaning and form (online)	Selina Wayimba & Didier Demolin	The vowel system of Iraqw	Nyikelani Davis Mabasa	Social Media as the New Custodian of African Languages: Digital Spaces as Informal Language Academies
10:00 - 10:30	Dmitry Idiatov	Mass nouns in Yungur: granular, liquid and apparent masses	Ashenafi Endeshaw	Morphophonemic processes in Gedeo	Khalfi Houssein Eddine	Echoes of Empire from Anatolia to the Maghreb: Ottoman Turkish Influence in Algerian Arabic

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11:00 - 11:30	Marta Herget	Modelling ideophonic variation	Gerrit de Wit	The enigma of infinitive's polar tone in Leboale (C44) and an instance of Meeussen's Rule in the same language	Zaihad Mouhzo Lagoa, Abbé Barthélémy	Transmission intergénérationnelle de l'itton au Cameroun (online)
11:30 -	Respect Mlambo	Semantic Exploration of Conative and Phatic Interjections in Xitsonga	Chrisnah Renaudot	Grammatical Tone in the Ndungale (Ubangi, Mbaic)	Muhammad Sulaiman	Linguistic Diversity and Ethical Issues on Hausa-Fulani Discourse

12:00			Mfouhou	verb stem	Abdullahi	in Digital Communication in Nigeria
12:00 - 12:30	Yvonne Ollennu	The semantics of wear verbs in Ga (online)	Janika Kunzmann	Toneless morphemes and polarization in Mbum	Mary Elejo Aduh	Female Identity and Social Transformations in Les Impatientes by Djaili Amadou Amal
12:30 - 13:00	Else Ntui fafa Fiavi	Semantics of Embedded Clauses under Ewe "bé" Complementiser (online)	Serge Sagna	Rethinking African multilingualism: Insights from the inside	Silas Anyanele	Dialectal levelling and Igbo-English interface: A sociolinguistic study of urban Southeast Nigeria

13:00-14:00 --- LUNCH BREAK --- book display **Room 0.14**

	Room 0.02	chair: helper: Hilde Gunnink	Room 0.20	chair: Gerrit de Wit helper: Federico Falletti		
14:00 - 14:30	Lateef Adeleke	Reflexes of A-Bar Movement in Uhami (online)	Ruth Gaved	Variation in the forms of object pronouns in Koulango de Bouna (online)		
14:30 - 15:00	Elisabeth Kerr & Adriel Josias Bébiné	Particles and A'-movement in Nuasúe	Selina Wayimba	Duration in kiSwahili		
15:00 - 15:30	Vicki Cartens	What blocks inverse scope in Zulu?	Brandon Kieffer	Phonological Phenomena of the Kongo-Kariba Contact Zone		

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16:00 - 16:30	Xolile Ntshangase	Translating Identity: The Role of Language Choice in Post-Apartheid Place Renaming	Eva-Marie Bloom Ström	Fieldwork with students – exploring isiXhosa landscape terminology on the move		
16:30 - 17:00	Matfunjwa Muzi	The synonymy of Siswati ideophones	Tatiana Korol	Negation in Ngen (< Southern Mande)		

	Amaka Yvonne Okafor	Animal Imagery in Igbo and English Idioms: A Cross-Cultural Linguistics Study	Ebruphiyo Mamomo Ekanem	Intergenerational language transmission and the endangerment of the Urhobo language in Nigeria		
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18:00 Dinner at Pakhuis, Doelensteeg 8 (for those registered)

Tuesday, 25-8-2026 - Herta Mohr Building

	Room 0.02	chair: helper: Janika Kunzmann	Room 0.20	chair: Yiya Chen helper: Hilde Gunnink	Room 0.08	CHADIC Workshop ONLINE
09:00 - 09:30	Constantine Kouankem	Exploring deverbal nominals in Eastern Grassfields Bantu languages (online)	Didier Demolin, Will Bennett, Ian Sieborget	Celebrating a century of experimental phonetics in Zulu	Zygmunt Frajzyngier	Multiple reduplications, multiple functions (online)
09:30 - 10:00	Onelisa Slater	Ironie Negatives in isiXhosa	Man Yan Priscilla Lam & Yiya Chen	Examining prosody-morphosyntax interactions in the encoding of Ewe question type	James Roberts	Verb doubling for imperfective aspect in Mawa (online)
10:00 - 10:30	Bert Remijsen	Stacked applicatives in Shilluk	Khethani Yende	Palatal gestures and optional palatalisation in Ndebele: Preliminary results from optical palatography data (online)	Guillaume Guitang	Non-iconic verb doubling in Chadic: issues, patterns, and prospects (online)

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11:00 - 11:30	Roger Blench	The role of negative reconstruction in historical linguistics: some examples from Cushitic (online)	Martin A. Baah, Theodora Boese, Gifty A. Bonney, Sylvia M. Ketor, Elsie N. Fiavi	An experimental investigation of exceptives in Ewe (online)	Albert Camus Soulkadi	Fonctions du reboulement verbal en musey (online)
11:30	Maarten Mous &	The travels of dama 'calf' in Eastern	Anat Sageev	Epenthesis in Contact: Hebrew	Joseph	Cognate complements in Barayin

- 12:00	Nina van der Vlugt	and? Southern Africa	& Letizia Cerqueglini	Songs from Abayudaya Bantu-Speakers (Uganda) (online)	Lovestrand	(East Chadic) (online)
12:00 - 12:30	Melle Groen	The Iraqw “construct case” as a relative pronoun	Nico Nassenstein & Laura Nassenstein	Swahili meets German: On grammatical features of Luga ya Kisela as spoken by Kenyan beach boys	Ndokobai Dadak	Le redoublement verbal en mazagway hidi et cuvok (online)
12:30 - 13:00	Lee Pratchett	Introducing Central Tshwa and the Tshwa-Gllana continuum (Kalahari-Khoe, Khoe-Kwadi).	Aondogu Stephen Nyon (?)	Postcolonial Analysis of Language Contact and Effect in Multilingual African Settings: The Example of Tiv Language of Central Nigeria	FINAL DISCUSSION	

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14:00 - 14:30	Miracle Oppong Peprah	Burak verbal morphosyntax	Sizwe Dlamini	Consonantalisation and the Development of Third-Person Object Concorde from Subject Concorde: A Study of IsiZulu Nasal Noun Classes	Akua Campbell	Decolonising education via home language instruction: The story of AyaPrep
14:30 - 15:00	Puleng Tsehla	The Syntax of Noun Phrases in Lesotho Sign Language	Kwasi Adomako (?)	The morphosemantics of wura in Akan: A Construction Morphology account	Josephiter Mutagwaba	The Role of Academic Language Exposure in Pronunciation Error Identification Among Tanzanian Bi/Multilingual Secondary School Students
15:00 - 15:30	Ansu Berg	Argument Structure Effects of Causative and Applicative Extensions in Setswana	Federico Felletti	Morphophonological alternations in Sengwer verbs	Ngoungouo Yiagnigni Abass	From Playground to Classroom: Translanguaging with Camfranglais for Epistemic Justice in Cameroonian Education (online)

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16:00 - 16:30	Michael Meeuwis, Nico Nassenstein & Janika Kunzmann	Bangala (C30A), an underdescribed language of Central Africa	Jeroen van Ravenhorst & Hamza Khwaja	Coalescence of l+t in Somali and Rendille	Thabo Ditsele	Perceptions towards code-switching in post-colonial South Africa: A case study of Setswana home language speakers in Mmabatho and Mabopane townships
16:30 - 17:00	Adriel Josias Bébiné	Processus et alternances morphophonologiques en position prépausale en nuasue (A.62A)	Jack Campbell	Pronoun-Predicate marker morphophonology in Nghlwa (online)	Patrick Joseph	Two Paths to Linguistic Integration in Nigeria: Hausa and Nigerian Pidgin from a Historical Perspective
17:00 - 17:30			Evgeniya Gutova & Sébastien Christian	Inferential Grammar Description for African Languages from Minimal Data: A Case Study in Senhaja Berber, Morocco (online)	Zerihun Gizaw	The Analysis of the Expressions of Bargaining in Local Markets in Ethiopia: The Case of Street Markets in Addis Ababa

Wednesday, 26-8-2026 - Herta Mohr Building

	Room 0.02	chair: Nancy Kula helper:	Room 0.20	chair: Hilde Gunnink helper:	Room 0.06	chair: Serge Sagna helper:
09:00 - 09:30	Gardy Stein	The (In-)Visibility of Indigenous African Languages in the Linguistic Landscapes of Guinea	Paulin Baraka Bose	Micro-variation in the Verb Phrase of Fulu and Bagiro: Tone, Morphology, and Contact in Central Sudanic		
09:30 - 10:00	Adelaide Banafo & Kwaku Sasu	Why not Future? Negation and Interaction with Future	Achraf Taarabet & Noureddine Toudat	The Role of Cultural Associations in Language Preservation: The Amazigh Experience		
10:00 - 10:30	Skyelar Raiti	Particle verbs in Wara	Tolulope Adeniyi	The tonology of sentence negation in Uhami (online)	Noureddine Toudat	Grassroots Language Preservation: Community Initiatives for the Vitality of Tamazight in Southern Morocco

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11:00 - 11:30	James Engels & Federico Falletti	Proximatives, Tense, and Event Sequencing in Kalenjin Languages	Maria Gustafsson	Tone in Mulgi [Mvh]
11:30 - 12:00	Salka Nouanti	Temps, aspect, mode et polarité en notre	Tina Bougag	Les perceptions de la langue arabe et Code Switching dans les diasporas Tunisienne et Egyptienne à Paris (online)
			Yousef Alenezi	Challenges of Transitioning Between Colloquial and formal Arabic for Non-Native Speakers

				(online)
12:00 - 12:30	Mark van de Velde	Dative and accusative case in Mbula	Augusta Okanume	Igbo-English code-switching in digital spaces: Analyzing how "Egli-Igbo" is used on social media (X/Twitter, WhatsApp) and what it says about linguistic identity of the Nigerian youth
12:30 - 13:00	Corrine Foko Mokam	Non-verbal predication and gender (mis)match in Gbe-French codeswitching	Patience Olumese	Digital media and the development of Nigerian English: Linguistic innovations in online communication

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14:00 - 14:30	Adrain Krause	Gó bríng di watá kám. The Krio verbs gó and kám between directional serial verb constructions, indicating textual connectivity and TAM-marking	Kiba Ngapoula	Embosi Discourse Deixis: A pragmatic approach (online)	Nomsa Skosana	A Socio-Pragmatic Analysis of Forms of Address in IsiNdebele Literature
14:30 - 15:00	Mohammed Seguenfle	Les représentations de l'identité dans la poésie amazighe marocaine (domaine tachelhite)	Amanuel Birhanu	The Analysis of Numerals in Gedeo	Akudo Ogechi Ugwumba	A comparative study of Igbo-English switching across generations and its impact on the Igbo language
15:00 - 15:30	Pauline Promes Woungly	Morphophonological effects of the durative marker on monosyllabic and dissyllabic verb roots in Ajumbu (online)	Fajimba Keita	Élaboration d'un dictionnaire maninka à partir d'un corpus de référence : approche méthodologique (online)	Muthuhadini Lufuno Muavha	Examining Gender Imbalance Through Language: Insights from the Vuwani Community

15:30 CLOSE: **Room 0.02**

After CALL drinks at Pakhuis, Doelensteeg 8