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Programme 55th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics

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 Housseem 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'iton au Cameroun (online)
11:30 - 12:00	Respect Mlambo	Semantic Exploration of Conative and Phatic Interjections in Xitsonga	Chrisnah Renaudot Mfouhou	Grammatical Tone in the Ndungale (Ubangi, Mbaic) verb stem	Muhammad Sulaiman Abdullahi	Linguistic Diversity and Ethical Issues on Hausa-Fulani Discourse 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 Djaïli Amadou Amal
12:30 - 13:00	Else Ntuifafa 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

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14:00 - 14:30	Lateef Adeleke	Reflexes of A-Bar Movement in Uhami	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	Adriel Josias Bébiné	Processus et alternances morphophonologiques en position prépausale en nuasue (A.62A)	Eva-Marie Bloom Ström	Fieldwork with students – exploring isiXhosa landscape terminology on the move
16:30 - 17:00	Matfunjwa Muzi	The synonymity 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

17:00 - 17:30	Thera Crane	Past, present & future of tense and aspect in Bantu	Ebruphiyo Mamomo Ekanem	Intergenerational language transmission and the endangerment of the Urhobo language in Nigeria	Dunga Nakuwa	The Language of Herding Cattle in Kara, South Ethiopia
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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:	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	Ironic 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 Remijssen	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 - 12:00	Maarten Mous & Nina van der Vlugt	The travels of dama 'calf' in Eastern and? Southern Africa	Anat Sageev & Letizia Cerqueglini	Epenthesis in Contact: Hebrew Songs from Abayudaya Bantu-Speakers (Uganda) (online)	Joseph Lovestrand	Cognate complements in Barayin (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-Glana 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 Concords from Subject Concords: 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 -	Michael Meeuwis, Nico	Bangala (C30A), an underdescribed language of Central Africa	Jeroen van Ravenhorst	Coalescence of l+t in Somali and Rendille	Thabo Ditsele	Perceptions towards code-switching in post-colonial South

16:30	Nassenstein & Janika Kunzmann		& Hamza Khwaja			Africa: A case study of Setswana home language speakers in Mmabatho and Mabopane townships
16:30 - 17:00	Nina van der Vlugt	The semantics of diminutive constructions in Shonic (S10) languages	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	Amani Lusekelo	A lexicalisation account of the crops and plants in Nyakyusa (Bantu M31)	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	Adelaide Banafo & Kwaku Sasu	Why not Future? Negation and Interaction with Future	Paulin Baraka Bose	Micro-variation in the Verb Phrase of Fulu and Bagiro: Tone, Morphology, and Contact in Central Sudanic	Gardy Stein	The (In-)Visibility of Indigenous African Languages in the Linguistic Landscapes of Guinea
09:30 - 10:00					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 Yousef Alenezi	Les perceptions de la langue arabe et Code Switching dans les diasporas Tunisienne et Egyptienne à Paris (online) 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

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