



2nd Symposium on West African Languages – Department of African Studies/University of Vienna

27th - 29th October, 2016

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 27 th October	
09:00 – 10:00	Registration
	Seminar room 1
	Welcome address
10:00 – 10:30	Melanie Malzahn — Dean Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies Adams Bodomo — Head of Department Norbert Cyffer & Georg Ziegelmeier — Organizing Committee
	Seminar room 1
	Chair: TBA
10:30 – 11:15	Firmin Ahoua <i>Why sound changes prove relevant for historical reconstruction than syntactic structures – Reconstructing the proto-Potou</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
	Seminar room 1
	Chair: TBA
	John Hutchison <i>Comitative-based subordination and "complementation" typology in Kanuri</i>
11:45 – 12:15	Olga Frackiewicz <i>English words, African structures – On phraseology in Nigerian Pidgin English</i>
	Seminar room 2
	Chair: TBA
12:15 – 12:45	Dorothee Beermann <i>Complex Clauses in Akan</i>
	Sabine Littig & Ulrich Kleinewillinghöfer <i>The expression of qualification in Samba-Duru (Central Adamawa)</i>

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12:45 – 14:30	Lunch break	
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14:30 – 15:00	Norbert Cyffer <i>Areality versus genealogy – When areal features come to the fore and genetic ones step back – Examples of the wider Lake Chad region</i>	Ekaterina Aplonova <i>Verbal constructions in Goo (finite forms)</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Ulrich Kleinewillinghöfer & Friederike Vigeland <i>Nungurama (Longuda) and Waja, Languages in Contact on the Longuda Plateau, NE Nigeria</i>	Marlene Altebockwinkel <i>Property concepts in Kyanga (Eastern Mande)</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Ronald Schaefer & Francis Egbokhare <i>Outlier Stock and Northern Nigeria's Convergence Zones</i>	Robert Carlson <i>Adjectival secondary predicates in Manding and Senufo</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
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16:30 – 17:00	Georg Ziegelmeier <i>Reassessing contact phenomena of the wider Lake Chad region</i>	Godwin Yina <i>An areal linguistic survey and classification of the languages of the Benue and Upper Cross River regions of Nigeria</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Nina Sumbatova & Valentin Vydrin <i>Contact phenomena – Landuma (Mel) and Mande</i>	Petr Zima <i>Diachrony of tones in eastern Songhay and the consequences of this diachrony for the linguistic and the sociolinguistic (anthropological) interpretation of the Dendi (Songhay) past</i>
17:30 – 18:00	Clemens Gütl <i>Reassessing sounds – Considerations on methodological challenges for the study of language contact phenomena in Africa</i>	Ludwig Gerhardt <i>The establishment of subgroups of Central Nigerian languages</i>
18:30	Reception at the Department of African Studies (drinks and snacks)	

Friday, 28 th October		
	Seminar room 1	Seminar room 2
	Chair: TBA	Chair: TBA
10:00 – 10:30	Yranahan Traore & Caroline Féry <i>Vowel and consonant harmony in the nominal classes in Fròʔò, Tagbana</i>	Abraham Kwesi Bisilki & Rebecca Akpanglo-Nartey <i>Noun Pluralisation as Dialect Marker in Likpakpaln 'Konkomba'</i>
10:30 – 11:00	John Rennison <i>Vowel harmonies in West Africa – What harmonises, what blocks?</i>	Aboubakari Sama <i>Labialized consonants in Akaselem language in comparison with other Gurma languages</i>

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11:30 – 12:00	<p>Gary Linebaugh <i>Speech planning and directional bias in vowel harmony</i></p>	<p>Herrmann Jungrathmayr <i>From Mubi to Ngas – A history of evolution in Chadic</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Matthew Harley <i>Vowel systems in Nigerian languages</i></p>	<p>Alexandra Verezemskaya <i>Grammaticization of Chadic verbal nouns in locative progressive constructions</i></p>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
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14:30 – 15:00	<p>Ines Fiedler <i>Comparison of gender systems across Kwa</i></p>	<p>Sabi’u Inuwa Fagge <i>A Linguistic approach to the analysis of Hausa written poems – A case study of Shehu Usmanu d’an Fodio’s Hausa poems titled: “Gargadi da tsoratarwa”</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Obed Nii Broohm <i>Focus marking in Esahie</i></p>	<p>Izabela Will <i>The relationship between language and gestures – Remarks on the analysis of Hausa multimodal discourse</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Mary Esther Kropp Dakubu & Lars Hellan <i>Verb classes and Valency Classes in Ga</i></p>	<p>Ummah Aminu Inuwa <i>Facial and body annotations in Hausa culture and its linguistic representation</i></p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
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16:30 – 17:00	<p>Miriam Weidl <i>Social effects on languaging – Two speakers in a highly multilingual household in Djibonker, Senegal</i></p>	<p>Sabi’u Inuwa Fagge & Mukhtar Ibrahim Abubakar <i>A linguistic analysis of tongue -twisting in Hausa Language – A case study of zaurance (tongue - twisting) in Hausa</i></p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Umara Bulakarima <i>Understanding the ethnic languages and the community languages of the wider Lake Chad area</i></p>	<p>Kseniya Balakireva <i>Examples of semantic relations in phraseological system of Hausa language</i></p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Erwin Ebermann <i>Tonal contrast in a predominantly non-tonal environment – The case of Mandinka</i></p>	<p>Philip J. Jaggar <i>The usually neglected category of "periphrastic causatives" so how does Hausa express them?</i></p>
19:00	Conference Dinner at Universitätsbräuhaus (Campus AAKH)	

Saturday, 29 th October		
	Seminar room 1	Seminar room 2
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10:00 – 10:30	Henry Tourneux & Hadidja Konai <i>L'impact de la téléphonie mobile sur le fulfulde du Cameroun septentrional</i>	Abba Tahir <i>Morphophonological construction of Kanuri affix – A new trend</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Raija Kramer <i>Phasal polarity in Adamawa Fulfulde</i>	Isa Muhammad Inuwa <i>African languages in contact – The morphological patterns of Kanuri loanwords in Hausa</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Jean Pierre Boutché <i>The variation of Fula in the Church context – An ethnographic analysis</i>	Yahaya Mohammed Ahmed <i>A Morphological investigation of nativised nouns into Hausa</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break	
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12:00 – 12:30	Klaudia Dombrowsky-Hahn <i>Relative-conditional constructions in Syer (Western Karaboro, Senufo, Gur) and neighbor languages</i>	Eliane Kamdem Sonkoue <i>A description and comparison of the tense system in ten Bamileke languages</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Hasiyatu Abubakari <i>The noun class system in Kusaal: An interplay of morphosemantics and morphophonology</i>	Gueche Fotso Hugues Carlos <i>Multiverb constructions and the hierarchy of Homorganic nasals in Nda?nda?</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break	
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14:30 – 15:00	Nina Pawlak <i>The use of Hausa religious phrases in non-religious discourse</i>	Jacques Evouna <i>La formation des classes nominales non locatives de l'èwòndò</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Philippe Cassuto & Victor Porkhomovsky <i>On the typology of Bible translation strategies – The case of three Hausa versions</i>	Bitjaa Kody Zachée Denis & René Ndedje <i>Esquisse de la classification de ndemli</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Gian Claudio Batic <i>'The two lovers': Universal theme and cultural variations in a Hausa dilemma story</i>	Wega Simeu <i>Morphological, lexical and semantical curiosities in the naming practice in Ghomala</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
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16:30 – 17:00	Sergio Baldi <i>Arabic influence in West Afric – An overview</i>	Nweze Ifeoma <i>The syntax of determiner phrase in Igbo</i>

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17:00 – 17:30	Jibril Adamu <i>The Arabic phrases and lexicon in modern Hausa poetry</i>	Ugochukwu D. Mbagwu & Cecilia A. Eme <i>The non-restricted -nye in Igbo verb morphology</i>
17:30 – 18:00	Nabila Louriz <i>Two-way borrowing in two Afroasiatic languages</i>	Olakolu Oluwatoyin <i>Constituent Negation in the Idogun dialect of Yoruba of the South Western Region of Nigeria</i>
	Seminar room 1	
18:00 – 18:30	General discussion: Proceedings & SyWAL2018	
18:30	Farewell	

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