

Language contact in Ethiopia: Examples from Cushitic, Omotic and Semitic languages

Thursday, December 13

- 10:00 - 10:30 Walter Bisang and Joachim Crass (Mainz): *Zones of convergence and the case of Ethiopia*
10:30 - 11:00 Christian Rapold (Nijmegen) and Silvia Zaugg-Coretti (Zürich): *Gurage features all over the place? A view from Yemsa and Benchnon*
11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 - 12:00 Graziano Sava (Napoli) and Sophia Thubauville (Mainz): *The heterogeneity of the Ongota lexicon as the result of cultural contact*
12:00 - 12:30 Maarten Mous (Leiden): *Distribution of systematic properties of verbal derivation in Ethiopia - Does contact play a role?*
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 14:30 Girma A. Demeke (Addis Ababa): *Does Amharic originate from a pidgin?*
14:30 - 15:00 Andreas Wetter (Mainz): *Persistence and innovation in Argobba*
15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break
15:30 - 16:00 Sascha Völlmin (Zürich): *Chaha vs. Gumär - Two languages or two dialects of a single language?*
16:00 - 16:30 Ronny Meyer (Mainz): *The verb 'to say' in Ethio-Semitic languages*

Friday, December 14

- 09:30 - 10:00 Joachim Crass (Mainz): *Converb constructions and interrogative cleft sentences in Libido. Peculiarities of two areal features?*
10:00 - 10:30 Yvonne Treis (Köln): *Kambaata's polysemous -ga morpheme in a contact-linguistic perspective*
10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
11:00 - 11:30 Debela Goshu (Oslo/Addis Ababa): *Auxiliaries in Oromo - Grammaticalization or contact-induced phenomenon?*
11:30 - 12:00 Ongaye Oda (Leiden/Addis Ababa): *The spread of the punctual derivation (doing something once) in the Lowland East Cushitic languages*
12:00 - 12:30 Silvia Zaugg-Coretti (Zürich): *The morpheme -tu as a focus marker in Yemsa (Omotic) and Oromo (Cushitic)*
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 14:30 Christian Rapold (Nijmegen): *Contact between Benchnon and Dizoid*
14:30 - 15:00 Binyam Sisay (Oslo/Addis Ababa): *The element -(k)ko in East Omot - Copula and/or focus?*
15:00 - 15:30 Tolemariam Fufa (Leiden/Addis Ababa): *The presence of the causative morpheme -iss- in Shakkinoono and -icc- in Kafinoonoo in terms of language contact*
15:30 Final discussion

Venue:

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