

Invitation to start-up meeting for the RJ-funded project MODALITY IN SWAHILI – VARIATION, CHANGE AND TRANSFER

Venue: Gothenburg University – Faculty of Humanities (Renströmsgatan 4 412 55 Göteborg)

Date/Time: Tuesday May 7, 2024, 9.30 - 17.00 (ECT)

Note that this is a hybrid event. You can also join us through this Zoom link:

<https://gu-se.zoom.us/j/63124291556>

PROGRAM

MORNING SESSIONS IN ROOM J411

09.30 – 09.45 KARIBUNI: Welcoming and introduction (the *Swahili mods* = The project group consisting of Rasmus Bernander, Gilles-Maurice de Schryver, Maud Devos & Ponsiano Kanijo)

09.45 -10.15 General presentation of the project (Rasmus Bernander)

10.15 – 10.45 Presentation of the corpus/corpora (Gilles-Maurice de Schryver)

10.45-10.50 SHORT BREAK (*nyosha miguu, chimba dawa n.k.*)

10.50-12.00 Some preliminary studies and results part I

a) *Mwenda bure si mkaa bure, huenda akaokota* (Better to wander idly than to sit idly as one might come across something): Using Swahili corpora to understand the origin and development of the epistemic possibility adverb ‘huenda’ (Maud Devos)

b) *Labda* in Swahili: Weakening in form, weakening in force (Rasmus Bernander)

c) The acquisitive modal in Swahili: Same verb, different forms and modal meanings (Rasmus Bernander)

12.00-13.30 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSIONS IN ROOM E422

13.30-16.00 External presentations

13.30-14.30 KARSTEN LEGÈRE: Topic TBA

14.40-15.10 MALIN PETZELL & PONSIANO KANIJO: The morpheme -ag- in Colloquial Swahili: Socio-linguistic factors for its emergence and its effect on the tense and aspect system

15.10-15.30 FIKA/CHAI

15.30-16.00 EVA-MARIE STRÖM BLOOM & ARON ZAHRAN: On the aspectual and modal functions of the focus auxiliary -*enda* in Ndengeleko

16.10-16.40 Some preliminary studies and results part II

d) *Lazima & mpaka:* Swahili impact in the strong necessity domain (the Swahili mods)

16.40-17.00 Closing

18.00 Dinner and drinks at Simba restaurant (<https://restaurangsimba.se/>)

KARIBUNI NYOTE!