

11th International Conference on Bantu Languages (Bantu11)

With more than 150 planned talks by more than 220 participants, the 11th International Conference on Bantu Languages (Bantu11) in Ghent is not to be missed. An overview of workshops and accepted papers can be found below.

Our four keynote speakers will be



Thera Marie Crane (University of Helsinki & University of Pretoria)
"What can modality teach us about multilingualism in South Africa?"



Rozenn Guérois (CNRS-LLACAN, UMR 8135, Villejuif, Paris)
"A language without a land" : Tracing the origins of Chikunda through history and comparative linguistics"



Amani Lusekelo (Dar es Salaam University College of Education)
"The Lexicalization of Names of Crops and Plants in Tanzanian Bantu Languages: The Case of Maize, Sugarcane and Tobacco"



Cesar Fortes-Lima (John Hopkins University, Baltimore)
"The legacy of the expansion of Bantu-speaking peoples in Africa from a genomic perspective"

Overview workshops

The conference will include a general session which welcomes contributions on any aspect of the Bantu languages, alongside the following eleven workshops:

1. [Unravelling the knots of not: Exploring lesser-known negative patterns in Bantu](#)
2. [Swahili, Sabaki, and Beyond: Integrating New Data and Perspectives on the East African Coast](#)
3. [Clause Chaining in Bantu languages: Narrative verb sequences with and without-morphological marking](#)
4. [Renewing Bantu Lexical Reconstruction](#)
5. [Interdisciplinary perspectives on Bantu language history](#)
6. [The effects of maximality constraints on verb structure](#)
7. [Ethnolinguistics, Ethnobiology and Biodiversity / Ethnolinguistique, ethnobiologie et biodiversité](#)
8. [Phonetic and phonological documentation: the role of Bantu in establishing new standards for the discipline](#)
9. [Irregular sound change in Bantu](#)
10. [Advances and developments in cross-Bantu typology: Empirical, comparative and methodological approaches](#)
11. [Nominal Classification in Bantu or the Semantax of the Noun / Classification nominale en bantou ou la semantaxe du nom](#)

Overview accepted abstracts

1. **Adriano Utenga, Amani Lusekelo** "Crop Naming and Noun Class Allocation in Bantu: Insights from Bena, Hehe, and Sangu"
2. **Adriel Josias Bebine** "Vers une classification morphosémantique des lexèmes nominaux en Nuasue (A62A)"
3. **Alexander Yao Cobinah** "The morphosyntax and functions of locative classes in Kimbundu varieties"
4. **Alfred Buregeya and Zipporah Otiso** "Kinship terminology in Bantu Languages: Marked features within some languages"
5. **Alice Lee-Kleinberg** "Causative and perfective influence in Kinyarwanda applicative doubling"
6. **Amani Lusekelo** "Mechanisms for the Expression of Modality in Kinyakyusa (Bantu M31)"
7. **Amani Lusekelo, Halima Amir** "Mechanisms of Naming Farm and Wild Crops among the Nyamwezi and Sukuma of Tanzania"
8. **André Batchelder-Schwab** "Acoustic Correlates of Place Contrasts in Spoken and Whistled TshiVenda"
9. **Anna Struck** "Revealing hidden subjects: What the Bantu noun-class system tells us about the argument-structure of exceed-comparatives"
10. **Anna Veselovsky, Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** "Aspects of clause chaining in Ruuli"
11. **Antonia Fendt, Tryphon-Trésor Muziazia, Nico Nassenstein, Daniel Silva Carneiro** "Linguistic change in progress in Kikongo-Kituba: Studying processes of restructuring through a cross-varietal lens"
12. **Arnaud Bizongwako, Hugor Ininahazwe** "From Mixed Language Website to Corpus: Automated Kinyarwanda Extraction Using Linguistic Markers and Parallelized Scraping"
13. **Aron Zahran** "Modal negation in the Lower Zambezi (N40)"
14. **Aron Zahran & Rozenn Guérois** "Functions and grammaticalization pathways of *ngà 'like, as' in South-Eastern Bantu"
15. **Augustino Kagwema** "Lability in F20 Bantu Languages"
16. **Axel Fanego Palat, Laura Nassenstein** "Habitual and Present Tense Marking in Common Mombasa Swahili and Northern Mijikenda Varieties"
17. **Bastian Persohn** "Bantu "consecutives" and temporal progress. Theory, evidence, and methodology"
18. **Beatrice Kemunto C. Obwoye, Rebin Buyaki Obwang'i** "The Influence of Loanwords and Calques on EkeGusii Sociolinguistics: Patterns, Adaptations and Implications"
19. **Birgit Ricquier** "Of Words, Things and Capricious Classifications"
20. **Birgit Ricquier, Luca Fiaccaprile, Daou Véronique Joiris, David Kopa wa Kopa, Alexandre Livingstone Smith, Laurent Nieblas Ramirez, Nicolas Nikis** "Who were the first Bantuphone peoples at the eastern bend of the Congo River?"
21. **Bongeka Dube** "The Doke Legacy- The Heritage Based Curriculum Revalorising Zimbabwe's Indigenous Languages"
22. **Brandon Kieffer** "Double Reflexes in Ruruuli: Evidence of Lexical Strata and Intense Contact"
23. **Carole Dubois** "A comparative study of the Lebonya subgroup and its classification within the Bantu language family."
24. **Cédric Patin, Seunghun J. Lee** "The prosody of non-canonical questions in Southern Bantu languages"
25. **Cheruiyot Evans Kiplimo** "Morphosyntactic Microvariation in Southern Kenya: A BMV-Based Comparison of Taita, Taveta, and Kamba"

26. **Chrisnah Renaudot Mfouhou** “The emergence of phonemic labialized and palatalized consonants in Teke Tyee (Bantu B73d, Republic of Congo)”
27. **Claudius Patrick Kihara** “Cosubordination in Gikūyū Based on the Narrative Tense”
28. **Colin Keith-Hill, Patrick Kinchular, Mikayla Oliver, Siena Weingartz, Vera Hohaus, Suzi Lima** “On the Absence of Superlative Morphology in EXCEED-Type Languages”
29. **Constantine Kouankem, Roland Kiessling, Pius Akumbu** “Analysing Medumba numeral classifiers”
30. **Cynthia Akum Bih** “An Ethno-linguistic Documentation of Environmental Terminology in Bassa and its Application for Climate Change Adaptation in Cameroon”
31. **Daisuke Shinagawa** “Parameter correlations in locatives: a case of locative enclitics and gapless relatives”
32. **Denis Creissels** “Non-verbal copulas and predicative inflection of non-verbal words in the equative, ascriptive and locative clauses of Tswana (S31)”
33. **Deo Kawalya** “Modal auxiliary verb constructions in Ugandan Bantu languages”
34. **Didier Demolin** “New experimental methods in Bantu phonetics”
35. **Didier Demolin, William G. Bennett** “New insights in the production of Southern Bantu clicks”
36. **Edward Ntonda** “An Analysis of Strong Y in Chikunda”
37. **Edward Ntonda, Juvênia Herculano** “Use of Medicinal Plants as Part of the Chikunda Cultural Identity”
38. **Elisabeth J. Kerr** “Variation in the degree of maximality constraints and stem-initial prominence effects: Evidence from the Mbam”
39. **Elizabeth Kujath** “Noun Class Degradation in Kango (C403)”
40. **Elizabeth Kujath, Matthew Faytak** “Phonetic characteristics of two series of high vowels in Kango”
41. **Emiliano Minerba** “The rhythm of poetry and history: Tracing poetic verse and cultural exchange in Eastern Bantu traditions”
42. **Ernest Nshemezimana, Arnaud Bizongwako** “The absence of disjoint morphology in topic-comment structures in Kirundi (DJ62)”
43. **Francesco Giannelli, Marco Gargano, Harald Hammarström, Carina Schlebusch** “Reconstructing the Bantu expansion through an individual-based simulation integrating genomic and linguistic evolution”
44. **Fridah Muthue Kaviti, Nobert O. Ombati** “Ethnolinguistic Vitality of the Kimbeere Language of Eastern Kenya”
45. **Gérard Philippson, Rebecca Grollemund** ““Wide” vs. “Narrow” Bantu. Is the division still meaningful?”
46. **Gerrit de Wit** “Vowel harmony in transition, the case of Leboale”
47. **Giacomo Bucci** “Locative class markers as negative polarity items: a preliminary Bantu overview”
48. **Giorgia Zantei** “The Low, the High and the Super High. Verbal tone and the mystery of the Super High Tone in Kĩrtharaka (E54)”
49. **Giorgia Zantei, Andrew Harvey, Maarten Mous** “Changes in kinship terminology as indication for societal change in the frontier of Tanzanian Rift Valley”
50. **Gueche Fotso Hugues Carlos** “Radical Verb Stem Reduction in Nda'nda': Monosyllabism, Extension Loss, and Compensatory Grammaticalization”
51. **Hannah Gibson, Kristina Riedel, Hannah Sarvasy** “Comparing Bantu and Papuan Clause Chains”
52. **Heidi Goes, Koen Bostoen** “Towards a new model for the integration of Bantu lexical reconstructions and comparative lexical data”
53. **Heidrun Kröger** “Questions, they are formed how, in Mozambican Ngoni (Xingoni)?”
54. **Helen Eaton** “Comparing Nyika and Nyiha: Phonological similarities and grammatical differences”

55. **Hilde Gunnink** "Noun class assignment of loanwords in Bantu: comparing European and African source languages"
56. **Jean J. Chavula** "Mirativity and Evidentiality in Citumbuka (N21)"
57. **Jean-Baptiste Grodya Musafiri, H el ene Mavar Manga Sodila, Kumbatulu Sita Charles, Reddy Tsutsha Ehata, Jean-Bosco Ndjango Ngona, Chrispina Alphonse** "S emantique vernaculaire et pharmaco-s emiose : apports   la pharmacognosie et   One Health"
58. **Jean-Baptiste Grodya Musafiri, H el ene Mavar Manga Sodila, Kumbatulu Sita Charles, Reddy Tsutsha Ehata, Jean-Bosco Ndjango Ngona, Chrispina Alphonse** "Tripolarisation in Kumu (D24): Ethnobotanical and Ethnolinguistic Surveys in the Democratic Republic of Congo"
59. **Jean-Pierre Donzo Bunza** "Convergences et divergences linguistiques dans le bassin du moyen Congo. Une contribution   l'histoire et la classification des langues du nord-ouest de la RD Congo"
60. **Jeff Good** "Reconstructing the sociolinguistic configuration of early Bantu communities"
61. **Jeffrey Wills** "Reconstructing Proto-Bantu *s"
62. **Jeffrey Wills & Reggemore Marongedze** "Introducing the South Bantu Etymological Dictionary"
63. **Jens Fleischhauer, Claudius Patrick Kihara** "Neuter and applicative in Gik y "
64. **Joane de Lima Santiago, Alice Mevis** " tymologies qui volent et dansent: dans le gingado du Jongo et du Caxambu"
65. **John David Storment** "Smuggling in Bantu: Evidence from Setswana Quotative Inversion"
66. **John Gluckman, Cyprian Vumilia** "Possibility and Ability in Kisubi"
67. **Jorge Rocha, Anne-Maria Fehn** "Languages and genes on the edges of the Bantu expansion"
68. **Justine M. Sikuku, Michael Diercks, Travis Major** "Multi-verb constructions in Lubukusu"
69. **Koen Bostoen, Cesar A. Fortes-Lima, Carina Schlebusch** "Recovering Relics of the Congo Rainforest's Lost Linguistic Diversity: On Unique Phonological Substrates and Unknown Genetic Components"
70. **Lee Bickmore** "Karanga Shona Verbal Tonology"
71. **Leora Bar-el, Ponsiano Kanijo, Malin Petzell** "Partial results and failed attempts: (non-)culmination in Kagulu, Kwere and Luguru"
72. **Lorenzo Maselli**, "MPIEMO TONE: AN ELECTROGLOTTOGRAPHIC STUDY"
73. **Luca Fiaccaprile** "Comparative study of a subgroup of Bantu languages: the Upper Congo languages"
74. **Luka Anlauff, Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** "Nominal concord in Kusua"
75. **Lukhanyo Elvis Makhenyane** "Investigating evidentiality and narrative authority in isiXhosa selected detective novels"
76. **Lutz Marten, Hannah Gibson, Daisuke Shinagawa** "Comparing focus and inversion constructions in Bantu languages"
77. **Maarten Mous** "Diachronic developments in noun class membership in (East African) Bantu"
78. **Madeleine Ngo Ndjeyiha** "Linguistics Dynamization and systemic variation in Youth Bassa: patterns of normalisation in contemporary discourse"
79. **Makoto Furumoto, Malin Petzell** "Vowel Copying to Null: A Potential Shared Innovation in Northeast Coast Bantu"
80. **Mark Van de Velde** "The relative origin of the Bantu connective"
81. **Martha Booker Johnson** "*-ide, -ile, -ite: the evolution of a suffix in Kihehe"
82. **Martin Walsh** "Sabaki and the sea: lexical and other evidence for early adaptations to the marine environments of the western Indian Ocean"

83. **Mary Zacharia Charwi** "The Problem of Mixed Categories: Investigating the Syntactic Projection of Swahili Conjunctions"
84. **Matlotlisang Hilda Tjabaka-Mokapane** "Time Representation in Bantu Languages with Special Reference to Sesotho: Beyond Morphosyntactic Consideration"
85. **Matthew Faytak, Tianle Yang, Ivo Njuasi Forghema** "Phonetic correlates of positional prominence in Kom"
86. **Mattie Wechsler** "Lexical stress & the distribution of /l/ in the Swahili verbal extension paradigm"
87. **Maud Devos, Rasmus Bernander** "Before-clauses, complement clauses of fear-verbs and epistemic possibility in main clauses: related cases of expletive negation in Swahili?"
88. **Mbali Jiyane** "Negation in isiZulu: The case of 3SG affix"
89. **Mbali Jiyane, Ron Silvester Simango** "Tracing the shifts in isiZulu negation"
90. **Mbu Martha Njui** "Negation patterns in Chrambo"
91. **Michael Karani, Antti Laine** "The language ecology of Temi (E46) and its contact with Maasai"
92. **Miguel Gutiérrez Maté** "Discontinuous negation in Palenquero Creole and its link to Vernacular Kikongo"
93. **Mikayla Oliver, Arsalan Kahnemuyipour** "On the distribution and function of the Swahili connective morpheme"
94. **Miyazaki Kumiko, Keiko Takemura** "Variation in anterior expressions from data of Unguja & Pemba varieties"
95. **Mofart Onyoni Ayiega & Suzanne Evans Wagner** "Morphological leveling and cues to animacy in Nairobi Swahili subject-verb agreement"
96. **Moïse Ngondombo Likume** "SYSTEME DE NOMINATION CHEZ LES NGOMBE"
97. **Muzi Matfunjwa, Respect Mlambo** "The Diminutive in Siswati: Formation, Semantic and Pragmatic Properties"
98. **Naama Tiroshi** "The augment in Kĩitharaka: Referentiality or syntax?"
99. **Nadine Grimm** "An areal view on maximality constraints: Is Northwest Bantu different?"
100. **Nancy C. Kula** "Lamba tone in relation to Copperbelt Bemba: in search of contact in tonal change"
101. **Nico Nassenstein, Mpunga wa Ilunga** "On missionaries' text collections and ethnopoetic genres: Current insights into the critical study of Cilubà materials in the Leo Stappers Archive"
102. **Nina van der Vlugt** "The diachrony of whistled fricatives in Bantu"
103. **Nina van der Vlugt, Hilde Gunnink, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri** "Historical relationships between Bantu languages of the Lower Zambezi Valley: A phylogenetic approach"
104. **Nobuko Yoneda** "Four different domains for phonological rules in Matengo (N13)"
105. **Noel Mwegoha** "Revisiting Bantu Verbal Extension Ordering: A Dynamic Gradient Morphotactic Model from Kagulu"
106. **Ntsoe Seephephe** "Metaphor, Grammar, and Social Meaning: A Cognitive Approach to Sesotho Verbal and Politeness Systems"
107. **Okoa Simile, Goodness Devet** "Definiteness and Specificity in Kĩbhwanjĩ: A Discourse–Pragmatic Analysis of Determiners"
108. **Olga L. Legodi, Thabo Ditsele** "Possible influences of mixed languages on linguistic and cultural identities: A case study of a Southern Bantu people in Pretoria, South Africa"
109. **Olivia Ndapo** "Implicit Arguments in Oshiwambo"
110. **Omphemetse Maleka, Rigardt Pretorius** "Prosody of negative morphemes in Setswana"
111. **Onelisa Slater, Eva-Marie Bloom Ström** "Formal restrictions on non-verbal copula constructions in Xhosa"

112. **Onesmo Simon Nyinondi** "Ethnolinguistic Classification and Cultural Semantics of Banana Varieties among the Banyambo of Northwest Tanzania"
113. **Patrick Kinchular, Olivia Ndapo** "Applicatives in Oshiwambo"
114. **Paul Roger BASSONG and Edward Ossoko** "Focus movement, and Criterial freezing in Copular Clauses I'm Bantu"
115. **Paulin Baraka Bose** "A first account of the phonology and nominal morphosyntax of Ngombe of Bosobolo (Bantu C41): a missing piece in the Ngombe puzzle"
116. **Peter R. Coutros, Sara Pacchiarotti** "The northern Bantu Borderlands: Archaeology, Ethnography and Linguistics of the Ubangi/Bantu boundary"
117. **Peter R. Coutros, Jessamy H. Doman, Igor Matonda Sakala** "Bantu Expansion(s): Probing the Past of The Earliest Settlers Below the Rainforest"
118. **Peter Rabson Mziray** "Exploring Noun Class Derivation and Plant Naming: Interclass Relationships Between Plant Names and Plant Product Names in Chasu"
119. **Pieter De Coene** "Healing history through words in East Africa: The roots of kubandwa in Great Lakes Bantu and beyond"
120. **Pieter De Coene, Michael R. Marlo** "Great Lakes Bantu: a new lexicon-based phylogenetic classification"
121. **Pius Akumbu** "Verbal extensions and suffixation in Ring languages"
122. **Puleng Tsehla** "The Syntax of Noun Phrases in Lesotho Sign Language"
123. **Rafael Righetto Toledo Leite Pagani Costa** "Non-Subjective Relative Constructions in Kimbundu (H21)"
124. **Rasmus Bernander, Maud Devos, Ponsiano Kanijo, Gilles-Maurice de Schryver** "The many manners of modal -pas(h)a across Swahili"
125. **Rebecca Everson, Kamogelo "Blade" Mokgosi** "Stylistic Variation in a Documentation Corpus: Variable Click Production in Tjhuaba"
126. **Rebecca Grollemund, Gérard Philippson** "Multiple reflexes of Proto-Bantu *g in C1 position in Forest Bantu languages"
127. **Régis Ollomo Ella** "Ethnophonologie du langage tambouriné chez les Ntumu"
128. **Ren Hasegawa** "Investigating Sound Symbolism from Tone: Perceptual Correlates of Weight, Speed, and Height in Xitsonga"
129. **Respect Mlambo, Muzi Matfunjwa** "Exploring the Pragmatic Functions of Diminutives in the Play Xivoni xa Vutomi"
130. **Rigardt Pretorius, Ansu Berg** "Negative coordination in Tswana"
131. **Rita Popova, Antti Laine, Francesca Di Garbo, Annemarie Verkerk** "Swahili history and a contact typology for Kenyan and Tanzanian Bantu languages"
132. **Robert Botne** "Speaking of the future ... certainty, definiteness, and temporal dissociation"
133. **Roger Blench** "An introduction to Labir"
134. **Roné Wierenga** "Towards an Automated Readability Model for isiZulu"
135. **Rozenn Guérois, Eugénia Rodrigues** "Revisiting the Chikunda and Zambezi Valley communities: New historical and linguistic perspectives"
136. **Saeed Radawi** "Rhinopharyngophilia: Nasalization as a Reflex of Arabic Pharyngeals in Comorian"
137. **Selina William Wayimba** "Optional High Vowel Deletion in Swahili"
138. **Selina William Wayimba, Aaron Braver** "Two types of Swahili NC sequences: Acoustic, aerodynamic, and EGG evidence"

139. **Seunghun J. Lee, Michinori Suzuki, Ren Hasegawa, Izumi Cook, Sotaro Arakaki, Kazuha Shinohara, Rowan Schmit, Mae Richardson, Elizaveta Ostroushko** "Acoustics of voiceless fricatives in nine Bantu languages in South Africa"
140. **Silvester Ron Simango** "Negation in ciNsenga"
141. **Simon Msovela, Martha Booker Johnson** "Negation: morphology and information structure in Kihehe (G62, Tanzania)"
142. **Sindi Xolo** "Complementisers in isiZulu: Exploring the Use of Ukuthi in isiZulu Esijulile and isiZulu Sasedolobheni"
143. **Stefan Savić** "Tense and aspect in syntactically dependent verb forms in isiXhosa"
144. **Steve Nicolle** "Expressing Conditionality in Bantu Languages: Insights from Semantic Map Analysis"
145. **Thera Marie Crane** "Narrative morphology in Zambian and Namibian Totela varieties"
146. **Thomas Summers** "Linguistic Innovations in Swahili Twitter"
147. **Thulisile Gcinile Dlamini, William G. Bennett** "Contrastive nasal clicks in Siswati"
148. **Timothy Terna, Roger Blench** "An Introduction to Gura"
149. **Tintswalo Mapengo, Risimati Osborne Chauke** "Unravelling Love Through Songs"
150. **Tom Bossuyt** "Conditional coding in 'even (if)' concessive conditionals: Bantu and beyond"
151. **Tom Güldemann** "A typologically informed analytical approach to the Bantu "noun class" system"
152. **Tom Güldemann, Andrew B. Smith, Vladimir Bajić** "The Bantu arrival in the Kalahari Basin: a new hypothesis"
153. **Vicki Carstens** "Demonstrative-licensed augment-drop in Xhosa DPs"
154. **Xavier Luffin and Shaibu Champunga** "20th century Swahili Ajami Documents from the DRC. An Acrolectal Variant of Swahili?"