

**16<sup>th</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium 2023**  
**University of Nairobi, Kenya**  
29<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023



### ***First Call for Papers # June 2022***

#### **Linguistic, Sociocultural, and Indigenous Perspectives**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium is jointly organized by the Universities of Nairobi and Cologne. Besides being open for contributions from all fields of specialization in Nilo-Saharan linguistics, the 2023 Colloquium in particular addresses researchers, language activists and others contributing to a better understanding of the diverse social, cultural and epistemological contexts of Nilo-Saharan languages. Accordingly, the colloquium will include panels, contributions and debates not only on core areas of linguistic research such as description (phonetics, phonology, morphology-syntax, semantics, pragmatics and discourse analysis) and reconstruction, but will also address interdisciplinary topics such as language acquisition, multilingualism, language ideologies, translation, media and communication, the construction of time and space, expressions of experiences of violence, Indigenous and postcolonial knowledges, ecology and language, concepts of language and storytelling as intangible heritage, expressions of emotional experience, the relation between culture and semantic domains.

With the inclusion of topics that are relatively new to the Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, we want to give more space to research that helps to understand language practices in their sociocultural contexts and acknowledge the manifold important contributions of Indigenous experts and community-based research groups.

The colloquium will take place at the University of Nairobi from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023.

### Call for papers and panels

This is the first call for papers. Suggestions for panels are also highly appreciated.

### Important dates

Deadline for abstract: October 30, 2022

Confirmation for acceptance of abstract: February 28, 2023

Abstracts should contain your name and affiliation on a separate sheet. The abstract should include the title of the paper, it should not exceed 500 words excluding references, and should be sent in PDF and word document to [nisa16-organisers@uni-koeln.de](mailto:nisa16-organisers@uni-koeln.de)

### Funding

The organising committee offers grants for those participants from lesser funded universities who may not be able to cover their travel costs. Please send your application to [astorch@uni-koeln.de](mailto:astorch@uni-koeln.de)

For comments and enquiries please contact [nisa16-organisers@uni-koeln.de](mailto:nisa16-organisers@uni-koeln.de)

### Invited Plenary Speakers

Prof. Margaret J. Muthwii, Professor of Languages and Linguistics and Vice-Chancellor of Pan Africa Christian University

Prof. Abdelrahim Mugaddam, Professor of Sociolinguistics, University of Khartoum / Jouf University Saudi Arabia

Dr. Roger Blench, linguist and ethnomusicologist, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge / Dept of History, University of Jos / Kay Williamson Educational Foundation

### Honorary lecture

Prof. Helga Schröder, Professor of Linguistics, University of Nairobi

We are looking forward to meeting you all in Nairobi!

*The organizing committee:*

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