



African Languages in Public Spaces: Opportunities and Challenges

PROGRAMME

11TH MAY 2018 SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



REGISTRATION: Outside Room 4429 Main Building

9.15-10.00 Registration & Coffee

WELCOME Webley Lecture Theatre, Senate House

10.00-10.05 INTRODUCTION by LiA SIG Convenor & SOAS host

Goodith White & Friederike Lüpke

SESSION 1: Featured Speaker

Chair: *Goodith White*

10.05-10.35 Building a knowledge base for language teaching through isiZulu and English

Rosemary Wildsmith-Cromarty

SESSION 2 Chair: *Rosemary Wildsmith Cromarty*

10.35-11.05 Translanguaging strategies in schools in sub-Saharan Africa

John Clegg

11.05-11.20 COFFEE BREAK Room: 4429 Main Building

SESSION 3 11.20-12.20 PARALLEL SESSIONS

Room : 4426 Main Building Chair: *Friederike Lüpke*

11.20-11.50 Tensions between African Languages and English in Early Years Education

***Jo Westbrook, Margaret Baleeta, Gonzaga Kaswarra, Saphina Tuhaise,
Annette Islei***

11.50-12.20 The Right to Language of an African Deaf Child: The Nigerian Case

Emma Asonye, Kindness Okoro, Aniefon Mmefon, Nnamdi Ume, John Bamidele

Room : 4429 Main Building Chair: *Ian Cheffy*

11.20-11.50 Language Dimensions for Algerian Readers

Akila Tabbi

11.50-12.20 Just food, fashion and fun? English on Algerian walls

Camille Jacob

12.20-13.30 **LUNCH Room: 4429 Main Building**

Skyping Elvis Yevudey and Book Exchange

Poster display: Irene Tucker & Marcus Love – ‘Language Diversity in Africa: Ethnologue’



PLENARY

Webley Lecture Theatre, Senate House

Chair: *Colin Reilly*

13.30-14.30 Re-imagining multilingualism as a cultural competence in Africa: leaking boundaries, ubuntu and multilingualing in public spaces.

Leketi Makalela

SESSION 4 14.30-16.00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

Room : 4426 Main Building Chair: *Annette Islei*

14.30-15.00 Analysis of Debates on the “One nation, One language” Policy in Ethiopia.

Elfneh U. Bariso

15.00-15.30 Minority languages and Education in Uganda: Challenges and Opportunities

Judith Nakayiza

15.30-16.00 Grassroots initiatives promoting literacy and literature in Luganda: A case study from Uganda

Zaahida Nabagereka

Room : 4429 Main Building Chair: *Abdulmalik Ofemile*

14.30-15.00 The challenges from dialectal variation to standardisation and pedagogical implications: Revisiting the case of Ghómálá', a Grassfields-Bantu language from Cameroon

Seraphin Kamdem

15.00-15.30 The Ethnolinguistic Vitality of Obolo (via Skype)

Marianne Aaron

15.30-16.00 Language Policy in Education in Post-apartheid South Africa

Simon Voget & Susan Stewart

16.00-16.20 Coffee Break. Room: 4429 Main Building



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SESSION 5 16.20-17.20 PARALLEL SESSIONS

Room : 4426 Main Building Chair: *Mary Anderson*

16.20-16.50 African languages in digital spaces: automatic text analysis of a low resource mixed Language

Gladys Tyen and Elisabeth Kerr

16.50-17.20 Oxford Global Languages three years on: insights from African languages

Richard Shapiro

Room : 4429 Main Building Chair: *Sarah Ogbay*

16.20-16.50 The role of the home language in a mathematics class: an examination of the terminology of traditional games in mathematics concepts in Chichewa (via Skype)

Alick Kadango Bwanali

CONCLUSION 17.20-17.50

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17.30-17.40 Round up of day, brief SIG Meeting

17.40-17.50 CLOSE by LiA SIG Convenor

Goodith White

DINNER AT : Prezzo, 161-163 Euston Road (near Euston and Kings Cross stations)
18.30-19.30 (self pay, alas!!!)