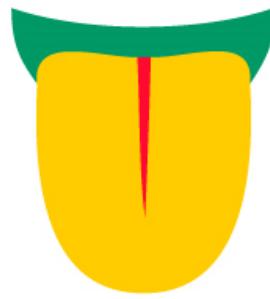


# COMPARATIVE NIGER-CONGO



VILLEJUIF, MAY 22-23, 2025

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

13:20-13:30	Welcome	
13:30-14:00	KOEN BOSTOEN, PETER COUTROS (GHENT UNIVERSITY) & CARINA SCHLEBUSCH (UPPSALA UNIVERSITY)	A transdisciplinary review of linguistic, archaeological and genetic evidence for the origins and expansion of Niger-Congo
14:00-14:40	JOHN MERRILL (PRINCETON UNIVERSITY)	Comparative reconstruction of Proto-Niger-Congo class markers
14:40-15:00	Coffee break	
15:00-15:30	CHRISNAH RENAUDOT MFOUHOU & SARA PACCHIAROTTI (GHENT UNIVERSITY)	The noun class system of Ndunga ("Ubangi", Mbaiic) from a Niger-Congo perspective
15:30-16:00	ULRICH KLEINEWILLINGHÖFER (BUA GROUP)	The noun form classes <i>-te/i</i> and <i>-(n)te/i</i> of Kulaal and their (probable) cognates across Benue-Volta
16:00-16:30	RONALD P. SCHAEFER (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, EDWARDSVILLE) & FRANCIS O. EGBOKHARE (UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN)	Tones, aspects, and tense in Edoid
16:30-16:50	Coffee break	
16:50-17:20	KONSTANTIN POZDNIAKOV & VALENTIN VYDRIN (LLACAN: CNRS - INALCO /EPHE)	Mande and Bantu comparison in the Niger-Congolese perspective
17:20-17:50	NATALIA KUZNETSOVA (UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE, MILAN)	Historical relations between clefts, focus markers, and relative clauses in Guro and other South Mande languages
18:00	Drinks at LLACAN	

**FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025**

9:30-10:00	ELISABETH J. KERR (GHENT UNIVERSITY)	Reconstructing intermediate stages of change in verbal synthesis in Niger-Congo
10:00-10:40	MARK VAN DE VELDE & DMITRY IDIATOV (LLACAN: CNRS - INALCO/EPHE)	Genitive constructions in Niger-Congo
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00-11:40	LARRY HYMAN (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY)	Limba verb extensions in Niger-Congo perspective
11:40-12:10	GUILLAUME SEGERER (LLACAN: CNRS - INALCO/EPHE)	La reconstruction du proto-Joola
12:10-12:50	REBECCA D. PATERSON (PRINCETON UNIVERSITY)	Reconstructing Proto-NW Kainji
<b>12:50-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00-14:30	JAKOB LESAGE (HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITÄT, BERLIN)	Kam as an isolate within Niger-Congo?
14:30-15:00	ABBIE HANTGAN, VADIM DIACHKOV, PROMISE DODZI KPOGLU, LORA LITVINNOVA, AURORE MONTÉBRAN & FABIAN ZUK (BANG PROJECT: ERC / LLACAN, CNRS)	Dogon: Evidence of Niger-Congo affiliation
15:00-15:30	FABIAN ZUK (BANG PROJECT: ERC / LLACAN, CNRS)	Early Dogon <i>i</i> -metathesis: (on how <i>i</i> moved out and what it means for the family)
<b>15:30-15:50</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:50-16:30	JENS FLEISCHHAUER (HEINRICH-HEINE-UNIVERSITY, DÜSSELDORF)	Suppletive kinship terms in the Bantu language family: A typological and historical analysis
16:30-17:10	JEFFREY WILLS (UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, LVIV)	Grassfields innovations: birds and other words
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Workshop dinner</b>	