



**Colloquium Senelanguages 2015 – West African Languages
Call for Papers
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First Call for Abstracts

Colloquium Senelanguages 2015 – West African Languages
24-25 April 2015
Dakar, Senegal
Deadline for submission: 15 November 2014

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The *Sénélangues* project (<http://senelanguages.huma-num.fr/>), which aimed at the description and documentation of the languages of Senegal, was financed by the *Agence Nationale de la Recherche française* for a period of 4 years, involving linguists from the CNRS laboratories LLACAN and DDL in collaboration with the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar. This scientific collaboration continues with the organisation of a double event, *Sénélangues 2015*, which consists of a Colloquium on the description of West African languages, and a thematic school with the same topic. The *Colloque Sénélangues 2015 – Langues d'Afrique de l'Ouest* will take place on 24 and 25 April 2015 at the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar.

Topics of the colloquium

In the last decades, the description of African languages benefited a lot from the recent developments of good practices in the areas of information technology and of linguistic analysis including typology and language documentation. These developments have been stimulated by various collaborative projects and funding schemes. The aim of the Colloquium is to gather linguists working in West Africa so that they can share each other's scientific results, insights, know-how and research questions in order to increase our understanding of the languages of the region. We welcome contributions on the analysis of West African languages including Creole languages, as well as on phenomena of language contact with other language families. Contributions in all sub-disciplines of linguistic analysis are welcome, including phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics.

Plenary speakers

Denis Creissels, University of Lyon 2
Felix Ameka, University of Leiden

How to submit a contribution

Contributions can either be in the form of an oral presentation of 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion or in the form of a poster presentation (poster format A0, 120 by 80 cm). Presenters may indicate their

preference (oral presentation or poster) but the selection committee reserves the right to do otherwise. For both types of presentation the abstract should adhere to the following instructions:

- Maximum one page including title, examples and references, using a Times 12 point font.
- Send an anonymous version of your abstract in both rtf and pdf formats as an attachment to an email message to senelanguages2015call@gmail.com
- Use some key words of your title in the name of your pdf-file.
- Mention “communication Senelanguages 2015” in the subject line of the email message
- Indicate in the body of your message: surname, first name, affiliation, email address, title of your paper, preferred presentation (poster or oral)
- The language of presentation should be either French, English or Portuguese.

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Important dates

Deadline for submitting abstracts: **15 November 2014**

Notification of decision of acceptance : 15 January 2015

Conference venue

Faculté de Lettres, Université de Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal

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