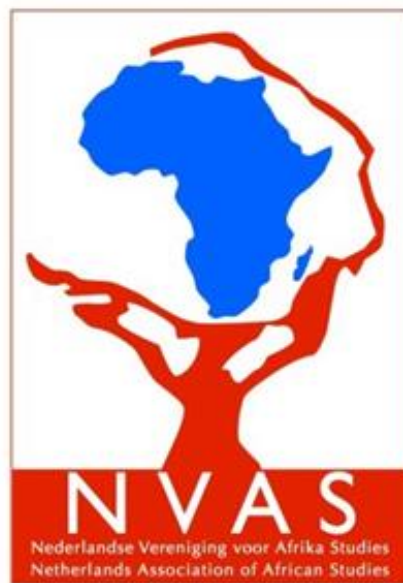


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25th Anniversary Conference

**Conciliation and Conflict:
The Role of Language
in Bridging Social Differences in Africa**



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**Friday 9 December 2022: Pieter de la Court Building, Wassenaarseweg 52,
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FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2022

Pieter de la Court Building [PdIC], Wassenaarseweg 52, 2333 AK Leiden

9.30-10.00	Registration, room 1A20, Coffee and Tea	
10.00-10.15	Welcome and Opening by Azeb Amha, chair of NVAS	
10.15-11.15	Keynote Lecture by Felix Ameka (U. Leiden), professor Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World, <i>Strategic Silence and “Speaking Objects” as Double-Edged Swords in Social Interaction in Africa</i>	
11.15-11.30	Coffee and Tea	
11.30-13.00	Parallel Sessions	
	Panel I <i>Persuasion, Polemic and Debate: Political and Social Rhetoric in Africa I</i> [Room 1A20] Chair: Jon Abbink (ASCL, U. Leiden)	Panel II <i>Negotiating Social Differences through Language I</i> [Room 3A69] Chair: Tal Tamari (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris)
11.30-12.00	Katell Morand (U. de Paris Nanterre), <i>Songs, Smartphones, and the Rhetoric of Conflict in Amhara</i>	Alain Joseph Sissao (IINSS/CNRST, Ouagadougou), <i>Les Joutes Oratoires dans la l’Alliance à Plaisanterie au Burkina Faso</i>
12.00-12.30	Aleksi Ylönen (Center for International Studies, ISCTE - U. of Lisbon), <i>Terrorism: A Tool for Governance and State-Making</i>	Ibrahima Poudiougou (ASCL, U. Leiden/U. of Turin), <i>Paroles Prophétiques d’Abirè et le Devenir des Dogon</i>
12.30-13.00	Marion Langumier (U. de Paris Nanterre/Durham U.), <i>Political Discourse Taken from Below. Interpreting Difference and the Shaping of “Culture” in a Southern “Déclinaison” of the Ethiopian Federal Organisation</i>	Olga Zavyalova (St. Petersburg State U.) <i>Senankunya and Other “Joking Relations” Today (Guinea and Mali)</i>
		Daouda Damaro Camara (independent researcher, Conakry) [paper only, introduced by Jan Jansen], <i>Le Critiqueur Social « Sangban » sous le Régime de Sékou Touré</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch [Pieter de la Court building, ground floor]	
	Panel III <i>Persuasion, Polemic and Debate: Political and Social Rhetoric in Africa II</i> [Room 5A23] Chair: Azeb Amha (ASCL, U. Leiden)	
14.00-14.30	David Ehrhardt (U. Leiden), <i>How do Nigeria’s Traditional Leaders Speak about Conflict and Security? An Exploration of their Public Rhetoric</i>	
14.30-15.00	Kebadu Mekonnen Gebremariam (Addis Ababa U.), <i>Reason and Resolution: The Case of “Teteyek” Tradition in Ethiopia</i>	

15.00-15.30	Jon Abbink (ASCL, U. Leiden), <i>Polemic Political Rhetoric in Ethiopia 2020-2022: The Transformative Impact of Digital and Global News Media on the Politics of Conflict</i>	
15.30-15.45	Coffee and Tea	
	Panel IV <i>Negotiating Social Differences through Language II</i> [Room 5A23] Chair: Jan Jansen (U. Leiden)	
15.45-16.15	Tal Tamari (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris), <i>Joking Relationships in West African Anthropology: A Century of Changing Interpretations</i>	
16.15-16.45	Genevieve Hill-Thomas (Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL), <i>Marka Faso Dan Fani: Sartorial Language of Conflict Resolution in Burkina Faso</i>	
16.45-17.15	Olupemi Oludare (Utrecht U./U. of Lagos), <i>Engaging Street Language in Yoruba Drum Language: The Role of Language in Bridging Social Differences in Yoruba Contemporary Society</i>	
17.15-18.30	Drinks [Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, 3 rd floor]	
	Book Launch of “ <i>Entrepreneurial Responses to Covid-19 in Africa</i> ” edited by Maud van Merriënboer [papers of the 2021 NVAS Annual Conference]	
SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 2022 Kamerlingh Onnes Building [KOG], Steenschuur 25, 2316 VN Leiden		
11.00-11.15	Coffee and Tea	
11.15-12.15	Keynote Lecture by Mirjam de Bruijn (U. Leiden), professor of Contemporary History and Anthropology of Africa, “ <i>On Social Media Everything is True</i> ” - <i>Digital Cultural Violence in Mali and Chad</i> [Room B017]	
12.15-13.00	Lunch [near restaurant, ground floor]	
13.00-15.00	Parallel Sessions	
	Panel V <i>Words that Heal</i> [Room B017] Chair: Tanja Hendriks (ASCL, U. Leiden/KU Leuven)	Panel VI <i>Negotiating Social Differences through Language III</i> [Room B041] Chair: Marion Langumier (U. de Paris Nanterre/Durham U.)
13.00-13.30	Bert van Pinxteren (U. Leiden), <i>Overcoming the Dichotomy: The Role of Language in Healing Africa’s Wounds</i>	Brahima Camara (U. des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako), <i>La Parenté à Plaisanterie: Un Moyen de Résolution des Conflits dans les Communautés Mandingues</i>
13.30-14.00	Lydia Amoah (U. of Ghana, Legon), <i>OBI FUM KUM AH, OBI NFUM DWA: Proverbs as a Discursive Practice for Dispute Resolution at the Asantehemaa’s Court in Kumasi, Ghana</i>	Mahamadou Faganda Keita (independent researcher, Bamako), <i>Chansons de Mariage: Une Médiation Matrimoniale à Travers des Critiques et des Dénonciations Mutuelles dans le Milieu Maninka</i>

14.00--14.30	Lawrence Ogbo Ugwuanyi (U. of Abuja), <i>Engaging Ala - Poetry/ Songs of Peace in the Igbo Thought Scheme with Focus on their Communal Force and Potentials</i>	Elizaveta Volkova (independent researcher, Paris), <i>Le Territoire et les Relations à Plaisanterie chez les Mandinka</i>
14.30-15.00	Peet van Aardt (U. of the Free State), <i>Can Someone Please Click “Skip Ad” on 2020? South African Students Tell their Stories of Discrimination and Fear during the COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown - A Reflection</i>	Denis Douyon (ENS, FLASL/Inspection Générale de l’Education Nationale), <i>Le Discours de la Parenté à Plaisanterie en Milieu Dogon: Du Sacré au Profane</i>
15.00-15.15	Coffee and Tea	
15.15-17.00	Panel VII Without Words [Room B017] Chair: Iva Peša (U. of Groningen)	
15.15-15.45	Karin Willemse (Erasmus U., Rotterdam), <i>TBA</i>	
15.45-16.15	Evelyne N. Tegomoh (HTTTC, U. of Buca, Cameroon), <i>Symbolisms of Takumbeng in the Western Grassfields of Cameroon</i>	
16.15-16.45	<i>TBA</i>	
16.45-17.00	CLOSING	