



zurich workshop on afrikaans linguistics 4-5 October 2021

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Organisation

The programme encompasses two days with plenary talks, open call contributions and a round table discussion at the end of the second day. The round table panel consist of the invited speakers and will link the previous sessions and establish common grounds and discuss insights on the structure of Afrikaans and theoretical linguistics.

Call for Papers

We welcome proposals for **20-minute presentations** that discuss research on an aspect of the structure of the Afrikaans language, connecting it to general or theoretical linguistics, be it from a



synchronic or diachronic perspective. After each 20-minute presentation, there will be 10 minutes allotted to questions and discussion.

Abstract

Send in your abstract (maximum of **500–2000 characters**, including spaces and interpunction, but not counting bibliography) as a PDF document via the registration form on our congress website (t.uzh.ch/11u).

The deadline for sending in your abstracts is **June 1st, 2021**. You can also register to attend the congress without presenting (see Registering).

Selection procedure

The criteria for selecting the presentations for the open call sessions are:

1. fit to the theme and quality of the abstract,
2. gender and diversity balance.

You will be notified whether your presentation has been accepted by **the end of June, 2021**.

Further practical information

The workshop organisation does not offer any reimbursement of expenses for travel or hotels. However, the workshop is free of charge to encourage as many people as possible to attend, including those who will not be active participants. We do offer a luncheon and conference dinner on the second day to all **active** participants, as well as a reception ('Apéro riche') as a chance to mingle on the first day to all participants, active or not. It is therefore important to register (both active participants and other attendees), to ensure comestibles and seating facilities.

Attendants who are relying on documentation to apply for funding at their own institution, can ask the workshop organisers for a confirmation of their attendance or of the acceptance of their abstracts, as the case may be.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Location: RAA-G-15, Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zürich (to be confirmed)

Monday, October 4th, 2021

- 13:30 Arrival and coffee
- 14:00 Opening
- 14:15 (Theresa Biberauer, *Title to be confirmed*)
- 15:00 *Open call session 1*
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 17:00 (Andries Coetzee, *Title to be confirmed*)
- 17:45 Preliminary final words of the day
- 18:15 Reception

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021

- 08:45 Arrival with coffee
- 09:15 (Timothy Coleman, *Title to be confirmed*)
- 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:30 *Open call session 2*
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:45 *Open call session 3*
- 15:15 (Jenny Audring, *Title to be confirmed*)
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Round table discussion
- 17:30 Conclusions and closing words [G. Seiler]
- 18:15 Dinner with active participants