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Curriculum vitae

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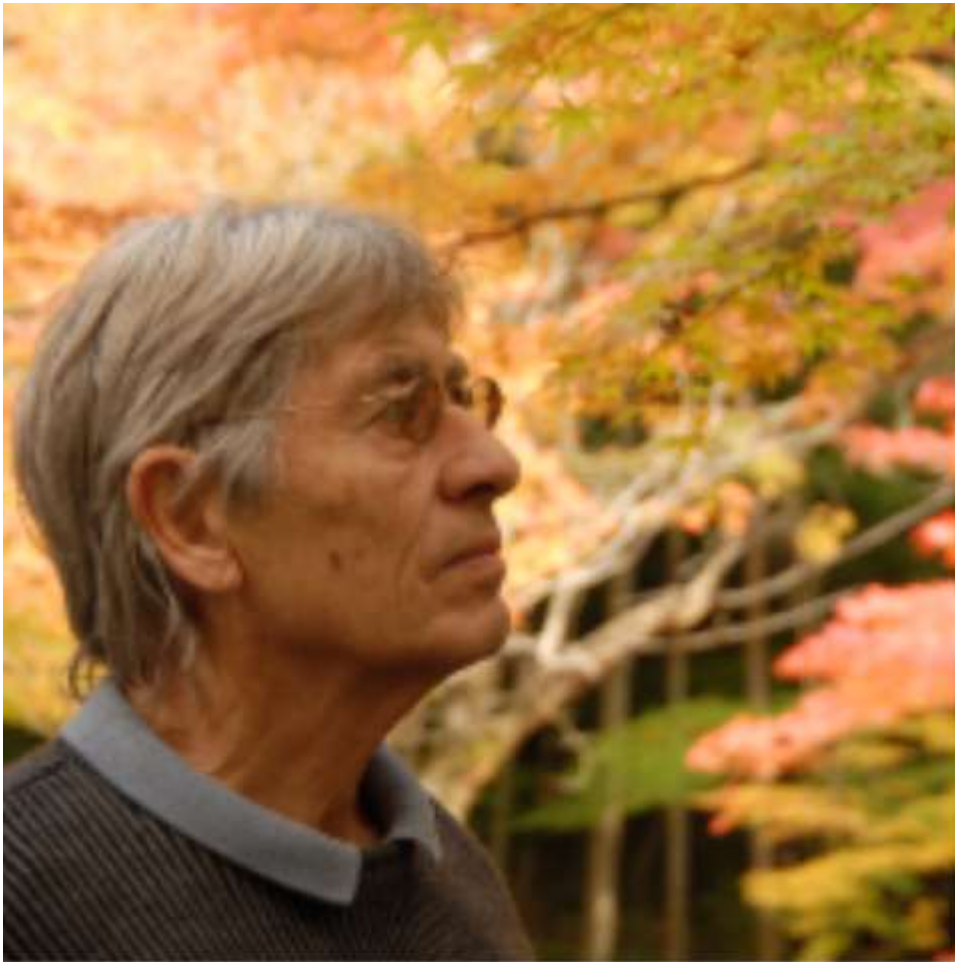
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Citizenship: German

1 Summary

Bernd Heine is Emeritus Professor at the Institute of African Studies and Egyptology (Institut für Afrikanistik and Egyptology), University of Cologne, Germany. He has held visiting professorships in Europe, S. Korea (Chonnam National University), Japan (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), China (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies), Australia (LaTrobe University, Melbourne), Africa (University of Nairobi, University of Cape Town), North America (University of New Mexico, Dartmouth College), and South America (Universidade Federal Fluminense, Rio de Janeiro). He has been a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, USA (1999-2000), the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), Wassenaar (2005-2006), and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2008-9).

His over 40 books include *Possession: Cognitive Sources, Forces, and Grammaticalization* (CUP, 1997); *Auxiliaries: Cognitive Forces and Grammaticalization* (OUP, 1993); *Cognitive Foundations of Grammar* (OUP, 1997); with Derek Nurse, *African Languages: An introduction* (CUP, 2000); *A Linguistic Geography of Africa* (CUP, 2008); with Tania Kuteva, *World Lexicon of Grammaticalization* (CUP, 2002); *Language Contact and Grammatical Change* (CUP, 2005); *The Changing Languages of Europe* (OUP, 2006). Furthermore, he has edited jointly with Heiko Narrog *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Analysis* (2010; 2015) and *The Oxford Handbook of Grammaticalization* (2011; 2021), and co-authored the textbook *Grammaticalization* (OUP, 2021). His present main research area is discourse grammar, where he has just published with three co-authors the book *The Rise of Discourse Grammar* (CUP, 2021).

Side by side with field research in Africa and on issues of general linguistic theory, his main interest is with music. Before entering university he aimed at becoming a professional jazz pianist, later on he turned more to classical music, and playing Frederick Chopin has become one of his favorite activities.

Bernd Heine lives in Cologne, Germany, a city well-known for its beautiful cathedral. He is married to Christa König, also an Africanist, and has two sons, Ingo and Olaf Heine.

2 General

Education:

1967 Ph.D., University of Cologne ("Verbreitung und Gliederung der Togorestsprachen")
1971 Habilitation (Dr.habil.), University of Cologne ("Pidgin-Sprachen im Bantu-Bereich")

Academic positions:

1967-69 Wissenschaftlicher Assistent ("Assistant professor"), University of Cologne
1969-71 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi, and Research Fellow, Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi
1971-75 Dozent ("Senior Lecturer"), University of Cologne
1975-78 Visiting Professor, University of Nairobi
1978-2004 Professor (H4) and Director, Institut für Afrikanistik, University of Cologne
1994/5 Visiting Professor, LaTrobe University, Melbourne
1994 Faculty member, Australian Linguistic Institute
1995 Faculty member, Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico
1999-2000 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, USA
2002 Visiting Professor, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA

- 2003 Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Study, La Trobe University, Melbourne
- 2004 Professor Emeritus, University of Cologne
- 2005 Visiting Professor, University of Graz, Austria
- 2005-6 Member, The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), Wassenaar
- 2006 Visiting Professor, University of Hamburg (August)
- 2007 Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes (CRLAO), Paris (May)
- 2007 Visiting Professor, Federal University, Rio de Janeiro (June)
- 2008-9 Visiting Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan
- 2009-11 Visiting Professor, Chonnam National University, Gwangju, S. Korea
- 2010 Visiting Professor, University of Graz, Austria (March)
- 2011 Faculty member, Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, Boulder, Colorado (declined)
- 2012 Visiting Professor, University of Cape Town (October - December 2012)
- 2014 Short-term Visiting Professor, Universidade Federal Fluminense Niterói (Rio de Janeiro), 3-9 May, 2014
- 2015 Visiting professor, University of Cape Town (January to March, 2015)
- 2014-2016 Visiting Professor (Yunshan Chair Professor), Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China

Grants:

- 22 grants, *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (German Research Society)
- 4 grants, *Volkswagen-Stiftung* (Volkswagen Foundation)
- 7 grants from various other foundations

Field research:

- 1964-5 Field research in Ghana and Togo
- 1968-2008 24 research trips to Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Namibia
- 2013-15 Three research trips to Tanzania

Lecturing tours:

Lecturing trips to Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, China, England, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Kenya, S. Korea, Mexico, Namibia, The Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, United States of America

Publications

48 books authored, co-authored or edited on language typology, African linguistics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, ethnobotany, grammaticalization, and/or discourse grammar:

- Heine, Bernd 1968. *Die Verbreitung und Gliederung der Togorestsprachen*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Afrikanistik, 1.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd 1968. *Afrikanische Verkehrssprachen*. (Infratest. Schriftenreihe zur empirischen Sozialforschung, 4.). Cologne: Infratest.
- Möhlig, Wilhelm and Bernd Heine 1968. *Grundkursus des Swahili (für den Unterricht im Sprachlabor)*. Köln: Deutsche Stiftung für Entwicklungsländer.
- Heine, Bernd 1973. *Pidgin-Sprachen im Bantu-Bereich*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Afrikanistik, 3.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd 1976. *A typology of African languages, based on the order of meaningful elements*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Afrikanistik, 4.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.

- Heine, Bernd 1976. *The Kuliak Languages of Eastern Uganda*. Nairobi: East African Publishing House.
- Heine, Bernd, W.J.G. Möhlig and Franz Rottland (eds.) 1977. *Zur Sprachgeschichte und Ethnohistorie in Afrika: Neue Beiträge afrikanistischer Forschungen*. Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd 1979. *Sprache, Gesellschaft und Kommunikation in Afrika: Zum Problem der Verständigung und sozio-ökonomischen Entwicklung im sub-saharischen Afrika*. (Afrika-Studien, 103.) Munich, London: Weltforum.
- Heine, Bernd 1980. *The Non-Bantu Languages of Kenya*. (Language and Dialect Atlas of Kenya, 2.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd and Wilhelm J.G. Möhlig 1980. *Geographical and historical introduction – Language and Society – Selected Bibliography*. (Language and Dialect Atlas of Kenya, 1.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd 1981. *The Waata dialect of Oromo: Grammatical sketch and vocabulary*. (Language and Dialect Atlas of Kenya, 4.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Köhler, Oswin and Bernd Heine 1981. *Linguistik – Ostafrika (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania)*. 2°N-2°S, 32°-38°E. (Afrika-Kartenwerk, Beiheft E 10.) Berlin, Stuttgart: Gebrüder Borntraeger.
- Heine, Bernd, Thilo C. Schadeberg and Ekkehard Wolff (eds.) 1981. *Die Sprachen Afrikas*. Hamburg: Helmut Buske.
- Heine, Bernd 1982. *The Nubi language of Kibera: An Arabic creole*. (Language and Dialect Atlas of Kenya, 3.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd 1982. *Boni dialects*. (Language and Dialect Atlas of Kenya, 10.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd and Mechthild Reh 1982. *Sprachpolitik in Afrika*. Mit einem Anhang: Bibliographie zur Sprachpolitik und Sprachplanung in Afrika. Hamburg: Helmut Buske.
- Heine, Bernd (ed.) 1982. *Recent German Research on Africa: Language and Culture / Rapport sur la Recherche africanistique allemande: langue et culture*. Projects of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft / Projets réalisés par la Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. Part 1 / 1^{ère} partie. German Africanistic Research / Recherche Africanistique Allemande. Boppard: Harald Boldt.
- Heine, Bernd and Mechthild Reh 1984. *Grammaticalization and Reanalysis in African languages*. Hamburg: Helmut Buske.
- Möhlig, W.J. G. and Bernd Heine 1985. *Praktische Sprachlehre des Swahili* (Kursus für Kolleg und Sprachlabor). Bad Honnef: Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Entwicklung.
- Heine, Bernd and Ulrike Claudi 1986. *On the rise of grammatical categories: Some examples from Maa*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Afrikanistik, 13.) Berlin: Dietrich Reimer.
- Heine, Bernd and Ingo Heine 1988. *Plant concepts and plant use*. An ethnobotanical survey of the semi-arid and arid lands of East Africa. Part I: *Plants of the Chamus (Kenya)*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Entwicklungsländerforschung, 6.) Saarbrücken & Fort Lauderdale: Breitenbach.
- Heine, Bernd and Christa König 1988. *Plant concepts and plant use: An ethnobotanical survey of the semi-arid and arid lands of East Africa*. Part II: *Plants of the So (Uganda)*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Entwicklungsländerforschung, 7.) Saarbrücken & Fort Lauderdale: Breitenbach.
- Heine, Bernd and Ingo Heine 1988. *Plant concepts and plant use: An ethnobotanical survey of the semi-arid and arid lands of East Africa*. Part III: *Rendille Plants (Kenya)*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Entwicklungsländerforschung, 8.) Saarbrücken & Fort Lauderdale: Breitenbach.
- Heine, Bernd and Matthias Brenzinger 1988. *Plant concepts and plant use: An ethnobotanical survey of the semi-arid and arid lands of East Africa*. Part IV: *Plants of the Borana*

- (*Ethiopia and Kenya*). (Kölner Beiträge zur Entwicklungsländerforschung, 9.) Saarbrücken & Fort Lauderdale: Breitenbach.
- Heine, Bernd and Christa König 1988. *Plant concepts and plant use: An ethnobotanical survey of the semi-arid and arid lands of East Africa. Part V: Plants of the Samburu (Kenya)*. (Kölner Beiträge zur Entwicklungsländerforschung, 10.) Saarbrücken & Fort Lauderdale: Breitenbach.
- Heine, Bernd, Ulrike Claudi and Friederike Hünemeyer 1991. *Grammaticalization: A conceptual framework*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Traugott, Elizabeth C. and Bernd Heine 1991. *Approaches to grammaticalization*. Volume 1. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- Traugott, Elizabeth C. and Bernd Heine 1991. *Approaches to grammaticalization*. Volume 2. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- Heine, Bernd 1993. *Auxiliaries: Cognitive forces and grammaticalization*. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Heine, Bernd, Matthias Brenzinger and Ingo Heine 1994. *The Mukogodo Maasai: An ethnobotanical survey*. Cologne: Köppe.
- Heine, Bernd and Karsten Legère 1995. *Swahili Plants*. Cologne: Köppe Verlag, 1995.
- Heine, Bernd 1997. *Cognitive foundations of grammar*. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Heine, Bernd 1997. *Possession: Cognitive sources, forces, and grammaticalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Christa König 1999. *Ik dictionary*. (Nilo-Saharan, 15.) Köln: Köppe.
- Heine, Bernd and Derek Nurse (eds.) 2000. *African languages: An introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Tania Kuteva 2002. *World lexicon of grammaticalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Tania Kuteva 2005. *Language contact and grammatical change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Tania Kuteva 2006. *The changing languages of Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Heine, Bernd and Tania Kuteva 2007. *The genesis of grammar: a reconstruction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Derek Nurse (eds.) 2008. *A linguistic geography of Africa*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Heiko Narrog (eds.) 2010. *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Analysis*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Christa König 2010. *The Labwor Language of Northeastern Uganda: A Grammatical Sketch*. (Studies in Nilotic Linguistics, 1.) Tokyo: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa.
- Narrog, Heiko and Bernd Heine (eds.) 2011. *The Oxford Handbook of Grammaticalization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Heine, Bernd and Heiko Narrog (eds.) 2015. *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Analysis*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Narrog, Heiko and Bernd Heine (eds.) 2019. *Grammaticalization from a Typological Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Heine, Bernd, Tania Kuteva, Bo Hong, Haiping Long, Heiko Narrog, and Seongha Rhee 2019. *World Lexicon of Grammaticalization*. Second, extensively revised and updated edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- König, Christa, Bernd Heine, Karsten Legère, and Ingo Heine 2020. *The Akie Language of Tanzania: Texts and Dictionary*. Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe.

Heine, Bernd, Gunther Kaltenböck, Tania Kuteva, and Haiping Long 2021. *The Rise of Discourse Markers*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Narrog, Heiko and Bernd Heine 2021. *Grammaticalization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

3 Honors and awards

1986 Hans Wolff Memorial Lecturer, Indiana University
1990 Raymond Dart Memorial Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
1990 Kenya Kiswahili Association Award, Nairobi, 1990
1994 Fellow, Australian Research Council
1995 Award, National Kiswahili Council, Federal Republic of Tanzania
1995 August Klingenheben Memorial Lecturer, University of Leipzig
1995 Member, New York Academy of Sciences
1996 Corresponding Fellow, British Academy (FBA)
1997 President, Standing Committee for the World Congress of African Linguistics
1999 Fellow, Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Germany
1999 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, USA
2002 Distinguished Visiting Scholar, The Institute for Advanced Study, Melbourne
2004 Corresponding Fellow, Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Germany
2005 Fellow, The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), Wassenaar. Also Member of the Fellows' Committee of NIAS
2008 Distinguished World-Class Scholar, Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, South Korea
2009 Life Time Achievement Award of the Evolutionary Linguistics Association, Brussels
2012 Honorary Member of the Linguistic Society of America
2012 A.W. Mellon Visiting Fellow Award to visit the University of Cape Town from October 1 to November 31, 2012
2014-2017 Yunshan Chair Professor, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China
2015 Member of the Academia Europaea (MAE)
2016 Member of the European Science Foundation (ESF) College of Expert Reviewers
2020 Honorary Member of the Philological Society, London.

4 Member of Advisory and Editorial Boards (formerly or present):

Executive Council, International Africa Institute, London
AFRICA, journal, London
JOURNAL OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS, Leiden
ETUDES LINGUISTIQUES, Niamey
WORKING PAPERS IN KISWAHILI, Ghent
LINGUISTIQUE AFRICAINE, Paris
LINGUA, Leiden
THE HORN OF AFRICA, Washington D.C.
BARAGUMU (Swahili journal), Maseno, Kenya
STUDIES IN LANGUAGE, Los Angeles
KISWAHILI, Dar es Salaam
FAITS DE LANGUE, Paris
JOURNAL OF COGNITIVE LINGUISTICS (Tokyo), Editorial Advisory Board
MALILIME (Center for Language Studies), University of Malawi, Zomba
LANGUAGE AND COGNITION, University of Edinburgh. Consultant Editor

BRILL STUDIES IN LANGUAGE, COGNITION AND CULTURE, The Netherlands (2009, Editorial Board)

LANGUAGE IN AFRICA (Petersburg), Editorial Board, 2018-

Consultative Committee, Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines, UNESCO, Paris

President, Standing Committee for the World Congress of African Linguistics

Member of the Editorial Board, TYPOLOGICAL STUDIES IN LANGUAGE (Editor: T. Givón)

Associate Editor, LANGUAGE SCIENCES

Member of the Comité Scientifique of the journal MUNTU (Revue scientifique et culturelle du CICIBA, Libreville, Gabon)

Language Consultant, Oxford English Dictionary (2002-)

Academic referee of the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (German Research Society), the *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst* (German Academic Exchange Service), *Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung* (Humboldt Foundation), European Science Foundation,

Member of the European Research Council (The Human Mind and Its Complexity (2008-)

Reviewer, French National Research Agency (ANR)

Member of the European Research Council (The Human Mind and its Complexity) (2008-)

Consultant Editor of LANGUAGE AND COGNITION (2008-)

Advisory Board, Journal of Language Contact (2010-)

Advisory Board, Journal of Historical Linguistics (2010-)

Scientific Committee, Journal of African Languages, Paris (2010-)

International editor, Gengo Kenkyu (Linguistic Study), Linguistic Society of Japan, Tokyo (2012-)

Reserch assessor, Australian Research Council (2012-)

Editorial board of The Oxford Guides to the World's Languages (2012-)

Editorial Advisory Board of the journal Open Linguistics (2013-)

Editorial Advisory Board, International Journal of Foreign Language Teaching in the Islamic World (FLTJ)

Advisory Board, Japanese Cognitive Linguistics Association (2015-)

Member of the European Science Foundation (ESF) College of Expert Reviewers (2016-)

Member of the editorial board of the series Multilingualism and Language Contact (Language Science Press (2019-)

Member of the series advisory board, Oxford Guides to the World's Languages (2020-)

Honorary Member, The Philological Society of London (2020-).

**5 Key-note addresses or Invited speaker
(conferences, symposia only, excluding lecture invitations)**

1988

International Symposium on Grammaticalization, University of Oregon, Eugene, May, 1988

1989

Third International Conference on Tradition and Modernization in Africa Today, Budapest, August/September, 1989

International Kiswahili Symposium, National Kiswahili Council, Dar es Salaam, August, 1989

1990

Confrontation in Diachronic Linguistics: Syntactic Reanalysis vs. Grammaticalization and Semantic Change, Tenth Groningen Grammar Talks, 29 - 30 November, Groningen

Fourth International Kiswahili Conference, Nairobi, September, 1990

International Symposium on Sociolinguistics in Africa, Johannesburg, January, 1990
Conference on Explanation in Historical Linguistics, Milwaukee, 20 - 22 April, 1990
Symposium on occasion of the opening of the Institute for Descriptive and Comparative Linguistics, Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden, Leiden, 7 - 8 November, 1990
Conference on Language and National Unity, Languages Society of Namibia, Windhoek, 24 - 28 September, 1990

1991

International Conference on Languages in Contact and in Conflict in Africa, Pretoria, 5- 7 April 1991
Language, Thought, and Culture, A Cognitive Linguistic Perspective, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 2 - 4 April, 1991
Annual Meeting, Berkeley Linguistics Society, 15 - 18 February, 1991
North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics, Berkeley, March, 1991

1992

International Symposium on Mood and Modality, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 8 - 10 May, 1992
Symposium on Intercultural Communication, University of Duisburg, Duisburg, 23 - 27 March, 1992
La Semantica in Prospettiva Diacronica e Sincronica, Annual meeting, Società Italiana di Glottologia, Macerata, 22 - 24 October, 1992

1993

Back to Basic Issues in Nominal Classification, Max-Planck-Institute for Psycholinguistics, Cognitive Anthropology Research Group, Nijmegen, 25 - 27 May, 1993
Third International Conference on Cognitive Linguistics, Leuven, July, 1993

1994

Annual Meeting, Berkeley Linguistics Society, March, 1994
Synchronic and Diachronic Aspects of Grammaticalization, Linguistic Circle of Copenhagen, Rungsted, 9 - 11 October, 1994
1st World Congress of African Linguistics, Kwaluseni, Swaziland, July, 1994
Terrain et Théorie en Linguistique, Centre de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, 26 - 28 September, 1994

1995

Journée d'Etudes, Société Linguistique de Paris, 21 January, 1995
Morphology Day, Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 27 June, 1995
Functional Approaches to Grammar - an International Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 24 - 28 July, 1995
International Consultants Seminar, Summer Institute of Linguistics, on The Role of the Summer Institute of Linguistics in African Linguistics, Ruiru, Kenya, 2 - 7 October, 1995.

1996

Annual Conference, Scandinavian Linguistic Society, November, 1996, University of Turku, Finland

1997

The Interface between Comparative Linguistics and Grammaticalization Theory: Languages of the Americas. International Symposium, Rice University, USA, 26 - 29 March 1997
Course in Semantics, Nordic Council of Ministers, Lund University, Sweden, 15 - 19 June, 1997.

1998

Workshop on Possession, Faculty of Modern Languages, Copenhagen Business School, 28 - 30 May, 1998
The Connection between Areal Diffusion and the Genetic Model of Language Relationship, International Workshop, The Australian National University, Canberra, 17 - 22 August, 1998

1999

"Methods in Historical Linguistics", Colloquium of the Linguistic Circle of Copenhagen, 17 May, 1999
International conference on "New Reflections on Grammaticalization", Potsdam, June, 1999.
Motivation in Grammar, International Workshop, Hamburg, July 7-9, 1999
International Conference of Historical Linguistics, Vancouver, Canada, 7-14 August, 1999

2000

Summer School, University of Tartu, Estonia, 11-19 June, 2000
International Conference :The Evolution of Language, Paris, 3-6 April, 2000

2001

Workshop on Possession, Bremen, 12 February, 2001

2002

International Conference on Rhetoric in Language Theory, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, 4-7 July, 2002

2003

Typology Symposium, University of Frankfurt, Frankfurt, 8-9 November, 2002
Annual Conference of the Japanese Cognitive Linguistics Society, Tokyo, 12-15 September, 2003
31st Linguists' Seminar (31. Linguisten-Seminar) of the Japanese Society for German Studies, Kyoto, 26-29 August, 2003
Symposium on Grammaticalization, Nanao, Ishikawa (Japan), 9-10 September, 2003
Seminar on "Windows on Language Genesis", The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), 7 – 8 November, 2003

2004

11th International Morphology Meeting 2004, Vienna, 14-17 February, 2004, International Symposium: Endangered Languages in Contact: Nigeria's Plateau Languages, Hamburg 25-6 March, 2004.
Workshop on Reciprocity and Reflexivity - description, typology and theory, Free University, Berlin, 1-2 October, 2004
Workshop on Language Typology, Chonnam National University, Gwangju, Korea, 17-20 October, 2004
Annual Meeting of the Discourse and Cognitive Linguistics Society of Korea, Seoul, 22 October, 2004
Cognitive Linguistics Society of Germany, Hamburg, 12-14 December, 2004

2005

International Conference on From Gram to Mind: Grammar as Cognition, Bordeaux, 19-21 May, 2005

LIPP-Symposium Sprache und Geschichte, University of Munich, 1-2 July, 2005

Blankensee Colloquium on Language Evolution: Cognitive and Cultural Factors, Berlin, July 14-16, 2005

Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Seminar Lecture Series, Wassenaar, 8 December, 2005

2006

LOT Winterschool, Free University of Amsterdam, 15-20 January, 2006

International colloquium: Qu'est-ce que faire de la typologie? Université de Paris 7, Paris, 22-23 May 2006

Fifth World Congress of African Linguistics, Addis Abeba, 7-11 August 2006

Cradle of Language, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, 7-10 November 2006

Khoikhoi Conference, Paarl, South Africa, 13-16 November 2006

2007

Spring School on Grammaticalization and Typology, 21-24 March, 2007, Rakvere, Estonia

Symposium on Language Contact and the Dynamics of Language: Theory of Implications, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, 10-13 May, 2007

Workshop on the Grammaticalization of Discourse and Grammar, Rio de Janeiro, 12-15 June, 2007

International Symposium on the Projeto História do Português Paulista - Projeto Caipira, Sao Paulo, 18-19 June, 2007

Konferenz "Eurolinguistik", Universität Leipzig, 29 September – 2 October, 2007-11-30

International Bantu Conference, Department of Oriental and African Languages, Göteborg University, 4-6 October, 2007

Conference on Ditransitive Constructions, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, 23-25 November, 2007

2008

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, Bamberg, 27 – 29 February, 2008

International symposium on The Rise of Syntactic Complexity, 27 – 29 March, 2008, Rice University, Houston, USA

8th Course in Typology, University of Barcelona, 13 – 16 April, 2008

Workshop "New Directions in Historical Linguistics", University of Lyon, May 11-14, 2008

Cognitive and Functional Perspectives on Dynamic Tendencies in Languages, Tartu, Estonia, 29 May – 1 June, 2008

"International Workshop on the Ghana-Togo-Mountain Languages", 3 – 8 August, Ho, Ghana

World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL), Sao Paulo, 11 – 15 August, 2008

2009

International Symposium on "Active Faults across Languages – The Coordinate Axis as 'Nation'-Awareness, February 22 – 23, 2009, Osaka, Japan

International Symposium on "Methodologies in Determining Morphosyntactic Change", 5-6 March 2009, Osaka, Japan

International Conference on "The Development of the Anglo-Saxon Language and Linguistic Universals", Senshu University, Tokyo, 26-29 April, 2009

International Conference on “A Geographical Typology of African Languages”, Tokyo
University of Foreign Studies, Japan, 12-14 May, 2009
Workshop on “Between Synchrony and Diachrony”, Kyoto Sangyo University, Kyoto, Japan, 23
May, 2009
International Conference on “Grammar and Text”, Lisbon, July 2-4, 2009
International Summer School on "Embodied Language Games and Construction Grammar",
Cortona, Italy, 29 August - 4 September 2009
Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Korea, Gwangju, South Korea, 31 October 2009
International symposium on "Communicative Competence and Foreign Language Use", Seoul, 2
November, 2009

2010

Workshop "Genealogical Language Classification in Africa Beyond Greenberg", Humboldt
University, Berlin, 21-22 February, 2010
International "Conference on Final Particles", Rouen, France, 27-28 May, 2010
Summer School on "The Origin of Language", University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada, 21-30
June, 2010
Lecture tour through China (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Wuhan, Beijing, Tianjin), 5 - 16 July, 2010
Invitation, China Academy of Social Science, 12 July 2010, Beijing, China
Summer School "Parenthetical Grammar", 13 July 2010, Nankai University, Tianjin, China
Conference on Competing Motivations, Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, 23-25 November 2010
(On Discourse Grammar)

2011

Joint conference of the Discourse & Cognitive Linguistics Society and the Sociolinguistics
Society of Korea, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, 23 April 2011
Colloque international “Langues en contact: le français à travers le monde”, Halle (Germany),
16-18 September 2011
Symposium “Shared Grammaticalization in the Transeurasian Languages”, University of
Leuven, 21-23 September 2011
International conference “Complexité syntaxique et variété typologique”, CNRS & Universidad
de Sonora, Paris, 12-14 October 2011.
International symposium The Body in Language:Lexicon, Metaphor, Grammar and Culture,
University of Warsaw, October 21-22, 2011
Hongkong University of Science and Technology, invited lecture, 14 November 2011

2012

International Conference on Grammaticalization Theory and Data, Université de Rouen, Rouen
10-11 May 2012
International conference on “African Linguistics in Southern Africa” (Key note: “From Lucy
Lloyd to !Xun: A New Perspective on "Northern Khoisan”), University of Cape Town,
November 4, 2012

2013

Symposium on Slavic in the Language Map of Europe, 11-13 August 2013, Slavic Research
Center, Hokkaido University, Japan (Plenary speaker: “On Formulas of Equivalence in
Contact-Induced Grammaticalization”)

2014

Conference on Endangerment of Languages across the Planet: The Dynamics of Linguistic Diversity and Globalization, University of Koblenz-Landau, 31 March – 3 April 2014 (Plenary speaker: “An African Perspective of Language Endangerment”)

2nd Workshop on Grammaticalization, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói (Brazil), 7-8 May 2014 (key note: “Grammaticalization, Metaphor, and Explanation: What Accounts for Unidirectionality?”)

Conference on Current Research in African Studies (in Honour of Dr. Eugeniusz Rzewuski), 16 May, 2014, University of Warsaw (invited speaker: “Moribund or not? A case of language endangerment in Tanzania”)

International Workshop on Outside the Clause, University of Vienna, Department of English and American Studies, 4-5 July 2014 (Plenary: “On Extra Clausal Constituents: The Case of Imperatives”)

International conference on Information Structure, Nilotic Languages, Kyoto, October 3-5, 2014 (Invited speaker: “A Discourse Grammar Approach to Narrative Texts in Akie”)

2015

Symposium on “Areal patterns of grammaticalization and cross-linguistic variation in grammaticalization scenarios”, Mainz 12-14 March, 2015 (Invited speaker)

Symposium on "Speaking (of) Khoisan": A Symposium Reviewing Southern African History. Leipzig, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, 14-16 May 2015 (Invited discussant)

Symposium on Grammaticalization Typologically, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, Tokyo, 3-5 July, 2015 (Invited speaker: "Grammaticalization in African Languages")

Colloquium on Grammaticalization and Language Typology, Research Center for Language, Brain and Cognition, Tohoku University, Sendai, 7 July, 2015 (Invited speaker: "Discourse markers: Some diachronic observations")

Colloquium on *Possession*, University of Bremen, 13 July, 2015 (Invited speaker: "An Areal Typological Dimension of Predicative Possession ")

2016

International colloquium on "Discourse Grammar and Neurolinguistics", University of Düsseldorf, January 13, 2016 (Invited speaker: "Discourse Grammar: The State of the Art")

Colloquium "Adamawa-Gur-Sprachen im Brennpunkt afrikanistischer Forschung, Universität Hamburg, Hamburg 8.3.16 ("On a discourse grammar approach to African languages ")

Public Lecture on "Sprachtod in Afrika", Nordrheinwestfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Düsseldorf, 13 April, 2016

Conference on "Grammaticalization Theory and Data", Rouen, 24-26 April, 2016 ("Are there two different kinds of grammaticalization?")

Workshop on "Transcategoriality", Université de Rouen, April 27, 2016 ("Ways leading to transcategoriality", jointly with Gunther Kaltenböck)

LIPP Symposium on "Grammatikalisierung in interdisziplinärer Perspektive", Universität München, 5 - 8 July, 2016

Workshop for World Lexicon of Grammaticalization & Workshop for Grammaticalization Lexicon of Chinese Languages, invited speaker. Capital Normal University, Beijing, November 11-13, 2016.

2017

- Workshop on Linguistic Islands in Africa, June 14-18, Bad Münster ("Akie as a language island", jointly with Christa König)
- Seoul, Republic of Korea QS Subject Focus Summit, "Translation and Transnation: Language, Literature, and Culture", Seoul, July 5-6, 2017 (Keynote: "On the Cultural Dimension of Language Structure")
- Federal University of Matto Grosso, Central-West Language Studies Group, Brazil, August 31 - September 1, 2017 (declined because of health problems)

2018

- Conference "Linguistics Prague 2018", Charles University, Faculty of Arts, April 26-28, 2018 (Keynote: "How to account for directionality in grammatical change?"; public lecture: "Are there two different ways of approaching grammaticalization?")
- Triannual twin-conference "Word-Formation Theories and Typology and Universals in Word-Formation", Kosice, Slovakia, June 27-30, 2018 (Keynote: "On the grammaticalization of some processes of word formation in unwritten languages")
- Conference "The Body as a Toolbox: The Grammaticalization of Body Parts as Tools", Cologne, 4-5 October, 2018 (Keynote: "The body as a toolbox for Grammar")
- Workshop on "Discourse Grammar (II)" November 10-11, 2018, School of Foreign Languages, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China (Keynote: "Is there a preferred slot for the placement of discourse markers?")

2019

- International Conference on Current Trends in Linguistics, Université de Rouen, Rouen, France, 28-29 March, 2019 (Keynote: "On cooptation in discourse processing")
- Conference "Language - Culture - Literature: East African Perspective", University of Warsaw, Warsaw, 23-24 May, 2019 (Keynote: "Designing linguistic discourse in a forgotten world: The Akie of north-central Tanzania").
- Symposium: Human Origins and Language Origins: An International Symposium. Hunan University, 18th - 20th October 2019 (Keynote: "Reconstructing the evolution of grammar: The context extension model and grammaticalization") (jointly with Tania Kuteva)
- Workshop on Linguistics, University of Sonora, Hermosillo, Mexico, 14-15 November 2019 (Keynote: "On discourse markers and the limits of grammaticalization")

2020

- Conference on evidentiality and epistemic modality, with a focus on grammaticalization. Montpellier, France, 11-12 June 2020 (Keynote: "On the grammaticalization of evidentials") Canceled for SARS-CoV-2.
- The Third International Conference on Current Trends in Linguistics, Université de Rouen, France, on Grammaticalization: theory and data, Université de Rouen, 23-24 March, 2020. (Keynote: "What serves as the input for the development of discourse markers?") . Canceled for SARS-CoV-2.
- University of Graz, Austria, 13 May, 2020 (Invited lecture: "Accounting for the development of discourse markers"). Canceled for SARS-CoV-2.
- Université Paris Sorbonne Nouvelle & USCP Ecole Normale Supérieure, LATTICE - UMR 8094 CNRS, ENS-PSL, 19 May, 2020 (Invited lecture: "On the rise of discourse markers "). Canceled for SARS-CoV-2.

2021

Conference on "Historical language contact and emergent / emerging varieties in the Indian Ocean", University of Bremen.