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Phd in Linguistics

From 2008 : Phd student in co-guidance between Université Paris ouest - Nanterre la Défense (Ecole Doctorale ED 139 Connaissance, Langages, Modélisation and CNRS: Modélisation, Dynamiques, Corpus – MoDyCo, UMR 7114 in Nanterre (F-92) and Leiden University, The Netherlands (Leiden Centre for Linguistics – LUCL and Graduate School for Humanities).

➤ **Supervisors:** Mr. Sylvain Kahane, Professeur Des Universités (université Paris-ouest Nanterre la Défense), Mr. Felix K. Ameka, Senior Lecturer (Leiden university, The Netherlands), and Mr. Maarten Mous, Professor (Leiden university, Netherlands).

➤ **Title and subject of the thesis: description and modelisation of Polysemy in Wolof.**

The object of this study is the set of lexical units which have multiple meanings in the emotion semantic field in Wolof (Atlantic language in West Africa spoken mainly in Senegal and Gambia).

The aim is to describe the different meanings of polysemous lexical units and to modelize their links through semantic decompositions and underspecification analysis. Data are collected during inquiries.

The research emphasizes the semantic principles which structure the lexicon and the linguistic rules which create meanings in Wolof.

Research interests

Descriptive and theoretical linguistics: especially semantics, syntax-semantics interface, pragmatics

Anthropological linguistics: emotions, space, time, speech genres

West African languages: Wolof

Qualifications

2006: Master of African studies option linguistic cum laude (Inalco Paris)

➤ **Title and subject of the dissertation: l'étranger dans les langues africaines.**

The object of this typological study is the name of the stranger in a representative set of African languages. The research describes some semantic links with other lexical fields such as space.

2001-2005: General degree of Oriental Languages and Civilizations from Wolof 1st class (Inalco Paris)

Conferences

2009, August: *Alternations of emotion Verb-Noun roots in Wolof: analogy between Verbs and Nouns*

In Proceedings of the 6th African World Congress for African Linguistics (WOCAL 6), 17-21 August 2009, Cologne, Germany. (To appear)

2009, June: *Propriétés combinatoires et polysémies de bases verbo-nominales en wolof: quelle corrélation?*

In *Proceedings of the 4th international conference on Meaning-Text Theory (MTT 09)*, 16-18 June 2009, Montréal, Canada: Beck, D.; Gerdes, K.; Milićević, J. and Polguère, A. (Ed.)
<http://olst.ling.umontreal.ca/pdf/ProceedingsMTT09.pdf>

2009, February: *Propriétés combinatoires des bases verbo-nominales en wolof: exemples des émotions*

Seminar of laboratoire Modélisation, Dynamiques, Corpus (MoDyCo, UMR 7114 du CNRS), Nanterre (F-92).

2008, June: *Approche de l'étiquetage sémantique en wolof*

Second edition of *Journées des Langues Atlantiques (JLA 2)*, laboratoire Dynamique Du Langage (DDL, UMR 5596 du CNRS), Lyon (F).

2008, February: *De la polysémie régulière à la polysémie idiosyncrasique en wolof*

Etats de la Recherche des Doctorants 2008 (EDR 2008), laboratoire Modélisation, Dynamiques, Corpus (MoDyCo, UMR 7114 du CNRS), Nanterre (F-92).

Member of research team

2006-2007: Typologie des rapprochements sémantiques: LLACAN - UMR 8135 du CNRS et Typologie et universaux sémantiques (Fr. 2559), responsable : Martine Vanhove

- Purpose of the program: Some polysemies and semantic associations are productive and systematic in a same geographical area. These phenomena encourage searching some universals in the domain of semantic associations.

Organization and liveliness:

From 2008: organization leader from linguistic seminar called 'les Informels Linguistiques'

- 'Les Informels Linguistiques' gather some teachers, researchers, and students working on Bedja (Africa), Chinese (Asia), Czech (Europe), Defoid languages (Africa), French (Europe), Hausa (Africa), Korean (Asia), Portuguese (Europe), Sereer (Africa), Swahili (Africa), Wayampi (South America), Wolof (Africa), and Yoruba (Africa) together.
- I am responsible of the two monthly meetings through the studies of the participants.

From 2009, October: see the blog on <http://informels.blogspot.com/>

2009, June 24-25: member of the organization team from COLDOC 09

Conference for young researchers and Phd students working on language sciences, Paris ouest-Nanterre la Défense and MoDyCo, UMR 7114 du CNRS.

- Choice of the annual theme of the conference : *Ambiguity in the language sciences*
Meeting description, call for papers, scientific committee constitution, selection of propositions, organization of the conference, contact with TRANEL to publish the Proceedings.