

# **Pierpaolo Di Carlo – Curriculum Vitae & Publications**

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### **At a glance**



I am an anthropological linguist with an interest in multilingualism, language diversity, and language change. I specialize in the documentation and analysis of endangered languages and multilingual behaviors from a multidisciplinary perspective. For my PhD, I focused on Kalasha language and culture (North-West Pakistan) aiming to a better understanding of the language-culture nexus among the last speakers of an Indo-European language practicing a highly conservative form of polytheism.

Since 2010, I work on languages, communicative practices, and societies of the Cameroonian Grassfields. I am among the pioneers in the sociolinguistic study of the forms of indigenous, small-scale multilingualism documented in rural areas of Africa. My work is structured around the collection of ethnographic evidence, mostly focused on language ideologies, and on the collection and analysis of spontaneous multilingual speech data. Among my main goals is understanding the ways in which speakers constitute social identities in interaction through multilingual behaviors. For this reason, I recently expanded my research to also include the study of gesture and of sociolinguistic cognition, in collaboration with leading experts in these fields both in Europe and the US. In parallel, I have focused on the comparative study of processes of language convergence and divergence in both the languages of the Hindu-Kush and the Cameroonian Grassfields.

Like many fieldworkers, I found myself developing an 'advocacy position' alongside my scholarly work. My close collaboration with researchers and communities in Pakistan and Cameroon motivated me to create an advocacy agenda focused on the role of linguistic research in advancing global health equity and universal access to knowledge.

## CURRENT SITUATION

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**Academic title:** Doctor in Linguistics, University of Firenze (2009)

**Date of birth:** 14 November 1977

**Nationality:** Italian

**Habilitated as Associate Professor** (Italian Ministry of University, 2012-)

**Civil status:** Legally separated, father of a girl (17)

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### Current academic position

Research Associate Professor (0.6FTE) at the Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York. Position currently funded through a U.S. NSF-funded research project (DLI) entitled “A comparative study of the impact of displacement on multilingualism and language endangerment” (BCS#2109620, \$424,540) of which I am *de facto* co-PI with Jeff Good. At present, I work remotely mostly from Italy and Cameroon. Duties include:

- Co-design and coordination of research activities of a team composed of ca. 15 collaborators including postdocs and Master’s and PhD students in linguistics, sociolinguistics, and anthropology at Cameroonian universities (Yaounde 1, Buea, Bamenda, Dschang, Maroua).
- Collection of linguistic, sociolinguistic, and ethnographic data in the field in several regions of Cameroon and in the UNHCR refugee camp of Minawao (Far-North Region).
- Data analysis and preparation of scholarly publications and presentations focusing on the sociolinguistics of multilingualism in rural areas and among forcibly displaced populations in Cameroon, with a specific intention to give visibility to collaborative work made with other project team members.
- Development and maintenance of a trusted network of international scholars bridging research institutions of the Global North (e.g. SUNY Buffalo, Endangered Languages Documentation Programme) and the Global South (multiple universities in Cameroon and Senegal).
- Teaching, training, and mentoring students participating in the project in domains such as sociolinguistic approaches to the study of multilingualism, language ideologies, language documentation, macro- and micro-sociolinguistic analyses, research ethics, and the use of specific software (e.g. ELAN).
- Supervision and co-supervision of Master’s and PhD theses in Sociolinguistics, Linguistics, and Anthropology in the universities of Yaounde 1, Buea, and Dschang (Cameroon).

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## ACADEMIC EDUCATION & DOMAINS OF SPECIALIZATION

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### Education

Dates: 1/1/2006 – 23/4/2009

Institution: Doctoral School in Linguistics, University of Firenze

Degree obtained: **Doctorate in Linguistics**

Thesis title: “I Kalasha del Hindu-Kush. Ricerche linguistiche e antropologiche” [The Kalasha of the Hindu-Kush. Linguistic and anthropological research]. Thesis defended on April 23, 2009.

Thesis director: Prof. Alberto Nocentini

Jury members: Prof. M.C. Lavinio (University of Cagliari)

Prof. P. Bellucci (University of Firenze)

Prof. A. Pelissaro (University of Turin)

Evaluation: “Eccellente”. (It won the Firenze University Press award as best 2009 PhD thesis in the Humanities, with publication as a monograph)

Dates: 15/9/1996 – 28/10/2002

Institution: University of Firenze

Degree obtained: **Laurea in Classics** (equivalent to Bachelor + Master’s in the Italian old university system)

Thesis title: “L’indoeuropeo tra linguistica e archeologia: lo *statusquaestionis* attraverso i più recenti contributi pluridisciplinari” [The Indo-European problem between linguistics and archaeology: the *status quaestionis* through the most recent pluridisciplinary contributions].

Thesis director: Prof. Fabio Martini (Palaeoethnology) and Prof. Alberto Nocentini (Historical Linguistics)

Evaluation: 110/110 *cum laude*.

### Supplementary academic education

Dates: 11-23 August 2024

Institution: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft

Location: University of Göttingen (Germany)

Course/training title: **Form-meaning mismatches in spoken and visual communication**

Dates: 3-4 January 2019

Institution: Linguistic Society of America

Location: 2019 LSA Meeting (New York City)

Course/training title: **Workshop on Reproducible Research in Linguistics**

Dates: 23-28 March 2011

Institution: European University Institute and Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale

Location: European University Institute (Firenze, Italy)

Course/training title: **THATCamp, workshops in the Digital Humanities**

Dates: 20-31 August 2007  
Institution: MPI for Psycholinguistics at Nijmegen / Volkswagen Foundation.  
Location: University of Kiel (Germany)  
Course/training title: **Summer School on Documenting Endangered Iranian Languages**

Dates: 20-28 March 2006  
Institution: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology.  
Location: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig, Germany)  
Course/training title: **Leipzig Spring School on Linguistic Diversity (LSSLD06)**

Dates: 2-6 September 2005  
Institution: Società Italiana di Glottologia.  
Location: San Daniele del Friuli (Italy)  
Course/training title: **Corso di aggiornamento in discipline linguistiche**

### **Domains of specialization**

- Social and cultural approaches to the study of multilingualism, especially in rural Africa
- Codeswitching, discourse, and identity as constituted in interaction
- Language documentation and description (practices and methods)  
(multimedia documentation; corpus theorization, design, and creation; cross-disciplinary annotations)
- Multi- and interdisciplinarity in the social sciences

### **Languages**

- Native language: Italian
- Other language skills (self-assessed using the Europass guidelines):
  - English (C2)
  - French (reading C2, listening C1, speaking B2)
  - Spanish (reading C1, listening B2, speaking B1)
  - Cameroon Pidgin English (everyday communication)
  - Kalasha (basic communication)
  - Portuguese (basic communication)

### **IT Skills**

- MS Office Suite: very good
- Online collaborative tools (e.g. Google Drive, iCloud): very good
- ELAN: very good
- Toolbox / FLeX: very good
- PRAAT: good
- MOOC software, esp. for slower connections (e.g. edX, Kolibri): very good
- Vector drawing (e.g. Inkscape, for drawing maps): very good
- QGIS: good
- R: basic (currently improving)

## PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Dates: June 2015 – August 2021  
Institution: Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Position: **Postdoctoral Associate**  
Funding: The position was funded through two successive U.S. NSF awards: “Language Documentation, Fieldwork Training Models, and Computational Tools for Understanding Linguistic Stability and Change” (2015-2018, BCS#1360763, \$406,186, PI J. Good and J. Chomicki) and “Socio-Spatial Approaches to the Analysis of Multilingualism” (2018-2021, BCS#1761639, \$444,821, PI J. Good, L. Bian, and J. Chomicki)  
Duties:
  - Coordination of all research activities of an international, diverse team of researchers (Master’s and PhD students and faculty at several Cameroonian universities)
  - Collection of sociolinguistic, linguistic, and ethnographic data in the field in rural contexts of Cameroon
  - Teach courses on topics (e.g. linguistic anthropology, micro- and macro-sociolinguistic analyses of multilingualism; language documentation; corpus theorization and design) that allow project participants to match international research standards.
  - Preparation of scholarly publications and presentations, also in collaboration with other project team members.
  - Maintenance of a cross-cultural positive collaborative environment.
- Dates: July 2014 – June 2015  
Institution: Department of Humanities, University of Firenze  
Position: **Assegnista di Ricerca (Research Fellow)**  
Funding: The position was co-funded by the Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (Firenze) and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York (Buffalo)  
Duties: Same as above
- Dates: January 2012 – January 2013  
Institution: Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Position: **ELDP Fellow – Postdoctoral Associate**  
Funding: Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Project, School of Oriental and African Studies (London, UK) (£42,893).  
Research title: Linguistic and ethnographic documentation aimed at identifying loci of cultural and linguistic reproduction in two communities speaking endangered Bantoid languages  
Goals: Long-term fieldwork for the creation of a documentary corpus allowing to identify key linguistic practices used in two demographically small communities (<1,000 people) having significant impact on the reproduction of their languages.

Dates: October 2009 – December 2011

Institution: Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
 Position: **Postdoctoral Associate**  
 Funding: The position was funded through the US NSF award "Towards an areal grammar of Lower Fungom languages" (BCS-0853981), PI Jeff Good.  
 Duties:
 

- Carry out long-term linguistic and ethnographic fieldwork aiming to collect data that would allow reconstructing both the peopling process of the Lower Fungom area (North-West Region of Cameroon) and the history of the various languages spoken in the area
- Preparation of scholarly publications and presentations

Dates: July 2003 – July 2005  
 Institution: Department of Linguistics, Università di Firenze  
 Position: **Assegnista di Ricerca (Research Fellow)**  
 Funding: The position was funded through the MIUR award "'Filoni linguistici e filoni culturali nell'Italia antica" (Directors profs. Alberto Nocentini and Maria Pia Marchese).  
 Research title: "Le stele di Novilara: possibilità di ricostruzione linguistica e culturale" [The stelae of Novilara: towards linguistic and cultural reconstructions].  
 Duties:
 

- Carry out multiple analyses on the inscriptions from Novilara (Pesaro, VIII-VII century BC): autoptic/epigraphic, philological, comparative, archaeological
- Carry out palaeo-ethnographic analyses of the context where the stelae have been found (from museums and publications)
- Prepare scholarly publications and presentations.

## BROADER IMPACT ACTIVITIES

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### April 2020 – February 2021

Co-founder and **Lead Coordinator of the virALLanguages project** (<https://virallanguages.org>), a volunteer-run initiative aimed at producing culturally-appropriate public health messages about COVID-19 prevention in minority and marginalized languages, because choosing a language over another is not just a matter of message comprehension but of what kind of reverberations the use of that language will have in the mind of the addressees. The project had a core team of four people—including me—collaborating with a widespread network of academics—including global health specialists and linguists from the US, Europe, Africa, and Asia—and members of 49 communities speaking minority and marginalized languages in Cameroon, Pakistan, and Indonesia. The project produced about 100 resources in less than eight months.

### January 2016 – present

I collaborate with lawyers and judges at the Court of Firenze for matters related with the interpretation of reports of life histories given by asylum seekers from Nigeria. As part of my duties, I prepare synopsis that can be used to contextualize a given life self-report within existing literature (e.g. about issues of succession, witchcraft, etc.).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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### **As *de facto* co-Principal Investigator**

I significantly contributed to the development, management, and overall coordination of the following projects, which I can thus be legitimately considered to be *de facto* co-PI of.

- 2021 U.S. NSF grant “A comparative study of the impact of displacement on multilingualism and language endangerment” (BCS#2109620, \$424,540).
- 2018 U.S. NSF grant “Socio-Spatial Approaches to the Analysis of Multilingualism” (2018-2021, BCS#1761639, \$444,821, PI J. Good, L. Bian, and J. Chomicki).
- 2014 U.S. NSF grant “Language Documentation, Fieldwork Training Models, and Computational Tools for Understanding Linguistic Stability and Change” (2014-2019, BCS#1360763, \$406,186, PI J. Good and J. Chomicki).

### **As Principal Investigator**

- 2012 Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship grant offered by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK) with a project entitled "Linguistic and ethnographic documentation aimed at identifying loci of cultural and linguistic reproduction in two communities speaking endangered Bantoid languages". Allocated funds: £42,893.
- 2009 Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship grant offered by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK) with a project entitled "Ethnographic and Linguistic Documentation of Kalasha Verbal Art". Allocated funds: £81,280. The project was to be hosted at the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (Prof. Pier Marco Bertinetto, Linguistics). Declined for reasons of personal safety.

### **Awards**

- 2010 Premio Tesi di Dottorato Firenze University Press 2009 (Firenze University Press 2009 Dissertation Award), Humanities Section. Publication and diffusion of my dissertation "I Kalasha del Hindu Kush" (see publications) both in hard and electronic formats.
- 2005 Ranked first in the public selection for four Ph.D. scholarships, Scuola di Dottorato in Linguistica, Università di Firenze.

## THESIS SUPERVISION

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### **PhD theses**

- 2017 – 2021: Angiachi D. Esene Agwara (BIGSAS - University of Bayreuth). “Language ideologies in contexts of small-scale multilingualism: Repertoires, language attitudes and use in Lower Fungom (Cameroon)”. Co-supervised with prof. Gabriele Sommer and Dr. Eric Anchimbe (Sociolinguistics).

- 2017 – 2021: Marius Kum Kebei (University of Buea, Cameroon). “Household Multilingualism and Intercommunity Relations: An Ethnographic Appraisal of Lower Fungom Area in Menchum Division of the North-West Region of Cameroon”. Co-supervised with prof. Ayu’nwi N. Neba and prof. Roberto M. Akoko (Anthropology).
- 2015 – 2020: Margaret Neh Chenemo (University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon). “Multilingualism and Language Ideologies: An ethnographically-informed sociolinguistic perspective in the study of linguistic diversity in Lower Bafut, North-West Cameroon”. Co-supervised with prof. Etienne Sadembouo (Sociolinguistics).
- 2015 – 2019: Rachel A. Ojong Diba (University of Buea, Cameroon). “The sociolinguistic dynamics of rural multilingualism: the case of Lower Fungom”. Co-supervised with prof. Ayu’nwi N. Neba (Sociolinguistics).
- 2012 – 2017: Angela Nsen Tem (University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon). “Assessing multilingual competencies in rural Cameroon: Tests and evidence from Lower Fungom”. Co-supervised with prof. Gabriel Mba (Sociolinguistics).

### **Master’s theses**

- 2015: Budji Kefen Ivoline (Catholic University of Cameroon – Bamenda). “Spotlight on a Threatened Language: The Fio Language of the Bamenda Grassfields of North western Cameroon”. Co-supervised with prof. Paul N. Nkwi (Anthropology).

### **Pre-examiner of doctoral dissertations:**

- Miriam Weidl, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, supervised by Friederike Lüpke (November 2018)
- Samantha Goodchild, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, supervised by Friederike Lüpke (December 2018)
- Heather Todd, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, supervised by Marten Lutz (January 2021)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **In Cameroon**

- 2019 “Sociolinguistic language documentation” (8 hours). University of Yaounde 1.
- 2014 “Fundamentals of language in culture and cognition” (20 hours). Catholic University of Cameroon – Bamenda
- 2014 “Research methods in the study of multilingualism” (12 hours). Catholic University of Cameroon – Bamenda
- 2013 “Ethnography in language documentation” (12 hours). Endangered Languages Documentation Programme Summer School, University of Buea.

### **University of Firenze**

- 2006 “Areal typology and areal linguistics” (6 hours).



## **Online**

- 2022 “Language ideologies” (blended, 2 hrs lecture + 6 hrs discussion). KPAAM-CAM.
- 2022 “How to document small-scale multilingualism” (6 hours). ELing 2022, Grupo de Estudos Linguísticos do Estado de São Paulo (GEL).
- 2021 “Documenting multilingualism”. Workshop (1.5 hours) at the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation, University of Hawai’i (with R. Ojong Diba).
- 2020 “Research ethics in the Social Sciences”. KPAAM-CAM.
- 2019 “Doing research in mini-world communities”. KPAAM-CAM.

## **Other academic courses**

- 2023 “Introduction to the documentation of small-scale multilingualism”. Workshop at the 1<sup>st</sup> Colloque Internationale de Linguistique de Dakar (CILDak), Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal (with N. Soh, to be delivered on March 15, 8 hours)
- 2018 “Multilingualism and language documentation”. CoLang 2018 workshop, University of Florida, Gainesville (with J. Good).

## **Other courses**

- 2016 “Migrants’ cultural backgrounds: Central and West Africa”. Associazione Progetto Accoglienza (Borgo San Lorenzo, FI, Italy)
- 2018 “Basics of cross-cultural communication (with special attention to West African cultures)”. Caritas, Coop. Pane e Rose.
- 2017 – 2020: multiple short courses and workshops on West African cultures with lawyers and with judges from the Court of Firenze, special section “International Protection” (asylum seekers).
- 2016 “Introduction to Nigerian Pidgin English (with two native speakers)”. Ass.ne Officina Lieve (Borgo San Lorenzo, FI, Italy).

## RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION

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### **Presentations and lectures as invited speaker**

- 05/2024 “Identity models, small-scale multilingualism, and the study of divergence and convergence”. Paper presented at the symposium “Neighboring Communities: Convergences and Divergences in Contact Settings”, Helsinki Center for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki (invited by Maria Konoshenko).
- 02/2024 “How many meanings can noun class markers have in the Cameroonian Grassfields?” Paper presented at the informal workshop “Understanding and documenting language ecologies” (ELDP, Berlin) (invited by Mandana Seyfeddinipur).
- 01/2024 “Noun class systems in the northern Grassfields: notes on contact”. Paper presented at the informal workshop “Niger-Congo noun class systems” (Humboldt University Berlin) (invited by Tom Güldemann).
- 10/2023 “Deliberate language change in the Grassfields? Two cases and some remarks”. Lecture delivered at the seminar of the CNRS lab “Langues, langage et cultures d’Afrique” (LLACAN) (invited by Rozenn Guérois).
- 11/2021 “Towards the documentation of small-scale multilingualism”. Lecture delivered at the Graduate Seminar in Linguistic Description, York University (Canada, online; invited by Bruce Connell).
- 09/2021 “Exploring socio-spatial networks and individual-based variation in the study of small-scale multilingualism”. Seminar of the Linguistic Convergence Laboratory, Higher School of Economics, Moscow (online) (with Jeff Good; invited by Ezequiel Koile).
- 08/2021 “Introductory remarks”, Small-Scale Multilingualism Conference 2, University of Helsinki (online; invited by Friederike Luepke)
- 03/2021 “Cultural expertise in Italy’s Specialized sections on International Protection and Immigration”. EURO-EXPERT seminar (invited by Livia Holden; with the judge Luciana Breggia).
- 11/2020 “From qualitative to quantitative in the sociolinguistics of multilingualism”. GramAdapt Seminar, University of Helsinki (invited by Kaius Sinnemäki).
- 05/2020 “Can linguists save lives?”, SOAS open seminar (online) (with Mandana Seyfeddinipur; invited by Stephanie Clary).
- 04/2019 “Ordine indessicale e target identitari: per una tipologia dei multilinguismi”. Circolo Linguistico Fiorentino, Università di Firenze (invited by Alessandro Parenti).
- 01/2019 “How to document small-scale multilingualism?”. Delivered in the workshop “Multilingualism, Contact, and Documenting Endangered Languages”, 2019 Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York City (invited by Lenore Grenoble).
- 09/2018 “Mobilization: things to know before making plans”. Endangered languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, London (invited by Mandana Seyfeddinipur)
- 06/2018 “Multilingualism in rural Africa. The state of the art in an emerging area of inquiry”. BIGSAS, University of Bayreuth (invited by Gabriele Sommer).
- 06/2016 “Social structure, group-formation, and multilingualism. Preliminary notes from Bafut”. Workshop on African Multilingualism, School of Oriental and African Studies (invited by Friederike Luepke).

- 01/2016 “From discourse markers to Heaven. A journey in Kalasha language and culture”. Linguistics Department colloquia, Freie Universitaet Berlin (invited by Britta Schneider).
- 06/2015 “Multilingualism as a response to spiritual insecurity: insights into the traditional language ideologies of the Cameroonian Grassfields (at least)”. *M4 – African multilingualism. Motivations, modalities, movement, meaning*, British Academy, London (invited by Friederike Luepke).
- 05/2013 "Multilingualism, solidarity, and witchcraft? From documenting phenomena to documenting processes in language documentation". New data, methods, and approaches to African language documentation, Endangered Languages Week, SOAS, London (invited by Mandana Seyfeddinipur).
- 10/2011 "Multidisciplinary research and GIS techniques in language history studies: from a project on the languages of Lower Fungom (NW Cameroon)", Workshop on Methodology in Linguistic Prehistory, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (invited by Tom Gueldemann).
- 07/2011 "The loci of cultural reproduction and their importance for language maintenance. Between ethnographic and (socio)linguistic field research in Pakistan and Cameroon", Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Workshop on Sociolinguistics of Language Endangerment, University of Colorado at Boulder (invited by David Bradley).
- 12/2010 “The last Kafirs of the Hindu Kush: Kalasha myth and ritual today and in historical perspective”. Graduate Seminar in Comparative Mythology, The Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University (invited by Michael Witzel).

### **Select presentations in conferences (peer-reviewed)**

- 07/2024 “Interspeaker variation and language obsolescence in contexts of small-scale multilingualism in rural Cameroon”. Paper presented (with Jeff Good) at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Variation in Europe, panel “Language obsolescence”. University of Vienna.
- 06/2023 “The emerging sign language of the Minawao UNHCR camp (Cameroon). Language ecology and multimodal communication in an African refugee camp”, presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference on African Studies, Cologne (with Dadak Ndokobai, Goron Amina, Made Boukar, and Veved David)
- 03/2023 "Pas seulement des langues en danger mais des écologies an danger", presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Colloque International de Linguistique de Dakar.
- 09/2022 “Language contact or semiotic pools? A speaker-centered view of language differentiation in the Cameroonian Grassfields” presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium on West African Languages, , Università “L’Orientale”, Napoli (with Jeff Good).
- 08/2022 “Social separation and language change in the Cameroonian Grassfields” presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. University of Bucharest (with Jeff Good and Nelson T. Tschonghongei).
- 06/2022 “Using patterns of semantic convergence as evidence for sociolinguistic reconstruction”, 2022 Historical Sociolinguistic Network Meeting, University of Murcia (with Jeff Good).
- 04/2022 “Towards a spatial representation of societal and individual multilingualism: Reasons and models for innovating the linguistic cartography of Bantoid languages”. Bantoid Conference, University of Hamburg (online).

- 08/2021 "Sociolinguistic Influence in Speech Heterogeneity". Small-Scale Multilingualism Conference 2, University of Helsinki (online; with N. Tschonghongi and J. Good).
- 08/2021 "Language use, individualistic gain, and social distancing in the market. Multilingual behaviors during market transactions in Lower Fungom (Cameroon)". Small-Scale Multilingualism Conference 2, University of Helsinki (online; with A. Esene Agwara).
- 06/2021 "Negotiating identities in contexts of small-scale multilingualism: focus on relational identity". Sociolinguistic Symposium 23, University of Hong Kong (online).
- 06/2019 "Language as a mirror of political imagination: hegemony, conflict, and deliberate language change in the Cameroonian Grassfields". European Conference of African Studies 8, University of Edinburgh (with I.K. Budji and N. Tschonghongi).
- 04/2019 "Indexical order, identity targets, and the typology of multilingualism". Typology of small-scale multilingualism, Université de Lyon (with J. Good).
- 06/2017 "English to rebuke, Pidgin to be understood, local languages to feel secure". European Conference of African Studies 7, University of Basel (with A. Esene Agwara and R. Ojong Diba).
- 06/2015 "Towards and understanding of African traditional multilingualism: ethnography, language ideologies, and the supernatural". Globalising Sociolinguistics, University of Leiden.
- 09/2012 "Multilingualism, solidarity, and magic. New perspectives on traditional language ideologies in the Cameroonian Grassfields". Presented at the XLVI International Congress of the Societa' Italiana di Linguistica, Università per Stranieri di Siena.
- 09/2012 "Trees, waves, and magnets. The role of language ideologies in the Benue-Congo diversification". International Niger-Congo Congress "Towards Proto-Niger-Congo", LLACAN - CNRS, Paris (with J. Good).
- 09/2009 "Take care of the poets! Verbal art performances as key factors in the preservation of Kalasha language and culture", *Sociolinguistics of Language Endangerment — 2009 Conference of the Comité International Permanent des Linguistes*. School of Oriental and African Studies, London (UK).
- 11/2008 "Two clues of a former Hindu-Kush linguistic area?". *1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition*, University of Thessaloniki (Gr).
- 11/2008 "Kalasha language maintenance through tradition vitality: Intersections of language, history and social structure in the Prun festival of the Birir Valley". *1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition*, University of Thessaloniki (Gr).
- 08/2008 "*tai wawali monta danye* 'They speak of your ancestors': Representations of lineage in the Prun Festival of the Kalasha of the Birir Valley". *14<sup>th</sup> Himalayan Languages Symposium*, University of Gothenburg (Swe).
- 10/2007 "L'enigma nord-piceno: nuove prospettive pluridisciplinari" [The North Picene enigma: new multidisciplinary perspectives]. *XXXII Convegno Internazionale della Società Italiana di Glottologia*, Università di Verona.

### **Organization of workshops and conferences (selection)**

- 12/2023 "Using Internet-in-a-Box devices in academic environments". Training for university teachers at the University of Dschang, 11-12 December 2023.

- 12/2023 "Using questionnaires and interview guides in the study of multilingualism", workshop at the 1st Colloquium of the Observatoire sur le Plurilinguisme Africain (University of Dschang, 13-15 December 2023).
- 12/2023 "Multilingualism and Health", workshop at the 1st Colloquium of the Observatoire sur le Plurilinguisme Africain (University of Dschang, 13-15 December 2023).
- 09/2022 "Language contact and non-convergent change in West Africa". 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium on West African Languages, Università "L'Orientale", Napoli (with P. Akumbu, J. Good, and R. Kiessling)
- 08/2022 "Social and spatial separation of linguistic communities and language change". 55<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Univerisyt of Bucharest (with E. Koile, M. Daniel, J. Good, and S. Michaelis).
- 08/2022 "KPAAM-CAM training week". Two weeks of intensive training for linguists, sociolinguists, and anthropologists participating in the KPAAM-CAM project (remote)
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- 05/2019 "Documenting small-scale multilingualism – theory and practice". Four weeks of training with 30+ university students of the Universities of Yaounde 1, Buea, and Bamenda. Two weeks in Yaounde, two weeks in the Commune de Bazou, West Region of Cameroon (practicum).
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- Afrika und Übersee
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- International Journal of the Sociology of Language
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