

Seminar
The Khoisan Languages

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Time: M, 2:00-4:45
Place: 10 WP 103

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Level: graduate and advanced undergraduate

Prerequisites: (for undergrads) Sound and Language, Grammatical Analysis

This course is on the linguistic structure of the Khoisan languages. We will start the course by discussing phonetics and transcription (including clicks, accompaniments, vowel features and tone), then we will focus on syntax (the linker, person-gender-number markers, pronouns, serial verb constructions, pluractionality).

Partial Reading List:

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Collins, Chris. 2016 and Andy Chebanne. A Dictionary of Sasi. Ms., NYU

Collins, Chris and Andy Chebanne. 2016. A Grammar of Kua. Ms., NYU and University of Botswana.

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Dickens, Patrick. 2005. *A Concise Grammar of Jul'Hoã, with a Jul'Hoã-English glossary and a subject index*. Edited by Rainer Vossen and Megan Biesele. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag.

Fehn, Anne-Marie. 2014. *A Grammar of Ts'ixa (Kalahari Khoe)*. Doctoral dissertation, University

of Cologne.

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Hagman, Roy S. 1977. *Nama Hottentot Grammar*. Indiana University, Bloomington.

Mathes, Timothy K. 2015. *Consonant-Tone Interaction in the Khoisan Language Tsua*. Doctoral dissertation, NYU.

Nakagawa, Hiroshi. 2006. *Aspects of the Phonetics and Phonological Structure of the Glui Language*. Doctoral dissertation, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

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