Panel title: **Recent developments in descriptive linguistics of Hausa**

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Hausa is the most thoroughly documented and best described African language. Important descriptive works presenting the structure of the language both from the point of view of systemic relations and their diachronic inferences (Wolff 1993), (Newman 2000), and (Jaggar 2001) are said to be exhaustive and compete. However, the development of language and the variety of its discursive codes makes the structural pattern of Hausa open for further investigations. New theoretical inspiration for studying language structures (e.g. through their semantic principles or functional domains, cf. Frajzyngier & Shay 2003; see also the discussion in Pawlak 2015) and especially the development of computational linguistics (cf. Crysmann 2015) make a great challenge for Hausa linguistics to create new models referring to the language structural patterns.

The conference panel "Recent developments in descriptive linguistics of Hausa" invites presentations including proposals for new interpretations of systemic relations at the level of phonology, morphology and syntax as well as papers dealing with the development of new grammatical categories or alternative classificatory systems of the Hausa verbs. In the light of the earlier suggestions (Gouffé 1988; Frajzyngier & Munkaila 2004; de Campos 1998; Abdoulaye 1992 and especially with reference to the classificatory model of Hausa grades presented by McIntyre 2006), the panel discussion on "Re-grading the Grades: Rethinking the Morphology, the Syntax, the Phonology and the Semantics of the Grade System" is being proposed for the SyWAL2018. The contributions in both written and oral forms will be accepted.

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