



Conference Announcement

LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL AREAS OF TRANSITION IN AFRICA

TRIESTE, ITALY

MAY 24–26, 2016

ABSTRACTS DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2015

The ATrA Conference on linguistic, anthropological, archaeological, historical and philological issues related to areas or times in Africa characterized by phenomena of transition will be taking place in Trieste (Italy) on May 24–26, 2016.

The conference will be the closing event of the three years interdisciplinary ATrA project funded by the Italian Ministry of Universities, Education and Research (MIUR) in the framework of its FIRB initiative. Aim of the Conference is the discussion, on an International level, of the major themes treated during these years by the ATrA team, in order to stimulate a fruitful academic debate on the many facets of identity negotiation, ethnicity and cultural affiliation such as contact, creolization, integration, urbanization, climate or cultural change, language and cultural switch, market exchanges, human migration and any other possible related theme.

ORGANIZATION OF THE EVENT AND THEMES

Each one of the three conference days will be dedicated to one of the main disciplines of the ATrA interdisciplinary team and timetable will be organized as follows:

Day 1 / May 24th - Anthropology and Cognition Studies: Keynote speaker em. prof. Signe Lise Howell, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

Day 2 / May 25th - Linguistics and Philology: Keynote speaker prof. Maarten Mous, Head of the

Department of African Languages and Cultures, University of Leiden

Day 3 / May 26th - Archaeology and History: Keynote speaker prof. Paul Lane, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Uppsala

Themes of Day 1:

1.1 Negotiating Multiple Identities; 1.2 Borders, Cultural Areas, Contact and Exchanges; 1.3 Indigenousness and the Promotion of Minorities

Themes of Day 2:

2.1 Identity in Oral and Written Tradition; 2.2 Borders and Languages in Contact; 2.3 Minority Groups, Endangered Languages, and Linguistic Policies

Themes of Day 3:

3.1 Ancient Identities and Material Culture; 3.2 Trade Routes, Borders, and Exchanges; 3.3 The Study and Management of Archaeological Heritage

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