

## Mark Van de Velde – Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

01.07.1997 Candidate (≈Bachelor) in Germanic languages, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

07.06.1998 Licentiate (≈Master) in Germanic languages, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (M.A. thesis)

20.10.2000 Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies en Philosophie et Lettres: option linguistique africaine, Université Libre de Bruxelles (2 year postgraduate programme)

28.04.2006 Doctor in linguistics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

## Doctorate

Title: *A Description of Eton: phonology, morphology, basic syntax and lexicon*

Date of the defence: April 28<sup>th</sup> 2006

Members of the jury: William Van Belle (president), Hans Smessaert (secretary) Willy Van Langendonck (supervisor), Pierre Swiggers (co-supervisor), Claire Grégoire & Denis Creissels.

URL: <http://hdl.handle.net/1979/233>

## Habilitation à diriger les recherches

Title: Les expressions nominales dans les langues bantu

Date of the defence: October 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

Members of the jury: Françoise Rose (president), Denis Creissels, Stéphane Robert, Martine Vanhove, Lolke van der Veen (garant) & Sonia Cristofaro.

## Current employment

from 01.10.2009 Junior researcher (chargé de recherche) at Llacan, a research unit of the CNRS.

Since January 2014: Deputy director of Llacan.

Since June 2015: Director of Llacan

## Previous employment

- 2013-2016 Visiting Associate Professor at Kwara State University, Malete, Nigeria. Three courses taught: Linguistic Typology, Field Methods & Linguistic Documentation.
- 01.10.2006 – 30.09.2009 Postdoctoral researcher of the Research Foundation – Flanders at the University of Antwerp (Research project: Proper names as a grammatical category. A typological study.)
- 01.01.2001 – 31.12.2005 Predoctoral researcher at the K.U.Leuven
- 1999 – 2000 Reader of Dutch for French-speaking students at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (6 hours/week)

## Fieldwork experience & international mobility

- 15.11.2000 – 25.12.2000 Cameroon, Center province (gathering data for the description of the Eton language)
- 01.12.2001 – 15.01.2002 Cameroon, Center province (gathering data for the description of the Eton language)
- 1999-2008 Extensive work with linguistic consultants in Belgium (mainly on Eton, also on some other Bantu languages and on Akan).
- 03.02.2008 – 03.08.2008 Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley (sponsor: Larry Hyman).
- 06.04.2010 – 05.06.2010 Gabon, research for the ELDP project *Comparative documentation of the Myene Language Cluster*.
- 24.02.2011 – 05.04.2011 Gabon, research for the ELDP project *Comparative documentation of the Myene Language Cluster*.
- 14.11.2011 – 21.12.2011 Nigeria, field work on three previously undescribed Adamawa languages of Adamawa State: Yungur, Libo, Kwa (financed by a grant from IFRA and from LabEx EFL, with the support of AUN, Yola).
- 25.08.2012 – 07.10.2012 Cameroon, Gabon, field work on the Bantu languages Eton, Bapuku, Fang, Basaa et Bafut for the LC2 project of LabEx EFL.
- 10.07.2013 – 27.07.2013 Cameroon. field work, gathering data of Bantu languages for a study of stem-initial accent and work on an Eton-French dictionary
- 10.09.2013 – 01.12.2013 Nigeria, field work on the Bena (Yungur) language and teaching at Kwara State University.
- 11.09.2014 – 12.12.2014 Nigeria, field work on the Bena (Yungur) language and teaching at Kwara State University.

12.09.2015 – 15.12.2015	Nigeria, teaching linguistics at Kwara State University, field work on Bena and Kamwe
05.09.2016-17.12.2016	Nigeria, teaching linguistics at Kwara State University, field work on Bena and Win Lau
05.11.2017-18.12.2017	Nigeria, field work on Bena at University of Ibadan
30.07.2018-29.08.2018	Nigeria, field work on Mbula (Jarawan Bantu), Mboi and Lala in Lagos
13.01.2019-10.03.2019	Nigeria, field work on Mbula and Bena Yungur
22.10.2019-25.12.2019	Nigeria, field work on Mbula

## Teaching experience

1998	Teacher training at the University of Leuven with internships at two secondary schools and a school for adult education.
1997-2000	Dutch teacher as a student job during the summer (1997-1998) and during the academic year (1998) at a private school in Brussels.
1999-2000	Dutch for French-speaking students at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (6 hours/week)
2001-2005	I (co-)supervised several undergraduate and graduate students
2006-2007	University course Linguistic Typology (Masters in Linguistics program), university of Antwerp (45 hours, one year).
2010-2012	University course <i>Etude Comparée des langues sans écriture</i> ('Comparative study of languages without a written tradition') at Université Libre de Bruxelles (45 hours/year).
August 2011	One week seminar on the transcription of languages without a written tradition for the project "Multiculturalidad y Plurilingüismo, Tradición Oral y Educación Plurilingüe en África – Guinea Ecuatorial" of the NGO Ceiba. Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.
2010-2014	Regular seminars at the yearly programme <i>Initiation à la linguistique de Terrain</i> (Introduction to Linguistic Field Work) in Paris (INALCO) and in the linguistics courses at the Omar Bongo University in Libreville, Gabon, plus two short courses at the Lacito summer school <i>Methods in linguistics: from empirical data to typological hypotheses</i> , Roscoff (France), July 7-12 2014.

## PhD students

2013-2018	Elisabeth Njantcho. <i>A grammatical analysis of Kwakum (Bantu A91, Cameroon).</i>
2017-2020	Jakob Lesage. <i>A grammar and lexicon of Kam (àṅwòm), a Niger-Congo language of central eastern Nigeria.</i> (co-supervised with Dmitry Idiatov)
2015-	Mirjam Möller
2017-	Eveling Villa and Lora Litvinova (co-supervised with Dmitry Idiatov)
2019-	Chika Ajede (co-supervised with Dmitry Idiatov)

## Grants and prizes

- 2000 Bourse du Programme Actions-Nord 2000, Cooperation Universitaire au Développement
- 2002 Research Foundation travel grant
- 2003 Laurence Urdang Award, Euralex
- 2005 Research Foundation travel grant
- 2006 Research Foundation 3 year postdoctoral research fellowship
- 2006 Personal research grant from the Special Research Fund of the Research Council of the University of Antwerp
- 2008 Research Foundation – grant for a six month stay at UC Berkeley
- 2009 Research Foundation – grant for attending the LSA linguistic Institute at UC Berkeley (six weeks)
- 2009 Endangered Language Documentation Programme / Arcadia – Major Documentation Project *Comparative documentation of the Myene Language Cluster*.
- 2011 Areal Phenomena in Northern sub-Saharan Africa – LabEx EFL grant (grant with variable field work subsidies for up to 9 years).
- 2013 PRES Sorbonne Paris Cité research project *BantuTyp*
- 2019 Soutien à la Mobilité Internationale, INSHS
- 2019 In charge of three projects in the LabEx EFL (2020-2024): TYPMP5, *Taking Advantage of the Diversity in African Languages* (with Thierry Nazzi); LABFIELD *Bringing the lab to the field* (with Didier Demolin); and *Reconstruction, genealogy, typology and grammatical description in the world's two biggest phyla: Niger-Congo and Austronesian*
- 2020 The function and historical evolution of augments in the Bantu languages. France-Berkeley Fund (with Peter Jenks)
- 2020 Funding for a three year PhD scholarship for work on a language of the Benue Valley (CNRS)

## Publications

- Van de Velde, Mark (1999). The Two Language Maps of the Belgian Congo. *Annales Aequatoria*. 20: 475-489.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2003). Proper Names and the so-called class 1a in Eton. *Leuvense Bijdragen*. 92 (3-4): 43-59.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2005). The Order of Noun and Demonstrative in Bantu. In Bostoen, Koen and Jacky Maniacky (eds), *Studies in African Comparative Linguistics with special focus on Bantu and Mande*, 425-441. Tervuren. Royal Museum for Central Africa.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2006). The alleged class 2a prefix *bɔ̃* in Eton, a plural word. in: Cover, Rebecca and Yuni Kim (eds.), *Proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society 31st annual meeting*, 119-130.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2006). Multifunctional agreement patterns in Bantu and the possibility of genderless nouns. *Linguistic Typology* 10 (2): 183-221.

- Swiggers, Pierre; Willy Van Langendonck & Mark Van de Velde (2007). Propositiones para la elaboración del concepto de relacionante. In Fernández-Pérez, Milagros (ed.), *Actas del VI Congreso de Lingüística General. Santiago de Compostela*, 1379-1387.
- Van Langendonck, Willy & Mark Van de Velde (2007). Naar een theorie van eigennamen. *Handelingen van de Commissie voor Toponymie en Dialectologie*, 79: 429-467.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2008). *A grammar of Eton*. (Mouton Grammar Library 46). Berlin. Mouton de Gruyter.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2008). Un cas de changement phonologique par réanalyse morphologique en éton. *Africana Linguistica* XIV: 177-185.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2009). Eton tonology and morphosyntax: a holistic typological approach. In Epps, Patience and Alexandre Archipov (eds.), *New Challenges in Typology* 2: 35-62. Berlin. Mouton de Gruyter.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2009). Agreement as a grammatical criterion for proper name status in Kirundi. In: *Onoma* 44: 219-241. (written in 2011, appeared in January 2012)
- Van Langendonck, Willy & Mark Van de Velde (2009) The Functions of (In)definiteness Markers with Proper Names. In Ahrens, Wolfgang; Sheila Embleton & André Lapierre (eds.) *Names in Multi-Lingual and Multi-Ethnic Contact*. Proceedings of the 23rd ICOS congress. Toronto.
- Van de Velde, Mark & Johan van der Auwera (2010) Le marqueur de l'allocutif pluriel dans les langues bantu. In Floricic, Franck (ed.) *Essais de typologie et de linguistique générale. Mélanges offerts à Denis Creissels*. p119-141. Lyon: ENS Editions.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2010). The Syntax of Verb Complements and the Loss of the Applicative in Eton (A71). In: Légère, Karsten & Christina Thornell (eds.) *Bantu Languages: Analyses, Description and Theory*, 281-294. Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe.
- Van de Velde, Mark and Odette Ambouroué. (2011). The grammar of Orungu proper names. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*. 23, 113-141.
- Van de Velde, Mark. (2011). De documentatie en beschrijving van bedreigde talen en hun bijdrage aan het onderzoek naar taalkundige universalia In: *Bulletin des Séances de l'Académie Royale des Sciences d'Outre Mer/Mededelingen der zittingen van de Koninklijke Academie voor Overzeese wetenschappen*. 57 : 277-289.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2013). The Bantu connective construction. In: Carlier, Anne & Jean-Christophe Verstraete (eds.) *The Genitive*. [Case and Grammatical Relations across Languages], 217-252. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Van Langendonck, Willy and Mark Van de Velde (2016). Names and Grammar. In: Hough, Carole (ed.) *Oxford Handbook of Names and Naming*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Gilles Adda, Sebastian Stuker, Martine Adda-Deckera, Odette Ambouroué, Laurent Besacier, David Blachon, Hélène Bonneau-Maynard, Pierre Godard, Fatima Hamlaoui, Dmitry Idiatov, Guy-Noel Kouarata, Lori Lamel, Emmanuel-Moselly Makasso, Annie Rialland, Mark Van de Velde, François Yvon, Sabine Zerbian (2016).

- Breaking the Unwritten Language Barrier: The BULB Project In: *Procedia Computer Science* 81, p 8-14.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2017). The augment as a construct form marker in Eton relative clause constructions. In: Gratien Gualbert Atindogbe and Rebecca Grollemund (eds.) *Relative Clauses in Cameroonian Languages: Structure, Function and Semantics*. Berlin. Mouton de Gruyter, p 47-66.
- Van de Velde, Mark & Dmitry Idiatov (2017). Morphological classes and gender in **Bóná-Yungur**. In: Kaji, Shigeki (ed.) *Proceedings of the the 8th World Congress of African Linguistics Kyoto 2015*, 53-65. Tokyo: ILCAA.
- Van de Velde, Mark and Odette Ambourou (2017) The origin and use of a relative clause construction that targets objects in Orungu (Bantu, Gabon). *Studies in Language*. 41:3, p 615-637.
- Idiatov, Dmitry & Mark Van de Velde (2018). La fréquence lexicale des occlusives labiales-velaires dans le nord de l'Afrique sub-saharienne. In: Léonard, Jean-Léo et Annie Rialland (eds.) *Linguistique africaine: perspectives croisées* [Collection: Mémoires de la Société de Linguistique de Paris], p 189-204. Leuven: Peeters.
- Idiatov, Dmitry & Mark Van de Velde. (2018). The tone system of Bena-Yungur. In Raija Kramer & Roland Kießling (eds.), *Current approaches to Adamawa and Gur languages*, 171-191. Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2019). Nominal morphosyntax. In: Van de Velde, Mark and Koen Bostoen (eds). *The Bantu Languages*, 2nd edition [Routledge Language Family Series], 237-269. London: Routledge.
- Njantcho, Elisabeth & Mark Van de Velde (2019). Kwakum (A91). In: Van de Velde, Mark and Koen Bostoen (eds). *The Bantu Languages*, 2nd edition [Routledge Language Family Series], 383-413. London: Routledge.
- Bostoen, Koen & Mark Van de Velde (2019). Introduction. In: Van de Velde, Mark and Koen Bostoen (eds). *The Bantu Languages*, 2nd edition [Routledge Language Family Series], 1-16. London: Routledge.
- Van de Velde, Mark (2020). Concernee-Concern constructions: a comparative study of external possession in the Bantu languages. *Studies in Language* 44:1, 70-94.
- Van de Velde, Mark (accepted) Proto-Bantu Relative Verb Forms. In: Bostoen, Koen; Gilles-Maurice de Schryver; Rozenn Guérois & Sara Pacchiarotti (eds). *On Reconstructing Proto-Bantu Grammar*. Berlin : Language Science Press. (accepted for publication 19-06-2020)
- Idiatov, Dmitry & Mark Van de Velde (accepted). The internal reconstruction of Bena-Yungur consonants and tone schemes. *Language in Africa* 3 (accepted for publication 04-08-2020)
- Idiatov, Dmitry & Mark Van de Velde (accepted). The lexical distribution of labial-velar stops is a window into the linguistic prehistory of Northern Sub-Saharan Africa. *Language* (accepted for publication 18-08-2020)

Van de Velde, Mark (accepted). The Bantu relative agreement cycle. *Linguistics*. (accepted 22-08-2020)

#### Other results

Van de Velde, Mark (with Odette Ambouroue) Comparative documentation of the Myene language cluster: Adyumba, Enenga, Galwa, Mpongwe, Nkomi and Orungu. (77 hours of audio recordings, of which 20% transcribed and 25% translated, 7 hours of video recordings, pictures, field notes and metadata)

URL: <http://elar.soas.ac.uk/deposit/0272>

Idiatov, Dmitry, Mark Van de Velde & Rémy Bonnet (programmer). 2017. Bena dictionary. Versions 1.0.0-1.0.2. Android 4.0.3 and higher. URL: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.efl.labex.bena>.

#### Reviews & book notices

Van de Velde, Mark (2002). Gedandedi sa geviya. Dictionnaire geviya-français. par Lolke Van der Veen & Sébastien Bodinga-bwa-Bodinga. *Afrika und Übersee*. Band 85: 310-315.

Van de Velde, Mark (2008). Syntaxe générale: une introduction typologique. vol.1 Catégories et constructions, vol. 2 La phrase. door Denis Creissels. *Linguistics*, 46 (5): 1037-1041.

Van de Velde, Mark (2008). Eigennamen und Definitheit. (Linguistische Arbeiten 498) by Afra Sturm. *Beiträge zur Namenforschung* 43 (3): 326-328.

Van de Velde, Mark (2013). Geographical Typology and Linguistic Areas. With special reference to Africa. by Osamu Hieda, Christa König and Hiroshi Nakagawa (eds.) *Bulletin de la Société de Linguistique de Paris* 108 (2): 286-300.

book notices for the journals *Pragmatics* and *Orbis*

#### Conference papers

05.05.2000 Linguistics and Language Planning in the Belgian Congo. Tervuren. Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, séminaires de linguistique africaine.

27.08.2001 The Opposition Voiced-Unvoiced in Eton, a Bantu Language of Cameroon (A71). Leiden. Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics.

22.11.2001 *Beschrijving en classificatie van talen zonder geschreven traditie*. Leuven. Doctoral seminars.

13.12.2001 *La typologie de l'ordre des mots et les langues africaines*. Liège. ABA Rencontre des jeunes chercheurs.

08.11.2002 *L'importance de positions consonantiques pour la description phonologique de l'éton*. Tervuren. Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, séminaires de linguistique africaine.

- 20.11.2002 (with Willy Van Langendonck & Pierre Swiggers) Crosslinguistische woordvolgorde, dependentie en relatoren. Leuven. Centrum voor Grammaticaal en Lexicaal Betekenisonderzoek.
- 03.06.2003 Une approche typologique au système consonantique de la langue eton. Montpellier. 5èmes journées internationales du GDR Phonologies.
- 25.08.2003 Proper names and the so-called classes 1a and 2a in Bantu. Leiden Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics.
- 02.04.2004 *Notes descriptives sur le système verbal de l'éton*. MRAC, séminaires de linguistique africaine.
- 12.05.2004 (with Willy Van Langendonck & Pierre Swiggers) Complements systematically follow their head and attributes precede it in the relator area. Kazan' (Russia). LENCA-2. The Typology of Argument structure and Grammatical Relations.
- 28.09.2004 What proper names can teach us about gender and agreement in Bantu languages. Maputo. 13th International Congress of the Names Society of Southern Africa
- 18.02.2005 The alleged class 2a prefix bO in Eton, a plural word. Berkeley. *Berkeley Linguistic Society 31st Annual Meeting*.
- 17.06.2005 Word accent and tone in Eton, a Narrow Bantu language of Cameroon. Leiden. Between Stress and Tone.
- 11.10.2005 Gender and Number in Bantu Leiden. Colloquium: The Interaction of Gender and Number in the World's Languages
- 10.07.2007 Data constitution for the description of Eton (Bantu: Cameroon). Göteborg, 10th international pragmatics conference.
- 06.10.2007 Non-subject complements in Eton (A70). Göteborg, Bantu Languages: analysis, description and theory.
19. 04.2008 The grammar of Orungu Proper Names. ACAL 39. Athens, Georgia.
27. 08.2008 Proper names in Orungu (B11): agreement and definiteness marking. CALL, Leiden. (with Odette Ambouroué)
- 06.11.2009 Tonal affixes, clitics and pseudowords in Eton: the preservation of morphological structure after segmental attrition. Leipzig. Morphology of the World's Languages.
- 17.08.2009 A canonical approach to the typology of Bantu connective constructions. Cologne. WOCAL 6.
- 19.11.2009 Les noms propres dérivés de noms communs en orungu (bantou, Gabon). Lille. Symposium *Phénomènes de « déflexivité » dans les langues naturelles : aspects diachroniques, synchroniques et comparatifs*.
- 13.03.2010 Le nom propre en tant que catégorie grammaticale. Paris. *Société de Linguistique de Paris*.
- 23.09.2010 Non-canonical genitive constructions in Bantu. Lyon. *Syntax of the World's Languages 4*.



- 07.10.2010 Grammatical criteria for delimiting the category of proper names (keynote address). Regensburg. *The Grammar of Proper Names. A Typological Perspective*.
- 18.02.2011 Typology and language contact in northern central Africa. Leuven. Monthly seminar of the research unit FEST. (invited)
- 09.04.2011 Accessibility to relativisation in Orungu. Berlin. *Berlin Bantu Conference (BAntu)*. (with Odette Ambouroue).
- 22.07.2011 "Dependency reversal" in northern Sub-Saharan Africa. Hong Kong: *Association for Linguistic Typology 9th Biennial Conference (ALT9)*.
- 27.07.2011 The origin and evolution of unusual agreement patterns with proper name controllers in the Bantu languages. Osaka (Japan). *International Conference on Historical Linguistics XX*.
- 25.06.2012 Introduction. Agreement as a grammatical criterion for proper name status in Kirundi. Paris. *The Idea of Writing Proper Names*. (invited)
- 28.06.2012 "Metatony" in Eton. Paris. *Phonology/Syntax Interface in Bantu (and other) languages: Metatony, Focus and Dislocation*. (invited)
- 21.08.2012 The origin and spread of possessee-like qualifiers in Central Africa. Buea. *7th World Congress of African Languages*.
- 12.11.2012 Three areal phenomena in northern sub-Saharan Africa : clause-final negation, possessee-like qualifiers and stem-initial consonant length. Paris. *Typologie: syntaxe et phonologie. Journée scientifique Labex EFL*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 22.03.2014 Collaborative approaches to the grammatical analysis and linguistic documentation of the language of Africa. Maleté, Nigeria. *First linguistics and African languages international conference*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 26.05.2015 Morphological classes and gender in **ḡóná**. Eugene, Oregon. *46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 20.08.2015 Gender, morphological class markers and the construct state in **ḡóná**. Kyoto, Japan. *World Conference of African Linguistics*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 21.08.2015 Areal phenomena in Northern Sub-Saharan Africa. Kyoto, Japan. *World Conference of African Linguistics*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 23.01.2016 The lexical frequency of labial-velar stops in northern sub-Saharan Africa. Paris. *Linguistique africaine: perspectives croisées*. *Journée scientifique of the Société de Linguistique de Paris*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 26.03.2016 The lexical frequency of labial-velar stops in northern sub-Saharan Africa and its historical implications. Berkeley. *47th Conference on African Linguistics*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 26.03.2016 Stem-initial accent and C-emphasis prosody in north-western Bantu. Berkeley. *47th Conference on African Linguistics*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 21.06.2016 Relative verbs with passive morphology in Orungu. Helsinki. *6th International Conference on Bantu Languages*. (with Odette Ambouroue)

- 18.08.2016 The origin and use of a relative clause construction with passive morphology in Orungu (Bantu, Gabon). Mexico City. *Syntax of the World's Languages VII*. (with Odette Ambouroue)
- 03.09.2016 Implications of the lexical frequency of labial-velar stops in northern sub-Saharan Africa for Niger-Congo reconstruction. Paris. *Towards Proto-Niger-Congo : Comparison and Reconstruction*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 23.11.2016 The AdaGram project and the RCNL: goals and first results. Jos (Nigeria). *Jos Linguistics Circle tenth anniversary colloquium*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 20.03.2017 Types of semantic agreement in the Bantu languages. Gent. *BantUGent PhD meetings*.
- 11.07.2017 The lexical frequency of labial-velar stops as a window on the linguistic prehistory of northern sub-Saharan Africa. Jena. *Language shift and substratum interference in (pre)history* (with Dmitry Idiatov).
- 29.08.2017 Why relative verbs agree with the relativised noun in many Bantu languages. Leiden, *Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics*.
- 25.05.2018 Concernee constructions: an Afrocentric approach to external possession. Hamburg, 23. *Afrikanistentag* (keynote address)
- 18.07.2018 Concernee constructions. Paris, 10<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Construction Grammar*.
- 03.09.2018 Why relative verbs agree with their head noun in many Bantu languages. Paris, *Syntax of the World's Languages 8*.
- 22.11.2018 Proto-Bantu Relative Clauses. Ghent, *Reconstructing Proto-Bantu Grammar*.
- 29.11.2018 The relation between noun form classes and agreement classes in Adamawa and beyond. Berlin, *Gender across Niger-Congo* (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 29.05.2019 The structure and evolution of nominal expressions in the Bantu languages. Villejuif, workshop *Nominal Expressions in the Bantu Languages*.
- 05.09.2019 The AMAI cycle in the Bantu Languages. Pavia, 13<sup>th</sup> *Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology*.
- 06.09.2019 A Single feature approach to linguistic areas: labial-velars and the prehistory of the Macro-Sudan Belt. Pavia, Italy. 13<sup>th</sup> *Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 09.09.2019 Tonal reconstruction of Bena-Yungur: depressor consonants and directionality of tonal interactions. Mainz, Germany. *Adamawa Conference*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 11.09.2019 Bena-Mboi is Benue-Congo. Mainz, Germany. *Adamawa Conference*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)
- 13.11.2019 Analysis and internal reconstruction of Bena-Yungur tone. Jos, Nigeria. *Jos Linguistics Circle*. (with Dmitry Idiatov)

## Other relevant experience

- Current membership of scientific associations:

Association for Linguistic Typology (since 2001)

- Public service:

December 2000 Interview on the Eton language on the Cameroonian national radio

03.01.2003 Interview in newspaper *De Standaard* on language death

2004-2005 Several interviews in science programs on the national radio, mostly on phonology

2004, 2006, 2008 Workshops for secondary school pupils at the national science week (on rare phonemes, on the goals and methods of language typology, on the Californian Indian language Yurok)

- Academic service (selection):

Since 2014 Associate editor of *Linguistic Typology* (<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/lity>)

Since 2007 Associate editor of *Africana Linguistica*. This recently relaunched, international peer-reviewed journal is covered by a number of indexing services, including the European Reference Index for the Humanities. I read and comment on every manuscript submitted to *Africana Linguistica*. (<http://www.africamuseum.be/publications/journals/AfricanaLinguistica>)

Since 2006 Regular peer reviewing for edited books and journals, including *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*, *Linguistics*, *Linguistic Typology*, *Functions of language*, *Studies in Language*, *Transactions of the Philological Society* and *Africana Linguistica*. Member of the scientific committees of the biannual ALT and Syntax of the World's Languages conferences.

12.12.2008 Organizer of the *Journée des Jeunes Chercheurs en Africanistique* 2008 (<http://webh01.ua.ac.be/markvandevelde/djo.html>);

24-27.03.2009 Co-organizer of the Third International Conference on Bantu Languages, Tervuren March 2009

Since 2002 Co-organiser of the bi-annual international colloquium of the Belgian Association of Africanists

2002-2003 Organizer of the doctoral seminars of the Linguistics department at the university of Leuven

09.09.2008 Member of the PhD jury of Ewa Schalley (*Imperatives: a Typological Approach*), University of Antwerp.

2010-2012 President of the Belgian Association of Africanists.

2013 Co-organizer of the Fifth International Conference on the Bantu Languages, Paris (<http://bantu5.sciencesconf.org/>)

2011-2014 in charge of Axe 3 of Labex EFL (with Anaïd Donabedian and Isabelle Brill).

- 26.10.2017 Member of the PhD jury of Rebecca Voll (A grammar of Mundabli: A Bantoid [Yemne-Kimbi] language of Cameroon), University of Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2015-2018 Member of the scientific council of Inalco.
- 09.03.2018 Member of the PhD jury of Hilde Gunnink (A Grammar of Few: A Bantu language of Zambia and Namibia), University of Ghent, Belgium.
- 2018 Co-organizer of Syntax of the World's Languages VIII, Paris (<https://swl8.sciencesconf.org/>).
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