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## Bantu Syntax and Information Structure Conference

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#### Call for papers

In celebration of the conclusion of the [Bantu Syntax and Information Structure](#) (BaSIS) project, running at Leiden University from 2017 – 2023, there will be a 2-day conference organised in Leiden on **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023** in hybrid (physical + online) format.

BaSIS is a collaborative research project involving the following team members and languages, investigating the influence of information structure on Bantu morphosyntax:

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Zhen Li (Teke-Kukuya, Congo B77a; Leiden University)  
Ernest Nshemezimana (Kirundi, Burundi JD62; Université de Burundi)  
Patrick Njue Kanampiu (Kĩĩtharaka, Kenya E54; University of Edinburgh)  
Allen Asiimwe (Rukiga, Uganda JE14; Makerere University)  
Amani Lusekelo (Kinyakyusa, Tanzania M31; Dar es Salaam University College of Education)  
Jenneke van der Wal (Makhuwa, Mozambique P31; Leiden University) (PI)  
the late Aurélio Simango (Changana, Mozambique S53; Universidade Eduardo Mondlane)  
Nelsa João Nhantumbo (Cicopi, Mozambique S61; Universidade Eduardo Mondlane)

In addition to the BaSIS project members presenting the results of their research, we warmly invite other presentations related to information structure in Bantu. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- How is information structure expressed in Bantu languages?
- Where is information structure in the grammar?
- Formal analyses of Bantu syntax/information structure
- Field methods for the investigation of syntax and information structure
- The interaction between information structure and prosody
- Comparative aspects of information structure between Bantu and other languages
- The status (and revision?) of notions in information structure

Invited speaker: [Michael Diercks](#), Pomona College.

Please submit your 1-page abstracts by **23<sup>rd</sup> December** by emailing them to [BaSISconference@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:BaSISconference@hum.leidenuniv.nl). Decisions will be sent out by **16<sup>th</sup> January**.

There is no fee for participation - the conference is funded by the NWO Vidi grant.

For further questions, please contact Jenneke van der Wal at [g.j.van.der.wal@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:g.j.van.der.wal@hum.leidenuniv.nl).

We look forward to seeing you in Leiden/online!