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CURRENT SITUATION



Academic title: Doctor in Linguistics, University of Firenze (2009).

Date of birth: 14 November 1977

Nationality: Italian

Habilitated as Associate Professor (Italian Ministry of University, 2012-)

Civil status: Legally separated, father of a girl (18)

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Current academic position

Research Associate (Italian “Contrattista di Ricerca”) at the Department of Asian, African, and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples “L'Orientale”.

I am the Principal Investigator of a 3-year project entitled “Documentation of Chinene and Dghwede in the language ecology of the UNHCR camp of Minawao, Cameroon”, funded by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (MDP1066).

Duties include:

- Collection of linguistic, sociolinguistic, and ethnographic data in the field (next trip planned for the end of 2025).
- Data analysis and preparation of scholarly publications and presentations, with a specific intention to give visibility to collaborative work made with other project team members.
- Coordination of all research activities of a team composed of ca. 15 local collaborators residing in or near the UNHCR camp of Minawao aiming to document the two endangered languages that are the main focus of the project.
- Continued training of team members, in domains spanning from the use of specific software (e.g. ELAN or SayMore, needed for linguistic transcriptions), to research ethics, and the basics in the theory and practice of the language sciences.
- Development and maintenance of a trusted network of international scholars bridging research institutions of the Global North and the Global South.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION & DOMAINS OF SPECIALIZATION

Education

Dates: 1/1/2006 – 23/4/2009

Institution: Doctoral School in Linguistics, University of Firenze

Degree obtained: **Doctorate in Linguistics**

Thesis title: “I Kalasha del Hindu-Kush. Ricerche linguistiche e antropologiche” [The Kalasha of the Hindu-Kush. Linguistic and anthropological research]. Thesis defended on April 23, 2009.

Thesis director: Prof. Alberto Nocentini

Jury members: Prof. M.C. Lavinio (University of Cagliari)

Prof. P. Bellucci (University of Firenze)

Prof. A. Pelissaro (University of Turin)

Evaluation: “Eccellente”. (It won the Firenze University Press award as best 2009 PhD thesis in the Humanities, with publication as a monograph)

Dates: 15/9/1996 – 28/10/2002

Institution: University of Firenze

Degree obtained: **Laurea in Classics** (equivalent to Bachelor + Master’s in the Italian old university system)

Thesis title: “L’indoeuropeo tra linguistica e archeologia: lo *statusquaestionis* attraverso i più recenti contributi pluridisciplinari” [The Indo-European problem between linguistics and archaeology: the *status quaestionis* through the most recent pluridisciplinary contributions].

Thesis director: Prof. Fabio Martini (Palaeoethnology) and Prof. Alberto Nocentini (Historical Linguistics)

Evaluation: 110/110 *cum laude*.

Complementary academic education

Dates: 2-10 June 2025

Institution: Endangered Languages Documentation Programme

Location: Humboldt Forum (Berlin, Germany)

Course/training title: **ELDP Grantee Training**

Dates: March-June 2018

Institution: Stargate Consulting and FormaTemp

Location: Firenze, Italy

Course/training title: **Advanced Project Management** (68 hours)

Dates: February-March 2018

Institution: Stargate Consulting and FormaTemp

Location: Firenze, Italy

Course/training title: **Basics of Project Management** (68 hours)

Dates: 3-4 January 2019
Institution: Linguistic Society of America
Location: 2019 LSA Meeting (New York City)
Course/training title: **Workshop on Reproducible Research in Linguistics**

Dates: 23-28 March 2011
Institution: European University Institute and Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale
Location: European University Institute (Firenze, Italy)
Course/training title: **THATCamp, workshops in the Digital Humanities**

Dates: 20-31 August 2007
Institution: MPI for Psycholinguistics at Nijmegen / Volkswagen Foundation.
Location: University of Kiel (Germany)
Course/training title: **Summer School on Documenting Endangered Iranian Languages**

Dates: 20-28 March 2006
Institution: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology.
Location: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig, Germany)
Course/training title: **Leipzig Spring School on Linguistic Diversity (LSSLD06)**

Dates: 2-6 September 2005
Institution: Società Italiana di Glottologia.
Location: San Daniele del Friuli (Italy)
Course/training title: **Corso di aggiornamento in discipline linguistiche**

Domains of specialization

- Pluri- and interdisciplinary approaches to the study of multilingualism and language change
- Ethnography of communication in the analyses of phenomena of small-scale multilingualism, especially in rural Africa (2012 – present).
- Language documentation and description (practices and methods) (multimedia documentation; corpus theorization, design, and creation; cross-disciplinary annotations)

Languages

- Italian: native language
- English: main working language
- French: very good knowledge
- Cameroon Pidgin English: good knowledge
- Kalasha: good knowledge
- German: basic / reading

IT Skills

- MS Office Suite, LibreOffice suite: very good

- Online collaborative tools (e.g. Google Drive, iCloud): very good
- ELAN: very good
- FLEx: very good
- MOOC software, esp. for slower connections (e.g. edX, Kolibri): very good
- Vector drawing (e.g. Inkscape, for drawing maps): very good
- QGIS: good
- R, Python: basic

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Dates: June 2015 – May 2024
 Institution: Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, SUNY
 Position: **Postdoctoral Associate**
 Funding: The position was funded through three successive U.S. NSF awards: “Language Documentation, Fieldwork Training Models, and Computational Tools for Understanding Linguistic Stability and Change” (2015-2018, BCS#1360763, \$406,186, PI J. Good and J. Chomicki), “Socio-Spatial Approaches to the Analysis of Multilingualism” (2018-2021, BCS#1761639, \$444,821, PI J. Good, L. Bian, and J. Chomicki), and “A comparative study of the impact of displacement on multilingualism and language endangerment” (BCS#2109620, \$424,540) of which I have been *de facto* co-PI with Jeff Good.

Duties:

- Coordination of all research activities of an international, diverse team of researchers (Master’s and PhD students and faculty at several Cameroonian universities)
- Collection of sociolinguistic, linguistic, and ethnographic data in the field in rural contexts of Cameroon
- Teach courses on topics (e.g. linguistic anthropology, micro- and macro-sociolinguistic analyses of multilingualism; language documentation; corpus theorization and design) that allow project participants to match international research standards.
- Preparation of scholarly publications and presentations, also in collaboration with other project team members.
- Maintenance of a cross-cultural positive collaborative environment.

Dates: July 2014 – June 2015
 Institution: Department of Humanities, University of Firenze
 Position: **Assegnista di Ricerca (Research Fellow)**
 Funding: The position was co-funded by the Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (Firenze) and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York (Buffalo)
 Duties: Same as above

Dates: January 2012 – January 2013

- Institution: Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, SUNY
 Position: **ELDP Fellow – Postdoctoral Associate**
 Funding: Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Project, School of Oriental and African Studies (London, UK) (£42,893).
 Research title: Linguistic and ethnographic documentation aimed at identifying loci of cultural and linguistic reproduction in two communities speaking endangered Bantoid languages
 Goals: Long-term fieldwork for the creation of a documentary corpus allowing to identify key linguistic practices used in two demographically small communities (<1,000 people) having significant impact on the reproduction of their languages.
- Dates: October 2009 – December 2011
 Institution: Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo, SUNY
 Position: **Postdoctoral Associate**
 Funding: The position was funded through the US NSF award "Towards an areal grammar of Lower Fungom languages" (BCS-0853981), PI Jeff Good.
 Duties:
 - Carry out long-term linguistic and ethnographic fieldwork aiming to collect data that would allow reconstructing both the peopling process of the Lower Fungom area (North-West Region of Cameroon) and the history of the various languages spoken in the area
 - Preparation of scholarly publications and presentations
- Dates: July 2003 – July 2005
 Institution: Department of Linguistics, Università di Firenze
 Position: **Assegnista di Ricerca (Research Fellow)**
 Funding: The position was funded through the MIUR award "'Filoni linguistici e filoni culturali nell'Italia antica" (Directors profs. Alberto Nocentini and Maria Pia Marchese).
 Research title: "Le stele di Novilara: possibilità di ricostruzione linguistica e culturale" [The stelae of Novilara: towards linguistic and cultural reconstructions].
 Duties:
 - Carry out multiple analyses on the inscriptions from Novilara (Pesaro, VIII-VII century BC): autoptic/epigraphic, philological, comparative, archaeological
 - Carry out palaeo-ethnographic analyses of the context where the stelae have been found (from museums and publications)
 - Prepare scholarly publications and presentations.

BROADER IMPACT ACTIVITIES

October 2025 – ongoing

As Principal Investigator of the ELDP-funded project "Documenting Cinene and Dghwede in the language ecology of the UNHCR camp of Minawao, northern Cameroon", I engaged in working in a setting marked by extreme poverty, trauma, and mobility severely constrained by legal uncertainty over refugee status and return. In a bid to maximize the social impact of my research, I have worked

to make research outputs immediately accessible to camp residents by designing and building a network of local Internet-in-a-Box mini-servers, giving free offline access to video recordings of community members and elders speaking their endangered languages. For this to be possible, I sought and secured key partnerships (Wiki Project Med, Thika Alumni Trust UK, Tim Moody, Adam Holt, and Shanti Bhardwa) providing essential guidance and additional resources. The infrastructure has since enabled community-driven responses to local problems beyond the project's original scope, including efforts to address months of unpaid salaries for teachers at Minawao's secondary school — this work earned me a Poster Content Quality Award at Wikimania 2026.

April 2020 – February 2021

Co-founder and **Lead Coordinator of the virALLanguages project** (<https://virallanguages.org>), a volunteer-run initiative aimed at producing culturally-appropriate public health messages about COVID-19 prevention in minority and marginalized languages, because choosing a language over another is not just a matter of message comprehension but of what kind of reverberations the use of that language will have in the mind of the addressees. The project had a core team of four people—including me—collaborating with a widespread network of academics—including global health specialists and linguists from the US, Europe, Africa, and Asia—and members of 49 communities speaking minority and marginalized languages in Cameroon, Pakistan, and Indonesia. The project produced about 100 resources in less than eight months.

January 2016 – 2021

I collaborate with lawyers and judges at the Court of Firenze for matters related with the interpretation of reports of life histories given by asylum seekers from Nigeria. As part of my duties, I prepare synopsis that can be used to contextualize a given life self-report within existing literature (e.g. about issues of succession, witchcraft, etc.).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

As Principal Investigator

- 2025 Major Documentation Project grant offered by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, Berlin-Brendenburg Akademie von Wissenschaft (Germany – UK) with a project entitled “Documentation of Chinene and Dghwede in the language ecology of the UNHCR camp of Minawao, Cameroon”. Dates: June 2025 – May 2028. Allocated funds €286,790.
- 2012 Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship grant offered by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK) with a project entitled "Linguistic and ethnographic documentation aimed at identifying loci of cultural and linguistic reproduction in two communities speaking endangered Bantoid languages". Allocated funds: £42,893.
- 2009 Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship grant offered by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK) with a project entitled "Ethnographic and Linguistic Documentation of Kalasha

Verbal Art". Allocated funds: £81,280. The project was to be hosted at the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (Prof. Pier Marco Bertinetto, Linguistics). Declined for reasons of personal safety.

As *de facto* co-Principal Investigator

I significantly contributed to the development, management, and overall coordination of the following projects, which I can thus be legitimately considered to be *de facto* co-PI of.

- 2021 U.S. NSF grant “A comparative study of the impact of displacement on multilingualism and language endangerment” (BCS#2109620, \$424,540).
- 2018 U.S. NSF grant “Socio-Spatial Approaches to the Analysis of Multilingualism” (2018-2021, BCS#1761639, \$444,821, PI J. Good, L. Bian, and J. Chomicki).
- 2014 U.S. NSF grant “Language Documentation, Fieldwork Training Models, and Computational Tools for Understanding Linguistic Stability and Change” (2014-2019, BCS#1360763, \$406,186, PI J. Good and J. Chomicki).

Awards

- 2026 Poster Content Quality Award at Wikimania 2026, Paris 22-26 June 2026 for the poster “Offline knowledge infrastructures and generative skills in a refugee camp: the Minawao experience” (with Garba John).
- 2010 Premio Tesi di Dottorato Firenze University Press 2009 (Firenze University Press 2009 Dissertation Award), Humanities Section. Publication and diffusion of my dissertation “I Kalasha del Hindu Kush” (see publications) both in hard and electronic formats.
- 2005 Ranked first in the public selection for four Ph.D. scholarships, Scuola di Dottorato in Linguistica, Università di Firenze.

THESIS SUPERVISION

PhD theses

- 2017 – 2021: Angiachi D. Esene Agwara (BIGSAS - University of Bayreuth). “Language ideologies in contexts of small-scale multilingualism: Repertoires, language attitudes and use in Lower Fungom (Cameroon)”. Co-supervised with prof. Gabriele Sommer and Dr. Eric Anchimbe (Sociolinguistics).
- 2017 – 2021: Marius Kum Kebei (University of Buea, Cameroon). “Household Multilingualism and Intercommunity Relations: An Ethnographic Appraisal of Lower Fungom Area in Menchum Division of the North-West Region of Cameroon”. Co-supervised with prof. Ayu’nwi N. Neba and prof. Roberto M. Akoko (Anthropology).
- 2015 – 2020: Margaret Neh Chenemo (University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon). “Multilingualism and Language Ideologies: An ethnographically-informed sociolinguistic perspective in the study of linguistic diversity in Lower Bafut, North-West Cameroon”. Co-supervised with prof. Etienne Sadembouo (Sociolinguistics).

- 2015 – 2019: Rachel A. Ojong Diba (University of Buea, Cameroon). “The sociolinguistic dynamics of rural multilingualism: the case of Lower Fungom”. Co-supervised with prof. Ayu’nwi N. Neba (Sociolinguistics).
- 2012 – 2017: Angela Nsen Tem (University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon). “Assessing multilingual competencies in rural Cameroon: Tests and evidence from Lower Fungom”. Co-supervised with prof. Gabriel Mba (Sociolinguistics).

Master’s theses

- 2015: Budji Kefen Ivoline (Catholic University of Cameroon – Bamenda). “Spotlight on a Threatened Language: The Fio Language of the Bamenda Grassfields of North western Cameroon”. Co-supervised with prof. Paul N. Nkwi (Anthropology).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Naples “L'Orientale”

- 2025/2026 “Introduzione alla linguistica antropologica” (2 CFU).
- 2025/2026 “Plurilinguismo africano in epoca pre- e post-coloniale” (2 CFU).

In Cameroon

- 2019 “Sociolinguistic language documentation” (8 hours). University of Yaounde 1.
- 2014 “Fundamentals of language in culture and cognition” (20 hours). Catholic University of Cameroon – Bamenda
- 2014 “Research methods in the study of multilingualism” (12 hours). Catholic University of Cameroon – Bamenda
- 2013 “Ethnography in language documentation” (12 hours). Endangered Languages Documentation Programme Summer School, University of Buea.

University of Firenze

- 2006 “Areal typology and areal linguistics” (6 hours).

Online

- 2022 “Language ideologies” (blended, 2 hrs lecture + 6 hrs discussion). KPAAM-CAM.
- 2022 “How to document small-scale multilingualism” (6 hours). ELing 2022, Grupo de Estudos Linguísticos do Estado de São Paulo (GEL).
- 2021 “Documenting multilingualism”. Workshop (1.5 hours) at the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation, University of Hawai’i (with R. Ojong Diba).
- 2020 “Research ethics in the Social Sciences”. KPAAM-CAM.
- 2019 “Doing research in mini-world communities”. KPAAM-CAM.

Other academic courses

- 2026 Teacher at the 2026 ELDP Grantee Training, Berlin, 3-11 June 2026, covering archiving, community empowerment, linguistic description, and ethnography.
- 2023 “Introduction to the documentation of small-scale multilingualism”. Workshop at the 1st Colloque Internationale de Linguistique de Dakar (CILDak), Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal (with N. Soh, to be delivered on March 15, 8 hours)
- 2018 “Multilingualism and language documentation”. CoLang 2018 workshop, University of Florida, Gainesville (with J. Good).

Other courses

- 2016 “Migrants’ cultural backgrounds: Central and West Africa”. Associazione Progetto Accoglienza (Borgo San Lorenzo, FI, Italy)
- 2018 “Basics of cross-cultural communication (with special attention to West African cultures)”. Caritas, Coop. Pane e Rose.
- 2017 – 2020: multiple short courses and workshops on West African cultures with lawyers and with judges from the Court of Firenze, special section “International Protection” (asylum seekers).
- 2016 “Introduction to Nigerian Pidgin English (with two native speakers)”. Ass.ne Officina Lieve (Borgo San Lorenzo, FI, Italy).

RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION

Presentations and lectures as invited speaker

- 08/2026 “Linguistic Futures” workshop, organized by Jonathan Kasstan (University of Lancaster), Lenore Grenoble and Susan Gal (University of Chicago), Paris, University of Chicago Biyer Centre, 9-14 August 2026. Presented a review of Bob Offer-Westort’s chapter “Beja multilingual public oratory: Compound chronotopy and complex personhood” and discussed the chapter co-authored with Jeff Good, “Shifting ecologies in displaced communities from small-scale multilingual environments”.
- 02/2024 “How many meanings can noun class markers have in the Cameroonian Grassfields?” Paper presented at the informal workshop “Understanding and documenting language ecologies” (ELDP, Berlin) (invited by Mandana Seyfeddinipur).
- 01/2024 “Noun class systems in the northern Grassfields: notes on contact”. Paper presented at the informal workshop “Niger-Congo noun class systems” (Humboldt University Berlin) (invited by Tom Güldemann).
- 10/2023 “Deliberate language change in the Grassfields? Two cases and some remarks”. Lecture delivered at the seminar of the CNRS lab “Langues, langage et cultures d’Afrique” (LLACAN) (invited by Rozenn Guérois).
- 11/2021 “Towards the documentation of small-scale multilingualism”. Lecture delivered at the Graduate Seminar in Linguistic Description, York University (Canada, online; invited by Bruce Connell).
- 09/2021 “Exploring socio-spatial networks and individual-based variation in the study of small-scale multilingualism”. Seminar of the Linguistic Convergence Laboratory, Higher School of Economics, Moscow (online) (with Jeff Good; invited by Ezequiel Koile).
- 08/2021 “Introductory remarks”, Small-Scale Multilingualism Conference 2, University of Helsinki (online; invited by Friederike Luepke)
- 03/2021 “Cultural expertise in Italy’s Specialized sections on International Protection and Immigration”. EURO-EXPERT seminar (invited by Livia Holden; with the judge Luciana Breggia).
- 11/2020 “From qualitative to quantitative in the sociolinguistics of multilingualism”. GramAdapt Seminar, University of Helsinki (invited by Kaius Sinnemäki).
- 05/2020 “Can linguists save lives?”, SOAS open seminar (online) (with Mandana Seyfeddinipur; invited by Stephanie Clary).
- 04/2019 “Ordine indessicale e target identitari: per una tipologia dei multilinguismi”. Circolo Linguistico Fiorentino, Università di Firenze (invited by Alessandro Parenti).
- 01/2019 “How to document small-scale multilingualism?”. Delivered in the workshop “Multilingualism, Contact, and Documenting Endangered Languages”, 2019 Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York City (invited by Lenore Grenoble).
- 09/2018 “Mobilization: things to know before making plans”. Endangered languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, London (invited by Mandana Seyfeddinipur)
- 06/2018 “Multilingualism in rural Africa. The state of the art in an emerging area of inquiry”. BIGSAS, University of Bayreuth (invited by Gabriele Sommer).

- 06/2016 “Social structure, group-formation, and multilingualism. Preliminary notes from Bafut”. Workshop on African Multilingualism, School of Oriental and African Studies (invited by Friederike Luepke).
- 01/2016 “From discourse markers to Heaven. A journey in Kalasha language and culture”. Linguistics Department colloquia, Freie Universitaet Berlin (invited by Britta Schneider).
- 06/2015 “Multilingualism as a response to spiritual insecurity: insights into the traditional language ideologies of the Cameroonian Grassfields (at least)”. *M4 – African multilingualism. Motivations, modalities, movement, meaning*, British Academy, London (invited by Friederike Luepke).
- 05/2013 "Multilingualism, solidarity, and witchcraft? From documenting phenomena to documenting processes in language documentation". New data, methods, and approaches to African language documentation, Endangered Languages Week, SOAS, London (invited by Mandana Seyfeddinipur).
- 10/2011 "Multidisciplinary research and GIS techniques in language history studies: from a project on the languages of Lower Fungom (NW Cameroon)", Workshop on Methodology in Linguistic Prehistory, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (invited by Tom Gueldemann).
- 07/2011 "The loci of cultural reproduction and their importance for language maintenance. Between ethnographic and (socio)linguistic field research in Pakistan and Cameroon", Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Workshop on Sociolinguistics of Language Endangerment, University of Colorado at Boulder (invited by David Bradley).
- 12/2010 “The last Kafirs of the Hindu Kush: Kalasha myth and ritual today and in historical perspective”. Graduate Seminar in Comparative Mythology, The Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University (invited by Michael Witzel).

Select presentations in conferences (peer-reviewed)

- 06/2026 “Offline knowledge infrastructures and generative skills in a refugee camp: the Minawao experience” (poster, with Garba John), Wikimania 2026, Paris, 22-26 June 2026. Winner of the Wikimania 2026 Content Quality Poster Award.
- 07/2024 “Interspeaker variation and language obsolescence in contexts of small-scale multilingualism in rural Cameroon”, paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE), University of Vienna, 10 July 2024 (with J. Good).
- 06/2023 “The emerging sign language of the Minawao UNHCR camp (Cameroon). Language ecology and multimodal communication in an African refugee camp”, presented at the 9th European Conference on African Studies, Cologne (with Dadak Ndokobai, Goron Amina, Made Boukar, and Veved David)
- 03/2023 “Pas seulement des langues en danger mais des écologies an danger”, presented at the 1st Colloque International de Linguistique de Dakar.
- 09/2022 “Language contact or semiotic pools? A speaker-centered view of language differentiation in the Cameroonian Grassfields” presented at the 4th Symposium on West African Languages, , Università “L’Orientale”, Napoli (with J. Good).

- 08/2022 “Social separation and language change in the Cameroonian Grassfields” presented at the 55th Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. University of Bucharest (with Jeff Good and Nelson T. Tschonghongi).
- 06/2022 “Using patterns of semantic convergence as evidence for sociolinguistic reconstruction”, 2022 Historical Sociolinguistic Network Meeting, University of Murcia (with Jeff Good).
- 04/2022 “Towards a spatial representation of societal and individual multilingualism: Reasons and models for innovating the linguistic cartography of Bantoid languages”. Bantoid Conference, University of Hamburg (online).
- 08/2021 “Sociolinguistic Influence in Speech Heterogeneity”. Small-Scale Multilingualism Conference 2, University of Helsinki (online; with N. Tschonghongi and J. Good).
- 08/2021 “Language use, individualistic gain, and social distancing in the market. Multilingual behaviors during market transactions in Lower Fungom (Cameroon)”. Small-Scale Multilingualism Conference 2, University of Helsinki (online; with A. Esene Agwara).
- 06/2021 “Negotiating identities in contexts of small-scale multilingualism: focus on relational identity”. Sociolinguistic Symposium 23, University of Hong Kong (online).
- 06/2019 “Language as a mirror of political imagination: hegemony, conflict, and deliberate language change in the Cameroonian Grassfields”. European Conference of African Studies 8, University of Edinburgh (with I.K. Budji and N. Tschonghongi).
- 04/2019 “Indexical order, identity targets, and the typology of multilingualism”. Typology of small-scale multilingualism, Université de Lyon (with J. Good).
- 06/2017 “English to rebuke, Pidgin to be understood, local languages to feel secure”. European Conference of African Studies 7, University of Basel (with A. Esene Agwara and R. Ojong Diba).
- 06/2015 “Towards and understanding of African traditional multilingualism: ethnography, language ideologies, and the supernatural”. Globalising Sociolinguistics, University of Leiden.
- 09/2012 “Multilingualism, solidarity, and magic. New perspectives on traditional language ideologies in the Cameroonian Grassfields”. Presented at the XLVI International Congress of the Societa' Italiana di Linguistica, Università per Stranieri di Siena.
- 09/2012 “Trees, waves, and magnets. The role of language ideologies in the Benue-Congo diversification”. International Niger-Congo Congress “Towards Proto-Niger-Congo”, LLACAN - CNRS, Paris (with J. Good).
- 09/2009 “Take care of the poets! Verbal art performances as key factors in the preservation of Kalasha language and culture”, *Sociolinguistics of Language Endangerment — 2009 Conference of the Comité International Permanent des Linguistes*. School of Oriental and African Studies, London (UK).
- 11/2008 “Two clues of a former Hindu-Kush linguistic area?”. *1st International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition*, University of Thessaloniki (Gr).
- 11/2008 “Kalasha language maintenance through tradition vitality: Intersections of language, history and social structure in the Prun festival of the Birir Valley”. *1st International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition*, University of Thessaloniki (Gr).
- 08/2008 “*tai wawali monta danye* ‘They speak of your ancestors’: Representations of lineage in the Prun Festival of the Kalasha of the Birir Valley”. *14th Himalayan Languages Symposium*, University of Gothenburg (Swe).

10/2007 "L'enigma nord-piceno: nuove prospettive pluridisciplinari" [The North Picene enigma: new multidisciplinary perspectives]. *XXXII Convegno Internazionale della Società Italiana di Glottologia*, Università di Verona.

Organization of workshops and conferences (selection)

- 05/2026 "Language and the Body". Workshop co-organized with Soung-U Sebastian Kim, University of Naples "L'Orientale", 22 May 2026, with participation of specialists of African and Asian languages and cultures and invited speaker Mandana Seyfeddinipur.
- 12/2023 "Using Internet-in-a-Box devices in academic environments". Training for university teachers at the University of Dschang, 11-12 December 2023.
- 12/2023 "Using questionnaires and interview guides in the study of multilingualism", workshop at the 1st Colloquium of the Observatoire sur le Plurilinguisme Africain (University of Dschang, 13-15 December 2023).
- 12/2023 "Multilingualism and Health", workshop at the 1st Colloquium of the Observatoire sur le Plurilinguisme Africain (University of Dschang, 13-15 December 2023).
- 09/2022 "Language contact and non-convergent change in West Africa". 4th Symposium on West African Languages, Università "L'Orientale", Napoli (with P. Akumbu, J. Good, and R. Kieling)
- 08/2022 "Social and spatial separation of linguistic communities and language change". 55th Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Univerisyt of Bucharest (with E. Koile, M. Daniel, J. Good, and S. Michaelis).
- 08/2022 "KPAAM-CAM training week". Two weeks of intensive training for linguists, sociolinguists, and anthropologists participating in the KPAAM-CAM project (remote)
- 01/2020 "KPAAM-CAM training week". Two weeks of intensive training for linguists, sociolinguists, and anthropologists participating in the KPAAM-CAM project (remote).
- 05/2019 "Documenting small-scale multilingualism – theory and practice". Four weeks of training with 30+ university students of the Universities of Yaounde 1, Buea, and Bamenda. Two weeks in Yaounde, two weeks in the Commune de Bazou, West Region of Cameroon (practicum).
- 08/2017 "1st Yaounde Summer School on African Multilingualism". University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon.
- 08/2017 "1st International Conference on African Multilingualism". University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon.
- 11/2012 "Theoretical and practical perspectives on Language Documentation in Cameroon: the place of sociolinguists and anthropologists". Catholic University of Cameroon Bamenda.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS AND SERVICES

Services as independent referee

- Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP)
- German Research Foundation (DFG)

- Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)
- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
- UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)
- International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC, Uhawai'i)
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