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RESEARCH INTERESTS

African linguistics – West Chadic – Language documentation and description – Kinship terminologies – Linguistic complexity – Cognitive semantics

POSITIONS

2022-present Associate Professor (STAA-01/I - African languages & literatures) – UniOr DAAM
2019-2022 Tenure-track Assistant Professor (STAA-01/I - African languages & literatures) – UniOr DAAM
2016-2019 Junior Assistant Professor (STAA-01/I - African languages & literatures) – UniOr DAAM

TEACHING

2016-present Hausa language (BA & MA) / Hausa literature (BA & MA) – UniOr DAAM
2012-2014 Ethnolinguistics (MA) – UniOr DAAM

PROJECTS AND GRANTS

2023-2025 “Linguistic complexity: Structural perspectives to local complexities across West African languages” (P.I., PRIN2022 programme)
2022-2024 “La trasmissione del sapere tra oralità e scrittura” (member, UniOr, *Progetto di Ricerca di Ateneo* 2022-24)
2022-2024 “Lessico e narrativa da Covid-19 in hausa e swahili” (member, UniOr, *Progetto di Ricerca di Dipartimento* 2022-2024)
2019-2022 “Documentation of Kushi, a Chadic language of Northern Nigeria” (P.I., grant SOAS – ELPD programme)
2017-2018 “Description of Kushi (Nigeria)” (DAAM–UNIOR)
2015 “The language of emotions in Hausa” (DAAM–UNIOR)
2011-2015 “Documentation and description of Bure (Nigeria)” (DAAM–UNIOR / PRIN programme)
2012 “Description of Bure (Nigeria)” (grant Kay Williamson Educational Foundation (UK)
2011 “A Dictionary of Bure” (grant The Society for Endangered Languages GBS, Köln)

PUBLICATIONS

Batic, G.C. 2023. "The semantic complexity of Hausa kinship terms", *Topics in Linguistics* 24 (2): 15-29, <https://doi.org/10.2478/topling-2023-0009>

Batic, G.C. 2023. "Reference tracking and logophoricity in Kushi reported discourse", in Rose-Juliet Anyanwu (ed.), *Logophoricity, Pronouns, and Pronominals in African Languages*, issue of *Frankfurter Afrikanistische Blätter* 31: 57-68. [ISSN 0937-3039, ISBN 9783896453679]

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Batic, G.C. 2022. "Soldiers, coffee and markets: On Baldi's *Dictionary of Arabic Loanwords in the Languages of Central and East Africa*", *Journal of African Languages and Literatures* 3: 120-132, <https://doi.org/10.6093/jalalit.v3i3.9168>

Batic, G.C. 2022. "Giving back? A perspective on community, researcher, and information", in Aliyu Mu'azu, Aliyu Musa, Isa Mukhtar, Hafizu Miko Yakasai, Yakubu Magaji Azare, and Jibril Shu'aibu Adamu (eds.), *Hausa within Chadic Studies in the 21st Century. A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Nina Pawlak*, Kano: Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore, 371-378. [ISBN 978-978-2111-93-7]

Batic, G.C. 2021. "The future of minority languages in Nigeria", in Ilaria Micheli, Flavia Aiello, Maddalena Toscano, e Amelia Pensabene (eds.), *Language and Identity Theories and experiences in lexicography and linguistic policies in a global world*, Trieste: EUT, 217-230. [ISBN 978-88-5511-267-3 (print) / 978-88-5511-268-0 (online)]

Batic, G.C. 2020. "Measuring phonological complexity in West African languages", in Nina Pawlak and Izabela Will (eds.), *West African Languages. Theory and Communication*, Warsaw: University of Warsaw, pp. 23-45, <https://doi.org/10.31338/uw.9788323546313>, ISBN: 978-83-235-4623-8)

Batic, G.C. 2019. Documentation of Kushi, a Chadic language of Northern Nigeria. Endangered Languages Archive. <http://hdl.handle.net/2196/0acac49a-78bd-43a1-80e7-2e6e4d420845> [https://www.ELARarchive.org/dk0624]

Batic, G.C. 2019. "Hunting and Hunting-related Practices among the Kushi (Northeastern Nigeria)", *Ethnologia Actualis* 19 (1): 1-13 [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/eas-2019-0007>, ISSN 1339-7877]

Batic, G.C. 2019. "The theory of not having a theory: Descriptive linguistics in practice", in Vesna Lopičić and Biljana Mišić Ilić (eds.), *Jezik, Književnost, Teorija / Language, Literature, Theory*: 41-51. Niš: Univerzitet u Nišu, Filozofski fakultet [ISBN 978-86-7379-495-2]

Batic, G.C. 2019. "Verb pluractionals in Kushi", *AION* 79: 3-17 [ISSN 0393-3180]

Batic, G.C. 2019. "Verb classes and TAM system in Kushi (Nigeria)", in Henry Tourneux and Yvonne Treis (eds.), *Topics in Chadic Linguistics X: Papers from the 9th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages, Villejuif, September 7-8, 2017*. In Memoriam Russell G. Schuh. (Chadic Linguistics / Linguistique Tchadique / Tschadistik, 11.): 67-84, Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe. [ISBN 978-3-89645-530-7]

- Batic, G.C. 2017. "Shinni ma Shomi kan Kerfotagha', a Kushi story", *Afrikanistik-Aegyptologie-Online*, Vol. 2017, Iss.1 [ISSN 1860-7462]
- Batic, G.C. 2017. "The origins of Kushi in oral narratives", *Studies of the Department of African Languages and Cultures* 51: 5-22. [ISSN 0860-4649]
- Batic, G.C. 2017. "Lo spazio della ricerca nell'area kushi (Nigeria): lingua, comunità e documentazione", *Ethnorêma* 13: 1-10. [ISSN: 1826-8803, doi:10.23814/ethn.13.17.bat]
- Batic, G.C. 2017. "Of direction, will, and intention: An analysis of Hausa nufa". In: G.C. Batic and R. Leger (eds.), *Studia Africana – Papers in Honour of Sergio Baldi*: 33-40, Köln: Rüdiger Köppe. [ISBN: 9783896459155]
- Batic, G.C. 2017. "Emotions in Hausa". In N. Tersis and P. Boyeldieu (eds.), *Le langage de l'émotion : variations linguistiques et culturelles*: 481-500. Leuven: Peeters [978-90-429-3452-8]
- Batic, G.C. 2015. "On Bure verbal morphology and TAM system". In G.C. Batic and S. Baldi (eds.), *Selected Proceedings of the Symposium on West African Languages (Naples, 27-28 March 2014)*. Napoli: Il Torcoliere - Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo. [ISSN 1828-5910]
- Batic, G.C. and S. Baldi (eds.). 2015. *Selected Proceedings of the Symposium on West African Languages (Naples, 27-28 March 2014)*, Studi africanistici/serie Ciado-sudanese. Napoli: Il Torcoliere - Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo. [ISSN 1828-5910]
- Batic, G.C. and S. Baldi. 2015. "My belly is white, my heart is black'. Encoding emotions in a West African culture". In Marek Kuczyński and Leszek Szymański (eds.), *Language, thought and education: exploring networks*: 213-234. Zielona Gora: Uniwersytet Zielonogórski [978-83-7842-184-9]
- Batic, G.C. 2015. "Bure verbs", *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* 1: 101-109 [ISBN 978-2-35935-146-0; ISSN 2429-2230]
- Batic, G.C. 2014. *A Grammatical Sketch of Bure*, Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe [978-3-89645-528-4]
- Batic, G.C. 2014. "Hausaization and identity: The case of Bure, a dying language of northern Nigeria". In A. Boudlal, A. Sabil and M. Yeou (eds.), *Proceeding of the 1st International Conference on Cultures and Languages in Contact*: 167-178. Conferences and seminars n°18. El Jadida: MCRG and Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences.
- Batic, G.C. 2013. "The Bure language: An overview". In Henry Tourneux (ed.), *Topics in Chadic Linguistics 8. Comparative and Descriptive Studies (Papers from the 6th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages, Villejuif, September 22-23, 2011)*: 27-42. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe. [ISBN 978-3-89645-527-7]
- Batic, G.C. 2013. "Documenting Bure, a Chadic language of northern Nigeria: The clause structure". In Alessandro Mengozzi and Mauro Tosco (eds.), *Sounds and Words through the Ages: Afro-Asiatic Studies from Turin*. Series DOST – critical studies. Alessandria: Dell'Orso [ISBN 978-88-6274-438-6]

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- Batic, G.C. 2010. "Lexicon and grammar of space in West Chadic". In G. Marotta, A. Lenci, L. Meini and F. Rovai (eds.), *Space in Language. Proceedings of the Pisa International Conference*: 433-445. Pisa: Edizioni ETS. [ISBN 978-884672902-6]
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- Batic, G.C. 2009. "Imaginative dimension and experiential constructions in Hausa and Bole". In Eva Rothmaler (ed.), *Topics in Chadic Linguistics V. Comparative and Descriptive Studies (Papers from the 4th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages, Bayreuth, October 30-31, 2007)*: 51-64. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe. [ISBN 978-3-89645-525-3]
- Batic, G.C. 2006. "Towards a Hausa metaphorical lexicon", *AION* 66/1-4:17-41. [ISSN 0393-3180]

Talks

- 2023, 25 January / Recalibrating Afrikanistik (RecAf) – Creativity in Language and Beyond (Federal University Wukari, Abuja 23-27 January 2023) / paper: "Self-publishing in Africa(n languages)"
- 2022, 11 November / 11th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages (University of Vienna, 11-12 November 2022) / paper: "The 'Widala material': A look into the orature of the Widala-Kholok group"
- 2022, 23 September / 4th Symposium on West African Languages – SyWAL2022 (Università di Napoli L'Orientale, 21-23 September 2022) / paper: "The lexicographic treatment of West African kinship terminologies"
- 2022, 22 April / VII Congresso CUCS Napoli 2022 – La cooperazione universitaria nelle nuove sfide per lo sviluppo sostenibile (UniOr, Università di Napoli "Federico III", 21-23 aprile 2022) /

paper (con Flavia Aiello, UniOr): "Il discorso pandemico nelle narrative prodotte sui social media: una prospettiva di ricerca sulla usersphere hausofona e swahilofona"

2019, 4-5 October / 10th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages (LLACAN-CNRS Villejuif, Paris) / paper: "The Kushi trickster and his victims"

2019, 11-16 June / Summer School "Reading Literatures in African Languages" Scuola di Procida per l'Alta Formazione – UNIOR (Naples) / "Linguistic fieldwork and oral traditions"

2019, 22-23 May 2019 / Reported Discourse across Languages and Cultures (LLACAN-CNRS Villejuif, Paris) / paper: "Logophoricity in Kushi"

2018, 26-29 September / 3rd Symposium on West African Languages (University of Warsaw) / paper: "Measuring phonological complexity in West African Languages"

2018, 27-28 April / Language, Literature, Theory (University of Niš) / paper: "The theory of not having a theory: Descriptive linguistics in practice"

2017, 7-8 September / 9th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages (LLACAN-CNRS Villejuif, Paris) / paper: "Verbal classes and TAM system in Kushi (Nigeria)"

2016, 27-29 November / 2nd Symposium on West African Languages (SyWAL2016), University of Vienna / paper: "The two lovers: Universal themes and cultural variations in a Hausa dilemma story"

2014, 27-28 March / Symposium on West African Languages 2014 (SyWAL2014), University of Naples "L'Orientale" / paper: "On Bure Verbal Morphology and TAM System"

2013, 7-10 March / Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics 2013 (GURT) & 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) "African Languages: Specifics and Universals", Georgetown University (Washington D.C, USA) / paper: "The Bure Verbal System"

2013, 28 February - 3 March / 3rd International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC), "Sharing Worlds of Knowledge" (University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, USA)

2012, 20-24 August / 7th World Congress of African Linguistics (University of Buea, Cameroon) / paper: "A Hausa Semantics of Affect: Love Encoding in Computer Mediated Linguistic Exchange"

2012, 15 August / Jos Linguistic Circle (Nigeria) / paper: "Documentation of Bure"

2012, 6-8 June / Wealth and Societies, IXth Annual International and Interdisciplinary Symposium of the Maison René-Ginouvès, Archaeology and Social Anthropology (Nanterre, France) / paper: "Wealth as an Idealised Cognitive Cultural Model in Computer Mediate Linguistic Exchange. A Case-Study from Nigeria"

2012, 1 June / Language, Thought and Education (University of Zielona Góra, Poland) / paper (with Sergio Baldi): "'My heart is white, your belly is black': Encoding Emotions in a West African Culture"

- 2012, 10 April / Typologie de l'expression des émotions, syntaxe et sémantique (CELIA - CNRS Villejuif, France) / "Emotions in Hausa"
- 2011, 23-24 November / 1st International Conference on Cultures and Languages in Contact (MCRG and Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, El Jadida, Morocco) / paper: "Hausaization and Identity: the Case of Bure, a Dying Language of Northern Nigeria"
- 2011, 22-23 September / 6th Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages (LLACAN-CNRS Villejuif, Paris) / paper: "The Bure Language: an Overview"
- 2011, 15-18 June / 14th Italian Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics (University of Turin, Italy) / paper: "Documenting Bure, a Chadic Language of Northern Nigeria: the Clause Structure"
- 2010, 5-7 July / 3rd International Conference on Hausa Studies: African and European Perspectives (University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy) / paper: "Domains of lexical permeability: social networking in Hausa"
- 2010, 8-10 April / Space and Time across Languages, Disciplines and Cultures (University of Cambridge, UK) / paper: "Space-Time-Quality: Encoding and Representation in Chadic"
- 2009, 8-10 October / Space in Language (University of Pisa, Italy) / paper: "Lexicon and Grammar of Space in West Chadic"
- 2008, 11-13 September / VIII International Afro-Asiatic Congress (University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy) / paper: "Idealized Cognitive Models and Hausa Experiential Constructions: Preferred Strategies and Pragmatical Devices"
- 2007, 30-31 October / Fourth International Biennial Colloquium on the Chadic Languages (University of Bayreuth, Germany) / paper: "Imaginative Dimension and Experiential Constructions in Hausa and Bole"
- 2006, 6 September / Department of Nigerian Languages, Bayero University Kano / paper: "Metaphorization in Experience and Cognition"