

Since October 2012 academic coordinator of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies

### Academic positions

2009-2012 Postdoctoral research fellow at the **Asien-Afrika-Institut of Hamburg University**, main investigator of DFG (German Science Foundation) Joint project of AAI, UHH, and AHRC with SOAS, University of London, “A study of Old Kanembu in Early West African Qur’anic manuscripts and Islamic recitations (Tarjumo) in the light of Kanuri-Kanembu dialects spoken around Lake Chad”

2003-2008 Lecturer, member of research staff at the **Department of African Studies, University of Leipzig**. Teaching (Bachelor, Magister, Master students), responsible for students affairs, co-ordinator of the B.A. programme „Afrikastudien“; chairperson of the Faculty’s “Studienkommission Afrikanistik”, co-ordinator of the Socrates/Erasmus programme (African languages & linguistics), research

1994-2002 Research associate and lecturer, Joint Research Project 268 “Cultural development and language history in the West African Savannah” funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG), affiliated to the **Department of African Linguistics, University of Frankfurt**.

Work in two interdisciplinary research groups: “On the genesis of the ethno-linguistic situation at the south-western fringe of Lake Chad basin” (1997-2002); “Continuity and change in language, oral literature and music in the Lake Chad region“ (1994-1996)

1992-1994 Lecturer at the **Department of Anthropology and African Studies, University of Mainz**

### Scientific Background

1999 Ph.D. in African Linguistics, University of Frankfurt. (Major: Afrikanistik) Title of dissertation: „*Die Sprache der Malgwa - Nára Málgwa. Grammatische Erstbeschreibung einer zentral-tschadischen Sprache Nordost-Nigerias*“ [The language of the Malgwa - being the first grammatical description of this Central Chadic language spoken in North-eastern Nigeria]

1992 M.A. in African Linguistics, University of Mainz. Title: “*Die Entwicklung der Phonologie und Orthographie im Kanuri von der Mitte des 19. Jahrhunderts bis in die Gegenwart*“ [The development of phonology and orthography in Kanuri from the mid 19th century until present]

1985-1992 Studies at the University of Mainz. Major: African Languages and Cultures (“Afrikanische Philologie”), Minors: Social Anthropology and Education sciences

### Research Interests

- Regional: West Africa, Lake Chad region (extensive field research in Nigeria, Niger, Chad)
- Thematic:
  - Areal linguistics: Language contact and Language change
  - Endangered and minority languages
  - Dialectology
  - (Central) Chadic languages (Afroasiatic)
  - Kanuri/Kanembu within the Saharan Languages (Nilosaharan)
  - Intercultural studies
  - Discourse analysis

### Organisation of Workshops & Conferences

2011 Cooperation in exhibition and catalogue „Faszination Handschriften. 2000 Jahre Manuskriptkulturen in Asien, Afrika und Europa“ in the Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek, Hamburg University

2010 Organization of “4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop & 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of AAI (Germany) and SOAS (UK) teams of Joint DFG/AHRC project “Kanembu“, Hamburg University

2009 Organization of the “5<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Chadic Colloquium“, Leipzig University  
 2007 Organisation: Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> interdisciplinary Workshop on Nigerian Qur’anic manuscripts: an interdisciplinary study of the Kanuri glosses and Arabic commentaries, (AHRC Project at SOAS, London). University of Leipzig, 20-21 April 2007  
 2006 – 2007 Organisation of weekly Colloquium at the Institute of African Studies, University Leipzig  
 2005 Organisation of book presentation and panel of the Institute of African Studies, University of Leipzig, at the Leipzig Book fair  
 1998 –1999 Organisation of different workshops in Maiduguri (Nigeria) on language standardization of Malgwa, cultural exchange, etc.)  
 1996 – 2003 Organization of various meetings of the Borno Museum Society in Maiduguri (Nigeria), Assistance in planning and preparation of exhibitions  
 1993 Member of organizing committee, Meeting of der African Studies Association in Germany (VAD): „Afrika hilft sich selbst. Prozesse und Institutionen der Selbstorganisation“, University of Mainz, 20-22 May 1993

### Memberships and positions (selection)

- External examiner at University of Maiduguri (Nigeria), Department of Languages and Linguistics
- Founding member of the Fachverband Afrikanistik, Interim member of the Board
- Associate member of the Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Afrikaforschung (ZIAF), Universität Frankfurt/Main
- Founding member of the German Cognitive Linguistics Association
- Member of the Society for Endangered Languages (GBS)
- Coordinator of the European branch of the Borno Museum Society (Nigeria)
- Member of the “Həḡya Society for the promotion of Malgwa culture and language”, Maiduguri
- Member of the “Kanuri Studies Association“, University of Maiduguri
- Supporter of Nigerian NGO “Borno Development Initiative“ (Borno State)

### Teaching experience

since 1992, undergraduate and graduate courses (Bachelor, Magister, Master students) at various Universities (Frankfurt, Mainz, Leipzig). Selected subjects: African languages in space and time, Kiswahili language course, Language contact, Languages of Wider Communication in West Africa, Methods and techniques of scientific work, Methods of linguistic field research, Morphology, Phonetics / Phonology, Saharan Languages, Structure of the Kanuri language, Structure of the Malgwa language, Verbal systems.

### Field research / Grants

2012 DFG-Grant for a congress travel to Buea (Cameroun) to the World Congress of African Linguistics  
 2009 - 2011 DFG-Grant for linguistic field research: (2–3 month per annum) in Niger, Chad, Nigeria  
 2006 DFG-Grant for a congress travel to the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress of African Linguistics conference, Addis Abeba (Ethiopia)  
 2005 DFG-Grant for a congress travel to the Mega Chad conference, Marua (Cameroun) and a lecture series in Maiduguri (Nigeria)  
 1994 – 2002 DFG-Grant for linguistic field research in Nigeria (2 - 3 months per annum), within the framework of the Joint Research project “West African Savannah”, SFB 268

- 1990 DAAD-grant for a 2-month Hausa language course in Kano, Nigeria
- 1988 DAAD-grant for a 2-month Kiswahili language course in Nairobi, Malindi and Lamu, Kenya

## Selected publications

### Monographs / Edited Books

- 2011 *Kanuri, Borno and Beyond. Current Studies on the Lake Chad Region*. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe. 208 S. (Co-editors Eva Rothmaler & Georg Ziegelmeyer)
- 2011 *Topics in Chadic Linguistics VI. Comparative and Descriptive Studies. Papers from the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages. Leipzig, June 11-13 2009*. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe. 203 S. (Co-editor Ari Awagana)
- 2004 *Mensch und Natur in Westafrika. – Ergebnisse aus dem Sonderforschungsbereich "Kultur-entwicklung und Sprachgeschichte im Naturraum Westafrikanische Savanne"*. Weinheim: Wiley-VCH. 537 S. (Co-editors Klaus-Dieter Albert & Katharina Neumann)
- 2002 *Die Sprache der Malgwa – Nárá Málgwa. Grammatische Erstbeschreibung einer zentralschadischen Sprache Nordost-Nigerias*. Frankfurt: Peter Lang. 336 S.

### Articles in Edited Books and Journals

- 2013 (in prep.) "You are leaving the Hausa sector! – The language contact scenario on the eastern fringes of the assumed Lake Chad Sprachbund", International Workshop: Catching Language in the Wider Lake Chad Area – The Constant Challenges of Language Change, Gumpoldskirchen. 02.12.2011
- 2012 (Ms.) Leben und Sterben in Bol – die saharanische Verbalklasse I im Kanembu. For: Proceedings of the 20th Afrikanistentag, Universität zu Köln. 29.05.-2.6. 2012, *Afrikanistik Online*.
- 2012 (submitted) Grammaticalized verbal forms in Kanuri/Kanembu. For *Proceedings of 7<sup>th</sup> WOCAL*, August 2012, Buea (Cameroun). (with Eva Rothmaler)
- 2011 Die Kanuri/Kanembu Manuskriptkultur / The Kanuri/Kanembu manuscript culture. In: Quenzer, J. (Ed.) *Ausstellungskatalog Faszination Handschriften. 2000 Jahre Manuskriptkulturen in Asien, Afrika und Europa*. Manuscript cultures, Newsletter 4. Universität Hamburg, Asien-Afrika-Institut. 61-67. (with D. Bondarev)
- 2011 Differential subject marking in Kanuri: agentivity, pragmatics, and split-intransitive. In: Löhr, D., E. Rothmaler & G. Ziegelmeyer (Ed.) *Kanuri, Borno and Beyond - Current Studies on the Lake Chad Region*. Köln: Köppe. 27-57. (with D. Bondarev, P. Jaggar & A. Tijani).
- 2011 Bólantó zóla átá yáwe 'sending an eagle up to water' – Multiword expressions in Malgwa. In: Löhr, D. & A. Awagana (Ed.) *Topics in Chadic Linguistics VI. Comparative and Descriptive Studies. Papers from the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages. Leipzig, June 10-13, 2009*. Köln: Köppe. 131-143.
- 2010 Coding temporal subordination in Malgwa. In: Ziegelmeyer, G. & N. Cyffer (Ed.) *Aspects of Co- and Subordination*. Köln: Köppe. 101-117.
- 2009 Reduction of dialectal features in Kanuri as outcome of language contact. In: Cyffer, N. & G. Ziegelmeyer (Ed.) *When Languages Meet – Language Contact and Change in West Africa*. Köln: Köppe. 23-41.
- 2009 Lake Chad and the migratory routes to Borno: A linguistic trail? In: Tourneux, H. (Ed.) *XIII<sup>th</sup> Mega-Chad Conference "Migrations and spatial mobility in the Lake Chad Basin"*, Maroua, 31.10.-3.11.2005. Montpellier/Marseille: Editions de l'IRD, collection "Colloques et séminaires". 665-681.
- 2009 Loanwords in Kanuri, a Saharan language. In: Haspelmath, M. & Tadmor, U. (Ed.) *Lexical borrowing in cross-linguistic perspective*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 166-190. (with H.E. Wolff & A. Awagana)
- 2009 Loanwords in Hausa. Results from the Loanword typology project. In: Rothmaler, E. (Ed.) *Topics in Chadic Linguistics V. Comparative and Descriptive Studies. Papers from the 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial*

- International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages. Bayreuth, 30-31 October 2007.* Köln: Köppe. 37-49. (with A. Awagana)
- 2008 [2005, delivered 2008]. Convergence in Saharan and Chadic TAM Systems. *Afrika und Übersee* 88: 265-299. *Special volume: Johannes Lukas (1901-1980) - 25th anniversary of his death.* (with H. E. Wolff)
- 2008 Revisiting the aspectual domain in Malgwa (Central Chadic). In: Takács, G. (Ed.) *Semito-Hamitic Festschrift for A.B. Dolgopolsky and H. Jungraithmayr.* Berlin: Reimer. 173-185.
- 2007 Predication focus in Malgwa. In: Tourneux, H. (Ed.) *Topics in Chadic Linguistics IV: Comparative and Descriptive Studies. Papers from the 3rd Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages. Villejuif, November 24-25, 2005.* Köln: Rüdiger Köppe. 87-101.
- 2007 Nigerian Kanuri (Sub-)Dialects Reconsidered - a Corpus-based Approach. In: Payne, D. L. & M. Reh (Ed.) *Advances in Nilo-Saharan Linguistics. Proceedings of 8<sup>th</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, University of Hamburg, Aug. 22-25, 2001.* Köln: Köppe. 165-182.
- 2006 Encoding Focus in Verbal Morphology: Predication Focus and the "Kanuri Focus Shift". In: Fiedler, I. & A. Schwarz (Ed.) *Papers on Information Structure in African Languages: Berlin: ZASPIL, 46: 185-209.* (with H. E. Wolff)
- 2004 Types, patterns and kinds of lexical distribution and their correlations. In: Ibrizimow, D. & E. Rothmaler (Ed.) *Tesserae of Borno. In memoriam William Seidensticker. Frankfurter Afrikanistische Blätter* 16: 26-50. (with D. Ibrizimow)
- 2004 Westwärts zieht der Wind - Migrationen im südlichen Tschadseegebiet. In: Albert, K.D., D. Löhr & K. Neumann (Ed.) *Mensch und Natur in Westafrika. – Ergebnisse aus dem Sonderforschungsbereich "Kulturentwicklung und Sprachgeschichte im Naturraum Westafrikanische Savanne".* Weinheim: Wiley. 169-195. (with H. Jungraithmayr & R. Leger)
- 2003 The Malgwa - a historical overview and some ethnographic notes. *Borno Museum Society Newsletter* 56 & 57: 23-43.
- 2003 Locative-directional verbal extensions and prepositions in Malgwa. In: Lébikaza, K. K. (Ed.) *Actes du 3<sup>e</sup> Congrès Mondial de Linguistique Africaine Lomé 2000.* [World Congress of African Linguistics 3]. Köln: Köppe. 189-206.
- 2002 The Malgwa in Maiduguri. In: Kawka, R. (Ed.) *From Bulamari to Yerwa to Metro-politan Maiduguri - Interdisciplinary Studies on the Capital of Borno.* Köln: Köppe. 127-143.
- 2001 Saharanisch. In: Mabe, J. E. (Ed.) *Afrika-Lexikon. Ein Kontinent in 1000 Stichwörtern.* Stuttgart, Wuppertal: J.B. Metzler, Peter Hammer. 532.
- 2001 Masakwa from a linguistic point of view. In: Kahlheber, S. & K. Neumann (Ed.) *Man and environment in the West African Sahel – an interdisciplinary approach.* Berichte des Sonderforschungsbereichs 268, 17. Frankfurt. 85-103.
- 2001 Historical implications of a linguistic environment – towards a systemic approach. In: *Proceedings of the International Symposium 1999.* Berichte des SFBs 268, 14. Frankfurt. 179-190. (mit D. Ibrizimow, R. Kawka, C. Mtaku, R. Vogels & I.M. Waziri).
- 1999 Traces of a lost gender distinction? A Study of Malgwa (Central Chadic) zoonymes. *Frankfurter Afrikanistische Blätter* 11: 145-155.
- 1998 Sprachkontakte bei den Malgwa (Gameru) in Nordostnigeria. In: Fiedler, I., C. Griefenow-Mewis & B. Reineke (Ed.) *Afrikanische Sprachen im Brennpunkt der Forschung. Linguistische Beiträge zum 12. Afrikanistentag Berlin, 3.-6.10.1996.* Köln: Köppe. 251-269.
- 1997 The development of Kanuri orthography from 1854 until the present. In: Cyffer, N. & Th. Geider (Ed.) *Advances in Kanuri scholarship.* Köln: Köppe. 77-113.
- 1996 Masakwa dry season cropping in the Chad basin. In: SFB 268 (Ed.) *Berichte des Sonderforschungsbereiches 268, Vorträge Internationales Symposium, Frankfurt/Main 13.12.-16.12.1995.* Frankfurt. 349-356. (with B. Zach, H. Kirscht, K. Neumann, E. Platte)