

Somali Workshop VI

Language & Music in Somali

Kick-off meeting – IRN LaMuSoM

Venue : Nantes Université, Censive, C248

2 July 2026

- 8:30 AM** Welcome
- 9 AM** Martin Orwin (Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale") – *Poetic form and music in the Somali belwo and heello*
- 10 AM** Coffee break
- 10:30 AM** Sabrina Bendjaballah (LLING Nantes Université & CNRS) & Martin Haiden (LLING Nantes Université & CNRS) – *On Somali middles*
- 11:30 AM** Morgan Nilsson (University of Gothenburg) – *The genitive in Somali*
- 12:30 AM** Lunch break
- 2 PM** Nina Hagen Kaldhol (The Arctic University of Norway) – *On the predictive function of tone*
- 3 PM** Hawa Abdillahi (University of Djibouti) – *Structure épenthétique des emprunts français dans le SOMdji*
- 4 PM** Coffee break
- 4:30 PM** Jama Musse Jama (Somaliland Centre for African Studies) – *The Somali NLP Ecosystem: Integrating High-Resource Frameworks with Culturally-Sensitive Fine-Tuning*
- 5:30 PM** Giorgio Banti (ISMEO) – *A case of superdiversity (Part II): parts of speech in grammaticography and lexicography by Somali scholars*
- 7:30 PM** Dinner

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- 8:30 AM** Round Table 1. *Grammatical description and analysis* – coord. Sabrina Bendjaballah (LLING Nantes Université & CNRS)
- 10:30 AM** Coffee break
- 11 AM** Round Table 2. *Natural language processing* – coord. Morgan Nilsson (University of Gothenburg)
- 1 PM** Lunch break
- 3 PM** Round Table 3. *Poetry and music* – coord. Martin Orwin (Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale")
- 5 PM** Farewell



Participants: Hawa Abdillahi, Giorgio Banti, Sabrina Bendjaballah, Patricia Cabredo Hofherr, Martin Haiden, Nina Hagen Kaldhol, David Le Gac, Jama Musse Jama, Morgan Nilsson, Martin Orwin, Clément Plancq

