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Einladung zum Vortrag

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Documenting lexical data in Siwi Berber

In pursuing my main goal of describing and documenting Siwi, a Berber language (Afroasiatic) spoken in Siwa (Egypt), I have often made the choice to privilege the collection of different genres and topics that would eventually turn out to be functional also for my secondary objective, consisting in the collection of lexical data of selected semantic fields, especially those representing Siwi cultural knowledge.

The presentation gives an overview of my previous and current work, but additionally discusses the methodology (including the software I have been using), the challenges (misinterpretation, translation problems, my insufficient expertise in some fields, uneven lexical knowledge of the speakers...) and the results obtained so far. I am also interested in engaging in a discussion on the relevance of including lexical material in descriptive grammars.

A brief biography

Dr. Valentina Schiattarella is a Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at Hamburg University.

Her main areas of work are:

- Language documentation and description
- Berber Languages (Afro-Asiatic)
- Siwi (Egypt)
- Fieldwork Linguistics
- Oral literature