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**Dissertation: “Information structure in
Gamo: The grammaticalization of ‘copula’
elements in Ometo”**

In this presentation I am going to talk about the function and grammaticalization of the so called affirmative declarative “copula” elements in the Ometo subgroup. Ometo is the largest subgroup of Omotic which comprises 16 languages which are spoken in South and Southwestern Ethiopia. The subgroup is further divided into Northern, Southern, Western, and Eastern Ometo. As I do not have enough material on the languages of the Western and Southern subgroups, I will mainly discuss data from the Northern and Eastern languages.

The presentation is organized in two sections. In the first section I will discuss the general distribution and function of the elements in the languages of the two subgroups. In the second section, I will look at previous studies which claim that these morphemes are borrowed from the neighboring Highland East Cushitic languages. Finally, I will propose a different origin based on the theory of grammaticalization.

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Alle Interessierten sind herzlich eingeladen!