

Visit to the Institute of Asian and African Studies-Humboldt University: Short report

My visit to the Institute of Asian and African Studies of Humboldt University was scheduled to last three months, from 15th June to 15th September 2021. The visit was in the context of TWAS-DFG Cooperation visit and was fully funded by TWAS-DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - German Research Foundation). Over the three months at the Institute of Asian and African Studies, I've been working on a research project entitled ideophones/onomatopoeia in Kinyarwanda. Ideophones are words that evoke an idea in sound or that imitate or mimic an action or an event. From the existing literature, ideophones in Kinyarwanda have been ignored or given less attention than parts of speech that have been well described. At the end of the visit, I produced the draft of the project, which I have shared with colleagues and other researchers for comments. As soon I have collected comments and made necessary corrections, the paper will be submitted to an international journal for publication. May I take this opportunity to request DFG to fund the publication of the paper once accepted for publication?

I would like to thank Humboldt University through the Institute of Asian and African Studies for hosting me for three months. During the visit, I was given full access to all the library resources, both electronic and hard copies as well as full access to the internet. I am grateful to Prof. Dr Tom Güldemann for inviting me to the Institute, providing me with a working space, and for fruitful discussions. I would also like to thank the staff and students in the Institute of Asian and African Studies for a warm welcome reserved for me. Particularly, I thank Astrid for all the assistance provided to me from sending me the official invitation letter to booking the air ticket and the accommodation and facilitating my arrival at the Institute as well as subsequent guidance while in Berlin. I am grateful to Daniel for helping me to find my way in the wonderful city of Berlin, showing me where to do shopping and guiding me on how to access the library resources. I have to sincerely thank TWAS-DFG for funding the visit. Without their financial support, this visit would not have taken place and the project would not have been completed. Last but not least, I would like to thank the Humboldt University Guest House staff for making my stay in the guest house as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.