Object Marking in Uncunwee Angelika Jakobi & Robert Williams

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Uncunwee is the language of the Uncu people who are also known by the xenonym Ghulfan. Uncunwee is a member of the Kordofan Nubian dialect cluster spoken in the northern Nuba Mountains of Southern Kordofan Province in the center of Sudan. Uncunwee is a SOV language. In this talk, we will discuss object marking. In Uncunwee, the object marking devices include i) constituent order, ii) morphological case marking by the clitic –gi which may mark both the Patient and the Recipient noun phrase, and iii) cross reference markers on the verb, i.e. derivational morphemes which refer to a direct and indirect object.