The Pronominal system of Belanda Boor Beatrix von Heyking

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This talk is about the Belanda Boor language, which is spoken in Southern Sudan in an area stretching from Waw (in Bahr-el-Ghazal) northwards to Western-Equatoria. Boor is classified as Nilo-Saharan, Western-Nilotic, Northern-Lwoo. It is specifically noted for its extreme contact situation with Belanda Bviri, an Ubangi language. Over the last 200 years Belanda Boor has developed into a more and more isolating language, which makes it a highly interesting member of the language family, and an interesting example of how language contact affects typological patterns and grammatical properties.

Up to now Belanda Boor has not received much attention by linguists, so that no documentation of the pronominal system has been published so far. Consequently, this talk offers first insights into the grammatical category of pronouns of this rather atypical member of the Lwoo family. The talk will focus on new data that originates from ongoing field research.