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Lexical and terminological studies in Wolof.

The case study of WASHING

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This presentation focuses on Wolof lexical studies. First, the state of the art is reviewed. Second, perspectives for further research are developed and a specific case study is discussed.

At Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (UCAD), numerous works have dealt with linguistic analysis of almost all Senegalese national languages. However, most of these approaches limit themselves to a descriptive view. In our study, we will explore different theoretical framework of lexicon studies in which Wolof lexical units can be appraised.

In a previous colloquium talk (summer 2021), Abibatou Diagne underlined some aspects to consider when coining appropriate terminology in Wolof language. It is a proposal to enrich Wolof terminology in specialized fields. We will propose some terminological approaches that are suitable for terminology practices in Wolof.

In addition to the theoretical aspects of Wolof lexicon, a case study is outlined in the semantic field of WASHING. We will discuss the advantages and limits of monolingual approaches and link the semantic field to questions of conceptualisation and cognition.