Classifiers in the Arawakan languages (ClAra)

What: Classifiers are a characteristic feature of many Arawakan languages. These morphemes categorize referents based primarily on their physical properties such as shape or consistency. Numerous Arawakan languages exhibit a complex system of multi-loci and multifunctional classifiers. The talks during the workshop will explore these classifier systems from various perspectives, covering both the language family as a whole and specific Arawakan languages.

When: Monday, 9 September 2024, 09:40-17:00 CET

Where: Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Lyon, salle Elise Rivet & online

How: The **one-day workshop** is designed to bring together researchers who are presently working on classifier systems in the Arawakan language family and to encourage open discussions about the topic.

Interested people outside of Lyon are welcome to listen to the talks and join the discussions online. **Registration** is free, but compulsory to receive the videoconference links. Register here.

Program

09.40 - 10.00	Welcome and Introduction	
10.00 – 10.50	**Saskia Dunn** *Leiden University*	Defining the Arawak classifier system: a closer look at multi-loci systems in Arawak
11.00 - 11.50	**Françoise Rose** *CNRS DDL*	Thoughts on the development of multi-loci classifier systems
11.50 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30 – 14.20	**Anita Obenaus** *Goethe University Frankfurt*	Exploring the variability of classifier assignment among Bolivia-Paraná Arawakan languages
14.30 – 15.20	**Zachary O'Hagan** *University of California, Berkeley*	Distinguishing Classifiers from Inalienable Nouns in Caquinte
15.30 – 16.20	**Sandra Cronhamn** *Lund University*	The versatility of classifiers in Baniwa
16.30 – 17.00	Closing Discussion	

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