Escaping African 'Islands'

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Message from the Guest Editor

We are pleased to announce a call for papers for a Special Issue of Languages, entitled "Escaping African 'Islands'", devoted entirely to islands and their porousness/absence in African languages. To the best of our knowledge, the volume will represent the first of its kind in the literature.

This Special Issue brings together research on African languages that seemingly represent counterexamples to classical island constraints in order to address the issue of the universality of island constraints and enrich our understanding of the nature of islands. Articles submitted for consideration of publication should both document instances of purported "island violations" in African languages and provide argumentation for the claim that escape (i.e. movement) took place in such cases. Articles should also discuss whether the "violations" in question reflect instances of "surface island variation" or "deep island violation" in Phillips' (2013a,b) sense and, if possible, speculate on why the relevant domains do not have island status in the language(s).

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