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Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift *A Phonology of Central Chadic* van Richard Gravina

1) A word-level palatalization prosody can be reconstructed for Proto-Central Chadic.

2) The palatalization prosody took on different forms in different Central Chadic languages, particularly the Consonant Prosody, the Vowel Prosody and the Mixed Prosody.

3) The labialization prosody and labialized labial consonants in present-day Central Chadic languages have developed from labialized velar consonants in Proto-Central Chadic.

4) There were three vowel phonemes in Proto-Central Chadic, /a/, /i/ and /ɨ/.

5) Mbuko (Central Chadic, Cameroon) marks noun phrases primarily as specific/non-specific rather than definite/indefinite.

6) Mbuko has structural criteria that restrict verbs to one suffix even when the semantics and agreement rules require up to four.

7) Jibbali (Semitic) can be described with a system of six underlying vowels, with phonological processes giving rise to a system of 22 surface vowels

8) In Mbuko culture, teaching is based on motivation, demonstration and instant correction.

9) Chameleons change colour according to emotion rather than their environment.

10) The United Kingdom only exists in the Channel Islands and the Eurovision Song Contest.