

## **Prosody in Siwi Berber**

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Siwi is an oral language that belongs to the Berber (also called Amazigh) language family (Afro-asiatic phylum), spoken in the Siwa Oasis (Egypt).

The presentation aims to provide a prosodic profile of the language through the description of features selected on the basis of their contribution in creating cohesion between different parts of discourse. One of the most noticeable features is the shift of nominal stress when used to track referents, based on their (textual) prominence. The data used for the presentation comes from recordings of different genres and topics.

The presentation will also briefly address methodological issues, such as the role of the linguist in determining what is relevant when attempting a prosodic description of a language for the first time (limited to the context of Berber languages).