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5th February (Sala 111 – Palácio do Vimioso - UEVORA)

**PROF. BERNARD CLIST – Ghent University,
Bantufirst research project - UK**

15h00 “Early villages and farming through humid forests, from Central
Africa southwards”

Recent progress in archaeology, linguistics, paleoenvironment and genetics are changing our perspectives about ancient villages and farming through African humid forests, from Central Africa southwards. How the early settlements spread through various ecosystems? How the Bantu languages spread? How climate change impacted those expansions? How genetic research contributes to our present understanding? How these recent developments from Central Africa connect to our knowledge in Eastern and Southern Africa? The conference will address these questions.

Bernard Clist did his MA and PhD at Brussels Free University in Belgium (1982 and 2005) about the Iron Age of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (MA Thesis) and the Neolithic and Early Iron Age of Central Africa (PhD Thesis). He has carried out and led since 1983 archaeological research in Angola, Cameroon, DRC, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon. Within the ERC funded KongoKing project, the first ever such programme on the Kongo kingdom which lasted from 2012 to 2016, he developed innovative historical archaeology methodologies and research. His main research interest though is with the earliest villages of Central Africa, their social economic dynamics and the analysis of their pottery. He has been Invited Professor at Ghent University and an associate researcher at the Paris based (France) Institut des Mondes Africains (IMAF).

