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1. This series will entertain proposals to publish book-length volumes on the subject of African languages and linguistics. This can include either monographs or edited volumes. Dictionary and grammar proposals should be directed to the African Language Grammars and Dictionaries series.
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