

# AFRICAN NEWS



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⌘ **The Africa Business Group**, run by the Centre of African Studies in association with *Africa Confidential*, will be holding two meetings this term. The ABG is a forum for the discussion of African affairs as they affect business, commerce, and finance across the continent. It brings together business people, journalists, diplomats and those in the NGOs with academics and scholars who share expertise on Africa. If you would like further information about membership or meetings, please contact the Centre of African Studies. Attendance is by invitation only.

**31 October**                    **‘Trade Flows in Africa: Trucks in the Mud: the Reality behind the Statistics’**  
by Alex Rottenburg (Drum Resources)

**29 November**                **‘Transport in Nigeria’ – Speaker to be confirmed**

The talks will take place between 12.15-2pm

Room 116 at SOAS

By Invitation only. Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email: [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)

⌘ **Africa Seminar organised by the Centre of African Studies**

**Thursdays at 5-6.30pm in Room B102, Brunei Gallery building, SOAS**

- 5 October *Archaic Kanuri/Kanembu: the development of a translation mechanism in Kanem-Borno (Lake Chad basin)* by Dmitry Bondarev (SOAS)
- 12 October *The Kente Weavers of Asante: A Non-Settler Model of Industrial Development in Africa* by Dede Amanor-Wilks (Department of Economic History, LSE)
- 19 October *Things Are No Longer What They Used To Be! The Yoruba Christian Woman and Her Quest for Identity in a Changing World* by Bolaji Bateye (Leventis Fellow, Centre of African Studies, University of London)
- 26 October *Damned by Debt Relief*, Documentary about Ghana by Ceri Dingle
- 2 November *The problems of doubling Aid in Africa* Jane Harrigan (SOAS)
- 16 November NGOs, HIV/Aids amongst rural youth in Uganda (Definite title to be confirmed) by Steve Bell, (Royal Holloway College)
- 23 November *Urban cultural traditions of the Somali-Benadiri Coast* by Anita Adams (SOAS)
- 30 November *Towards an alternative, inclusive model of language policy for nation-building in post-apartheid South Africa* by Jon Orman (Queen Mary College, University of London)
- 7 December *The Iconography of the Abayomi Barber School* by Dr Odiboh (Leventis Fellow at the Centre of African Studies, University of London)
- 14 December *Ambiguous Developments? A social and political history of 'development' and traditional leaders in Apartheid and Post-Apartheid Venda, South Africa* by Fraser Mcneill (LSE)

**Term 2 will be dedicated to the Series 'Slavery and Abolition of Slavery'.**

**If you wish to be considered to present a paper contact:**

Angelica Baschiera at CAS: [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)

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**EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

⌘ **Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society**

**Conference (13-14 October 2006):** The Britain Tanzania Society, Redditch One World Link and the UK One World Linking Association (UKOWLA) will be hosting a conference at Redditch Town hall, Worcestershire, in order to bring together community based groups in the UK who have links with partners in Tanzania. These include Local Authorities, Diaspora representatives, Faith-based group.

The conference is charged at £35 and £10 for students, this will include refreshments and dinner.

To book a place at the conference contact: Pepi O'Neill (UKOWLA) on [pepi@ukowla.org.uk](mailto:pepi@ukowla.org.uk)

For further information about the Britain Tanzania Society contact Roy Galbraith ([roygal@aol.com](mailto:roygal@aol.com))

⌘ **Meetings organized by the Britain Zimbabwe Society**

For further information visit: [www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm)

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⌘ **Meetings organized by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society.** For information about membership contact: Anglo-Ethiopian Society c/o The Secretary, PO Box 55506, London SW7 4YP Tel and Fax: 0771 721 0470/E-mail: [secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org](mailto:secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org).

For information about meetings contact: [events@anglo-ethiopian.org](mailto:events@anglo-ethiopian.org).

7 November *Addis Ababa in the 1950s-1960s. An illustrated talk* by Graham Tayar  
Room B102, Brunei Gallery, SOAS at 7pm

⌘ **Meetings organized by the Friends of Mali UK.** For general information contact [info@friendsofmali-uk.org](mailto:info@friendsofmali-uk.org), website: [www.friendsofmali-uk.org/](http://www.friendsofmali-uk.org/). For up-to-date information on meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (E-mail: [sarahcastle@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcastle@yahoo.com)).

⌘ **The Royal African Society meetings in association with CAS**

Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG (Tel: 020 7898 4390/E-mail: [ras@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras@soas.ac.uk)) announces the following meeting. The Royal African Society holds many open meetings during the year, information about these can be found on the RAS website: [www.royalafricansociety.org/](http://www.royalafricansociety.org/)

16 October "DR Congo Elections – Democracy at Stake: What do the candidates have to offer the Congolese?"  
6-8pm, SOAS (room tbc)  
The event is free  
To RSVP email [ras\\_research@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras_research@soas.ac.uk) or call 020 7898 4390

25 October "Restorative Justice in Africa"  
5-7pm, SOAS (room tbc)

*Speaker: Eliud Ngunjiri (CEO, RODI-Kenya)*

The event is free

To RSVP email [ras\\_research@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras_research@soas.ac.uk) or call 020 7898 4390

8 November

*The Intellectual Lives of the Mau Mau*

4pm, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh,  
Faculty Room South

Speaker: Derek Petersen (University of Cambridge)

For information contact: [Thomas.Molony@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.Molony@ed.ac.uk)

Please confirm all meetings by telephone with RAS as, very occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, they may be postponed. In the event of a cancellation or postponement a message will be left on the answer phone.

## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

⌘ At the **SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES**,  
**Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG (tel: +44 020 7637 2388)**

**History Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities.) African History Research Seminar** held on **Wednesdays in Room B111** from **17.00-18.30**

4 October

**T.C. McCaskie** (SOAS)

Water Wars in Kumasi, Ghana

11 October

**Darlene Miller** (Rhodes University)

'Working for South Africa - post-Apartheid regionalism and African labour at foreign, South African-owned shopping malls'

18 October

**Heather Hughes** (University of Lincoln)

'Writing about the life of John Langalibalele Dube: an 'interim statement' or a considered biography?'

25 October

**Amalia Ribí** (Lincoln College, Oxford)

'The Problem of Slavery in International Interwar Discourse on Ethiopia'

1 November

**Toby Green** (University of Birmingham)

"Conflict and Hegemony in Cabo Verde, 1497-1672"

8 November

Reading Week: No Seminar

15 November

**Joyce Kanan** (Wright State University)

'The debate over forced marriage in colonial Kenya: female empowerment and missionary discourses'

- 22 November **Betty Dlamini** (SOAS)  
‘Power behind the throne: a Swazi queen salvages what a king lost during the colonial advent’
- 29 November to be confirmed
- 6 December **Anthony Gorman** (University of Edinburgh)  
title to be confirmed

Enquiries to David Martin (e-mail: dm24@soas.ac.uk).

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⌘ At **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL), Gower street, London WC1E 6BT**

**West Africa Seminar held on Fridays at 4.30pm in Daryll Forde Seminar Room, UCL Anthropology, 14 Taverton St.**

For further information, contact Barrie Sharpe ([b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk); 020-7679-8649)

- 13 October *NGOs, social movements and rights-based development in north-west Cameroon: from clientelism to citizenship at the margins*  
**Sam Hickey & Nuhu Salihu** (University of Manchester & VillageAid)
- 20 October *Fulfulde religious verse: cultural context and mystical inspiration* **Louis Brenner** (SOAS)
- 27 October *Dogon rubbish* **LAURENCE DOUNY** (UCL)
- 3 November *Reading publics and the textual inventions of a colonial Yoruba Schoolmasters* **Karin Barber** (University of Birmingham)
- 17 November *Art and the canker-worm years in Nigeria, 1960–2006: the implications for Nigerian art history and its documentation*  
**Freeborn Odiboh** (Centre of African Studies, University of London Leventis Fellow]
- 24 November *Hierarchy, ethnicity, and identity in the Ader: A tale of three cities*  
**BENEDETTA ROSSI** (SOAS)

1 December *Title to be announced* **Bolaji Bateye** (Centre of African Studies, University of London Leventis Fellow]

8 December *Breaking Stones': Congolese pop music, patronage, migration and the public sphere* **Joe Trapido** (UCL)

The next African Peoples and Past's Seminar will take place on **Wednesday 22nd Feb** at 6pm in room 612 at the Institute of Archaeology.

Professor Timothy Insoll (Manchester University) will be talking on:

"Shrine Franchising and the Neolithic in the British Isles: Some Observations based upon the Tallensi, Northern Ghana"

This will be followed by a wine reception and other refreshments in the staff common room.

If you have any questions you can contact me (j.humphris@ucl.ac.uk), or John (john.giblin@ucl.ac.uk).

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⌘ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AR (tel: +44 (0)20 7405 7686

**Africa Seminar Series** held on **Thursdays** from **6.00-7.30pm** in the **Seligman Library, A607 (Sixth floor, Old building) Anthropology department**

9 October **Dr. Jason Sumich** (DESTIN) "'Racism without Race?: Elite Mozambican Discourses of Social Difference'

23 October **Eugenia Zorbas** (DESTIN) "Reconciliation in Two Rwandan Villages'

6 November **Suzan Drucker-Brown** (University of Cambridge) "Hubris and Witchcraft in the Mamprusi King's Court'

20 November **Sophie Roberts** (War Studies - Kings College) "Zimbabwe - A Test Case for 'Dirty War'?"

4 December **Rebecca Sear** (Department of Social Policy - LSE) "Evolutionary Demography in Rural Africa: The Effects of Kin on Child Mortality in Two Africa Populations'

For more information contact Fraser McNeill on: [F.G.McNeill@lse.ac.uk](mailto:F.G.McNeill@lse.ac.uk)

### **LSEAIDS/DFID Workshop**

12 & 13 October      *Scenario Building: Planning for a future with HIV/AIDS.  
A tool for Political and Socio-Economic Dialogue.* Organiser:  
Prof. Tony Barnett LSE and Dr Patrick Noack (Strategic  
Development Consultants)

To access the Registration form contact Prof. A. S. Barnett: [a.s.barnett@lse.ac.uk](mailto:a.s.barnett@lse.ac.uk)  
Dr P Noack: [pnoack@patricinoack.net](mailto:pnoack@patricinoack.net)

For further information contact: [lseaid@lse.ac.uk](mailto:lseaid@lse.ac.uk)/website: [www.lse.ac.uk/events](http://www.lse.ac.uk/events)

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## **EVENTS**

### **⌘ LONDON**

**Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE**

All the events below take place at Chatham House and are free of charge. If you would like to attend please e-mail [Africaintern@chathamhouse.org.uk](mailto:Africaintern@chathamhouse.org.uk)

4 October      **Nigeria-related organised crime and its links with Britain**

Speaker  
Michael Peel, Financial Times Legal Correspondent; Former  
Associate Fellow, Chatham House Africa Programme

5-6 October      **Conference: HIV/AIDS: Scaling-up Effective Interventions and the Contribution of the Private Sector**

This conference will explore the possible reasons behind the relatively slow pace of collaborative efforts to fight the HIV/Aids pandemic with an emphasis on public-private partnerships. The key question the conference will seek to answer is how can we move forward the public-private partnership and scale-up the successful collaborative efforts.

To reserve a place contact: [conferences@chathamhouse.org.uk](mailto:conferences@chathamhouse.org.uk)

**Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 28 Russell Square, London WC1H  
Seminar Series**

- 12 October     *How Globalization Works* by Martin Wolf, CBE, Chief Economics Commentator, Financial Times.  
At 6.30pm, Menzies & Hancock Rooms (ICwS)  
**Contact: mary.sanver@sas.ac.uk**  
Charges (including alcoholic and other refreshments)  
Members - £4; Non-members - £10; Students - £2.50
- 18 October     Understanding Amnesty International by Dr S Hopgood (SOAS)  
5:30pm Room 274/275 (ST)  
**Contact: mary.sanver@sas.ac.uk**  
\*Please note this event will be held in Stewart House which lies between Senate House and Russell Square; its entrance is at 32 Russell Square.
- 21 October     Foreign Aid is a Waste of Money by Julian Morris, International Policy Network  
4:30pm at Goodenough College  
**Contact: dee.burn@sas.ac.uk**

**Conference: Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism Political Demography: Ethnic, National and Religious Dimensions (29-30 September 2006)**

London School of Economics (LSE) Sponsored by the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), in association with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and British Academy.

**Theme:** Demography - chiefly in the form of international migration and differential fertility rates - has enormous socio-political implications and is soaring in importance. Below replacement fertility in developed countries, increased global migration and differential fertility rates between groups within states are altering population balances. In addition, growing state reflexivity and democratisation - censuses, border controls and elections - magnify demographic changes.

In addition to three renowned scholars in the field, there will be seventeen panels with fifty papers addressing a range of issues involving demography, politics, ethnicity, religion, and nationalism. We welcome conference attendance from all interested members of the community.

Plenary Speakers:

Jack Goldstone - George Mason University Michael Hout - University of California Berkeley  
Monica Duffy Toft - Harvard University

For Further information on the conference programme, and to register, please see the conference website at: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/ASEN/demography.htm>>

**Conference:** The Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum invites you to submit a proposal for 'Money in Africa', an international and interdisciplinary conference to be held at the **British Museum, London, from March 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2007**. Please see the Call for Papers (attached) for further details about this conference, including the format and deadlines for submissions.

Enquiries regarding the **Money in Africa** conference at the British Museum should be sent to [moneyinafrica@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](mailto:moneyinafrica@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk) or posted to Money in Africa project, Department of Coins and Medals, The British Museum, London WC1B 3DG.

⌘ UK

**African Studies Seminar, St Antony's College, University of Oxford** Convened by David Pratten (St Antony's College), Fellows' Dining Room, St Antony's College, Thursdays, 5.00

- 12 October *Interpreting chieftaincy conflicts in colonial Sierra Leone: elite competition, popular rebellion, and ritual control over sociality* Richard Fanthorpe (University of Sussex)
- 19 October *The Intellectual Lives of Mau Mau Detainees*, Derek Peterson (University of Cambridge) **VENUE: Dahrendorf Room**
- 26 October *Fatherhood and the construction of the masculine self among the urban Gikuyu of Kenya* Nici Nelson (Goldsmiths College, University of London, **VENUE: Dahrendorf Room**)
- 2 November *Queering Imperial History: The search for John Moray Stuart-Young of Colonial Nigeria* by Stephanie Newell (University of Sussex)
- 9 November *Cultivating Success: Kigezi farmers and colonial policies* Grace Carswell (University of Sussex)
- 16 November *Contesting the Masculine State: War Resistance in Apartheid South Africa* by Daniel Conway (University of Bristol)
- 23 November *A new name for an old practice: vigilantes in South-western Nigeria* Laurent Fourchard (Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire, Bordeaux)
- 30 November *Rehearsing the humanitarian disposition: leprology and community in colonial Nigeria* by John Manton (University of Oxford)

For more information contact Wanja Knighton at: [african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk).

**History and Politics of Africa Seminar, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.** Mondays, 17:00, Seminar Room 2, Queen Elizabeth House  
Contact Gavin Williams at: [gavin.williams@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gavin.williams@politics.ox.ac.uk)

Michaelmas Term 2006-2007

Ethnicity, democracy and the state in Africa

Mondays, 17:00, Seminar Room 2, Queen Elizabeth House

Week 1 –

Opening lecture followed by drinks reception Ethnicity and the State in Africa  
Donal Cruise O'Brien (SOAS)

Week 2

The Politics of Nostalgia in Post-Colonial Uganda Elliott Green (LSE)

Week 3

When Guerrillas Govern  
Nelson Kasfir (Dartmouth)

Week 4

Islam and Democracy in Mozambique: from Politicisation to Secularisation?  
Eric Morier-Genoud (Orenga/Oxford)

Week 5

The Political Economy of African in Transition: the Trade in Second-hand Goods from Europe to Africa Joost Beuving (University of Amsterdam)

Week 6

Round Table on Building Democracy out of Conflict (with a focus on Darfur and Sudan)

Sharath Srinivasan (Oxford), Naseem Badiey (Oxford), Phil Clark (Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster)

Week 7

The Ghost of Biafra? Democratic Transition and New Militias in Nigeria's Niger Delta.  
Ike Okonta (Oxford)

Week 8 –

Closing lecture followed by drinks reception

Popular Attitudes to Democracy in  
Africa: Formal or Informal?

Michael Bratton (Michigan State University)

For more information contact  
nicholas.cheeseman@politics.ox.ac.uk

**Research Seminar Series, Michaelmas 2006: Africa and the Atlantic World since 1500,  
University of Cambridge**

The Seminar will be held at **5.00pm Room L4, Corpus Christi College**, Trumpington Street,  
Cambridge CB2 1RH

18 October *African-American Art and the Legacies of the Slave Trade* by Professor  
Richmond Ackam (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology,  
Ghana)

1 November *The Sacred and the Feminine: An African Response to Julia Kristeva and  
Catherine Clement* by Professor Molaria Ogundipe

15 November *Africa in the New World* by Professor Jerry Handler

29 November *The Grand Slave Emporium, Cape Coast Castle and the British Slave Trade* by William St Clair

For further details contact Dorian Addison: [da211@cam.ac.uk](mailto:da211@cam.ac.uk) or visit [www.african.cam.ac.uk](http://www.african.cam.ac.uk)

### **The Graduate Workshop in World History at University of Oxford**

It will be held at the Modern History Research Unit, Walton St, Oxford, from 2pm to 6pm. Wednesday 8th November.

The theme of the workshop is 'Social Networks in World History' and we welcome papers of 20-30 minutes length on any related subject in this broad area.

Unfortunately we cannot reimburse any travel or accommodation costs - the session is intended to have more of an informal 'workshop' type feel for students pursuing graduate research - but do hope to follow the afternoon with a subsidised dinner.

If you are interested in giving a paper then please contact [sumita.mukherjee@keble.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sumita.mukherjee@keble.ox.ac.uk)

### **Research Seminar Series, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh**

held in Faculty Room South, Wednesdays at 4-6pm

- 4 October *Cultural commuters: African employees in late colonial Tanzania* by Andreas Eckert (University of Hamburg, Germany)
- 11 October *When guerrillas govern civilians* Nelson Kasfir (Dartmouth College, USA)  
Joint with the Department of Politics
- 18 October *Around the campfire: Fighting for survival and nature conservation in Zimbabwe* Stig Jensen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- 25 October *Structural transformation of the civil society in Cameroon: From non-governmental organisations to pro-governmental associations* Basile Ndjio (University of Yaoundé, Cameroon)
- 1 November *Intrahousehold welfare: Evidence from Ethiopia* Marcel Fafchamps (Department of Economics, University of Oxford),
- 8 November *The intellectual lives of Mau Mau detainees* Derek Peterson (Selwyn College & Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge) Joint with the Royal African Society
- 15 November *Population growth, politics and the Millennium Development Goals* Susannah Mayhew (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London)
- 22 November *The social shaping of childhood vaccination practice in rural and urban Gambia* by Melissa Leach (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex)

29 November *Child soldiers in Africa* by Alcinda Honwana (International Development Centre, Open University)

**Conference:** “*The Private Sector, Poverty Reduction and International Development*”. It is being hosted by the **Business School and School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at the University of Reading and supported by The UK Department for International Development (11 November 2006)** We have an excellent line up of Plenary speakers – Abdoulie Jannah, Under-Secretary General of the UN and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa; Mary Robinson, Director of Realising Rights: The Ethical Globalisation Initiative and Tony Venables, Chief Economist, DFID.

In addition to the two plenary sessions we will be organising over 24 parallel sessions to include the following themes:

- Financial inclusion: Making the Business Case
- Financial Markets and the Poor
- Health/HIV-Aids and the Private Sector
- Youth and Sport and Development
- Private, public and Civil Services in the provision of Infrastructure
- Institutions, Markets, and the Poor
- Private Sector Delivery of Rural Services
- Impact and Potential of ICTs: e Business and Telecommunications
- Innovation and the Knowledge Economy
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Fair Trade or Not?
- Corporate Governance
- Value Chains
- Good Jobs, Bad Jobs
- Opportunities and Challenges for Small and Medium Enterprises
- Networks and Linkages. Pathways for Enterprise Development and Growth
- Entrepreneurship in Africa
- The Role of the Government and Public Sector in Private Sector Development
- TNCs in Developing Countries
- Trade Links to the Private Sector and Poverty Reduction
- Trade Links to the Private Sector and International Competitiveness
- Investment and Poverty
- Manufacturing and Growth
- Bottom of the Pyramid
- Prospects for small-scale Farmers and Farming
- Diaspora Remittances Mechanisms (tbc)

Within each session, we will have a lead paper/presentation on the relevant theme with up to three discussants from the private sector, NGO and policy communities who will respond and encourage contributions from the floor.

The Private Sector impacts on every aspect of development - from the small scale farmer needing to get her vegetables to market and the urban street vendor selling individual sachets of shampoo, to the Ghanaian Telecoms entrepreneur seeking an IPO on the world's top performing Stock Exchange or TNCs and the value chains they create globally. The Private Sector is a great deal of energy working towards working lots of people out of poverty, driven essentially by their own desire to do the best for their families. The Private Sector and its processes – large and small - have a huge amount to contribute to the development of communities and nations. These processes represent a much more sustainable future for developing countries and we all need to explore ways of learning from each other as to the most beneficial ways in which this can be achieved.

This is exactly what this Conference aims to do - to bring together a wide variety of constituencies so the private sector can have a greater voice within the development community, for the field of development

research to see where it can best contribute to business, entrepreneurship and a nurturing regulatory environment for the private sector – in all its guises. It is a chance to engage with academics for potential research partnerships and for us all to walk down a coherent and useful road towards a world where less people are poor.

The Conference is being held at the University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. More details on how to register can be found on the DSA website [www.devstud.org.uk/conference.htm](http://www.devstud.org.uk/conference.htm). You can register and pay online at <https://www.secure-server-hosting.com/secutran/secureforms/sh205828/conf06-online.htm> or download the registration form at <http://www.devstud.org.uk/conference-06/DSA-conf06-regform.doc> and send through to :

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If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on [conf06@devstud.org.uk](mailto:conf06@devstud.org.uk) or +44 (0)1288 331360.

## ⌘ EUROPE

**Call for Papers: AEGIS European Conference on African Studies 11-14 July 2007, Leiden, The Netherlands (Deadline for submission of panel: 1 August 2006. Deadline for submission of papers: 31 December 2006).**

The second biannual conference of the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) will take place in Leiden on 11-14 July 2007. The Theme of the Conference is: *African Alternatives: Initiative and Creativity beyond Current Constraints*. The conference will focus on the constraints that are restricting Africa's development and growth, and on new initiatives coming from African entrepreneurial activities, trade, self-help organizations, associational life, politics and religion at grassroots level.

For further information on submission and registration: [www.aegis-eu.org](http://www.aegis-eu.org) or Email: [conference@aegis-eu.org](mailto:conference@aegis-eu.org). For hotel and registration Email: [hoteslandregistration@aegis-eu.org](mailto:hoteslandregistration@aegis-eu.org)

**Forum: AYF Open Forum on "African Diaspora and Leaders Zenith" to be held in Bonn, Germany (19 – 21 October 2006).** View programme on our website at:

<http://www.ayf.de/documents/documents.html>

The German and French versions are also available at:

<http://www.ayf.de/de/documents/documents.html>

Registration forms are available at: <http://www.ayf.de/events/events.html>

For further information, kindly send your enquiries to: [info@ayf.de](mailto:info@ayf.de) or [coordination@ayf.de](mailto:coordination@ayf.de)

**Conference: Africa Forced Labour Compared Colonial Experiences (16-17 November 2006)** at Faculdade de Letras, University of Porto, Portugal.

The Panels are:

- Slavery and Slave Trade
- Historical forms of forced labour in the colonial period

For more information contact the Centre of African Studies, University of Lisbon: [ceaup@letras.up.pt](mailto:ceaup@letras.up.pt)

**Conference: Informalizing Economies and New Organising Strategies in Africa** at the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden (20-22 April 2007).

Informal Economies in Africa have been experiencing a rapid expansion in the last few decades. This trend is taking place in the context of neo-liberal models of development, whereby international financial institutions advocate policies of privatization, economic liberalisation and deregulation. This has far-reaching consequences. Growing numbers of redundant workers and declining regulated wage work opportunities have resulted in new floods of entrants into the informal economy.

Main themes:

- Associations emerging from within the informal economy
- Organising across the formal-informal divide
- Transnational organising
- Gender dynamics

For further information contact: Ilda Lindell: [Ilda.Lindell@nai.uu.se](mailto:Ilda.Lindell@nai.uu.se)

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## ⌘ AFRICA

**Conference: Youth and the Global South: Religions, Politics and the Making of Youth in Africa, Asia and the Middle East (13-15 October 2006).** Convened by African Studies Centre (ASC), CODESRIA, Institute for the Study of Islam and the Middle East (ISIM), International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), The three-days conference aims to look at the dramatic demographic shift towards the young in many countries of the global South, which has led to important social changes that have just begun to be analysed.

Those interested should send CV and 250 words abstract to Dr M Osseweijer at IIAS, Leiden: [M.Osseweijer@let.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:M.Osseweijer@let.leidenuniv.nl) or visit [www.iias.nl](http://www.iias.nl)

**Conference: International Conference on African Arts at the Faculty of Arts, Delta State University, Abraka, Nigeria (11-14 October 2006).**

Theme: African Arts and Medicine.

Among the sub-themes:

- Indigenous Africa Medicine in African Literature
- Medical Doctors as Literary Artists
- The Therapeutic Value of African Literature
- Drama, Theatre and Psychoterapy

Convenors: Prof. S C Ukala: [ukalasang@yahoo.com](mailto:ukalasang@yahoo.com)

Dr J I Mokobia: [jiffmokobia@yahoo.com](mailto:jiffmokobia@yahoo.com)

**Summit: Africa Investor Projects Summit (9 November 2006)** at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

This event will bring together institutional investors, project financiers, developers, sponsors to discuss how the private sector can become further involved in financing Africa's infrastructure needs.

Speakers include:

Prof. Charles Soludo, Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria

Brian Molefe, Chief Executive, Public Investment Commission

Adan Mohammed, MD, Barclays, Kenya

For further information contact: Helen Stanley: [hstanley@africa-investor.com](mailto:hstanley@africa-investor.com)

## ⌘ USA

**Conference: 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA)** (16-19 November 2006), at the Westin St Francis Hotel, San Francisco, California. Theme: (Re)Thinking Africa and the World: Internal Reflections, External Responses. For more information visit [www.africanstudies.org](http://www.africanstudies.org)

**Conference: 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference African Heritage Studies Association** (19-21 October 2006) at the Renaissance Hotel at the International Plaza, Tampa Bay Area, organised by the University of South Florida's Department of Africana Studies  
The theme of the conference is "*Understanding Health and Well-Being in Africa and Its Diasporas.*" Its goal is to address the urgent issue of health and well-being in Africa and its Diasporas with an understanding that goes beyond the biomedical to include the social, economic, political and cosmological.  
Participating speakers will be Dr. Rony Francois, Florida's Secretary of Health; Dr. Maulana Karenga, Creator of Kwanzaa; and Dr. Joycelyn Elders who is a former U.S. Surgeon General.

For registration and more detailed information, please see the attached brochure or visit [www.outreach.usf.edu/conted/conferences/ahsa](http://www.outreach.usf.edu/conted/conferences/ahsa)

**Conference: 'The Locations of Power'**, (10-12 November 2006) The First Emory – University of Cape Town International Symposium on Southern Africa, Emory University, Atlanta, USA,  
The symposium has five themes. The problem of authority and power: centralised authority and the legacies of colonial decision-making structures, and the role of 'informal authority' in terms of chiefs and traditional healers. State formation and capacity, such as the history of state formation and nation-building; issues of state capacity in terms of service delivery; and the democratization project and the underlying socio-structures that might delimit such efforts such as poverty, crime and lack of skills in the public sector. The sociology and anthropology of tyranny, such as the issue of non-democratic decision-making in the region despite heavy international pressures for good governance. Democratization in a globalizing world, such as what are the global factors encouraging democratization emanating to the local and what are delimiting factors? Violence and memory: in the aftermath of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee how do we understand memories and the production of histories around violence? Abstract and CV by 7 April 2006 to Clifton Crais: [ccrais@emory.edu](mailto:ccrais@emory.edu) and Thomas Koelble: [tkoelble@gsb.uct.ac.za](mailto:tkoelble@gsb.uct.ac.za)

**Conference: 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberian Studies Association (LSA39)** (23-25 March 2007) at Indiana University, home to the Liberian Collections Project

Theme: Liberia: Performing the Symbols of the Past, Reinventing the Symbols of the Future.

We encourage the formation of interdisciplinary panels that address this central theme or other topics of interest to scholars of Liberian studies. A specific call for paper abstracts will follow shortly.

LSA39 will include:

- \* Papers and Panels Sessions
- \* Reception at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures
- \* The traditional Liberian Banquet

Indiana University is preparing special exhibits for the conference, including a display of the W.V.S. Tubman Papers and the story of their recovery and restoration at the Mathers Museum.

Registration Fees-(includes lunches, banquet, reception)

Early Registration Discount (by January 15th)

[http://www.onliberia.org/lisa\\_membership.htm](http://www.onliberia.org/lisa_membership.htm)

**Call for papers: Popular Cultures in Africa at the University of Texas** (30 March-1 April 2007). **Deadline for submission of proposals: 1 November 2006**

Proposals should include a 250-words abstract and title, as well as the author's name, address, phone, email, and institution affiliation, and send it to the contact below.

The conference will focus on the histories, genres, meanings, purposes and impact of popular cultures in Africa. In the context of past and contemporary developments, we ask the question: what are the meanings, purposes and influences of popular cultures in the continent?

The aim of the conference is to examine how popular cultures have evolved and contributed to the character of Africa. Among the themes of interest are the following:

- Activism in popular culture
- Popular culture as a means for diasporic or transoceanic conversations
- The future of TV, Radio, Cinema, or Theatre in Africa
- HIV/AIDS and popular culture

And many other topics. For a full programme and to submit proposals contact:

Conference convenor: Dr Toyin Falola: [toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu)

Conference Coordinator: Tyler Fleming: [tyler.fleming@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:tyler.fleming@mail.utexas.edu)

[www.utexas.edu/conferences/africa](http://www.utexas.edu/conferences/africa)

**Call for papers: Centre for Africa Peace & Conflict Resolution** and The Pan African Studies Program presents the 16th Annual Africa/ Diaspora Conference (26-28 April 2007)

**Deadline for submission of proposals: 29 November 2006.**

**Theme: Building a culture of peace in the Africa Diaspora: Best Practices & Models** at California State University, Sacramento, USA.

The conference examines the state of conflict resolution programs and peace works in/on Africa, with a focus on identifying the best practices and models as well as develop some benchmarks/instruments for program assessment and evaluation.

Papers/Proposals that are based on Case studies and best practices are highly invited: e.g. alternative dispute resolution(ADR), peacebuilding/peacemaking, peace education; conflict early warning, environmental justice, democracy & governance, human rights, peace accords, post-conflict reconciliation, Truth/Peace & Reconciliation Commissions; restorative justice; Reintegration of rebel/former combatants; power sharing agreements; government of national unity; community development; trade cooperatives;

In your proposal submission, include paper title, 50-75 word abstract, your full name, mailing address, email, phone and fax, your current position/title and institution.

Conference preliminary program will be available in February '07 at : [www.csus.edu/org/capcr](http://www.csus.edu/org/capcr).

Please email/fax/mail your proposals for papers or panels to:

Professor Ernest E. Uwazie, Director

*Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution*

California State University, Sacramento

6000 J Street, Sacramento CA 95819-6085, USA.

Ph. (916) 278 -6282; FAX (916) 278 -3429. Email:uwaziee@csus.edu

Conference preliminary program will be available in February '07 at : [www.csus.edu/org/capcr](http://www.csus.edu/org/capcr).

**Call for Papers: The Nicholson Center for British Studies at the University of Chicago is pleased to present: Economies of Empire: British Political Economy and Modernization (8-9 February 2007) at The University of Chicago**

British imperial expansion was a transformative experience for both colonized and colonizer, and this conference will explore those transformations through a fresh examination of economic modernization.

The Nicholson Center invites proposals for papers that address aspects of the following questions:

\* How did British imperial expansion shape the development of colonial economies and post-colonial economic nationalism?

\* To what extent did Britain's great economic transformation result from smaller changes in information dissemination, taste, styles of production, and methods of distribution?

\* How, when, and why did Britain's economic changes manifest themselves in the economic identity of Britons?

\* When and why did they see themselves participating in a national economy, an imperial or Atlantic economy, and/or a global economy?

The Nicholson Center welcomes proposals from both faculty and graduate students.

Proposals should include both a 750-word prospectus of the paper and a curriculum vitae.

Submit proposals to Eva Wilhelm at [ewilhelm@uchicago.edu](mailto:ewilhelm@uchicago.edu) by October 1, 2006.

This conference is sponsored by a generous grant from the Andrew W.Mellon Foundation.

Questions about this or any other Nicholson Center event may be addressed to Eva Wilhelm at 773-834-3403 or [ewilhelm@uchicago.edu](mailto:ewilhelm@uchicago.edu).

## CAS NEWS

At the end of 2005/06 Academic year, the Centre saw the departure of three its members, namely Prof. David Appleyard, Dr Farouk Topan and Dr Nana Wilson-Tagoe.

Each of them contributed greatly to research and teaching at SOAS and supported the activities of the Centre.

Prof. David Appleyard has brought excellence to the field of Ethiopian studies at SOAS and has supervised our last East Africa visiting scholar, Dr Selamawit Zerga from the University of Addis Ababa

Dr Farouk Topan has been at SOAS for some 30 years and has greatly expanded the teaching of Swahili language and literature, and promoted the studies of Swahili manuscripts held in the SOAS archives. Dr Topan is also a Swahili novelist and he will delight us with more writing while enjoying his retirement.

Dr Nana Wilson-Tagoe has been one of the main African and Caribbean literary theorist and critical voice at SOAS for a number of years. In her gentle manner she has provided great theoretical background to many students at all levels and she has expanded the study of literary criticism, gender studies, and postcolonial theory in literature

## ⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVENTIS NIGERIAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN LONDON (PREVIOUSLY LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME). SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2006

**DR FREEBORN O ODIBOH, DEPARTMENT OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY**  
Creative Reformation of existing Traditions in African Art: The Iconography of the Abayomi Barber School

**DR BOLAJI O BATEYE, DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, IFE-IFE**  
Female Leaders of New Generation Churches as Change/Agents in Yoruba Land and in the Diaspora in London

The Leventis Foundation supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies (University of London) and colleagues in Nigerian universities. Successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, based at SOAS, for a period of three months. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, a 1000 word statement of current research interests and aims to be achieved during the research period in London. This scheme might be particularly appropriate for scholars working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. The deadline for the next round of applications is **1 May 2007**. Further information may be obtained from the CAS office or website.

### VISITING SCHOLARSHIP FOR EASTERN AFRICAN ACADEMICS

The Visiting Scholarship for Eastern African Academics is currently being suspended pending re-evaluation during 2006/07.

The Centre of African Studies gratefully acknowledges its collaboration with Goodenough College, which provides our visitors with accommodation. Visitors to London are recommended to visit the Goodenough Club website: [www.club.goodenough.ac.uk](http://www.club.goodenough.ac.uk)

## ⌘ LIST OF JOURNALS ON AFRICAN STUDIES

### ◆ Routledge African Studies Journals:

#### *1. Development Southern Africa*

**Editor: Caroline Kihato**, *Development Bank of Southern Africa*

Volume Number: 24, 2007, 5 issues per year

Print ISSN: 0376-835X, Online ISSN: 1470-3637

**Development Southern Africa** offers a platform for expressing views and encouraging debate among development specialists, policy decision makers, scholars and students in the wider professional fraternity and especially in southern Africa. The journal publishes articles that reflect innovative thinking on key development challenges and policy issues facing South Africa and other countries in the southern African region.

## **2. *Journal of African Cultural Studies***

**Editor: Frances Harding**, *School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK*

Volume Number: 19, 2007, 2 issues per year

Print ISSN: 1369-6815, Online ISSN: 1469-9346

The *Journal of African Cultural Studies* is an international journal providing a forum for perceptions of African culture from inside and outside Africa, with a special commitment to African scholarship. It focuses on dimensions of African culture including African literatures both oral and written, performance arts, visual arts, music, the role of the media, the relationship between culture and power, as well as issues within such fields as popular culture in Africa, sociolinguistic topics of cultural interest, and culture and gender.

## **3. *Journal of Southern African Studies***

**Editors: Wayne Dooling**, *School of Oriental and African Studies, UK,*

**JoAnn McGregor**, *University of Reading, UK,*

**David Simon**, *Royal Holloway, University of London, UK*

Volume Number: 33, 2007, 4 issues per year

Print ISSN: 0305-7070, Online ISSN: 1465-3893

The *Journal of Southern African Studies* is an international publication for work of high academic quality on issues of interest and concern in the region of Southern Africa. It aims at generating fresh scholarly enquiry and rigorous exposition in the many different disciplines of the social sciences and humanities. It seeks to encourage inter-disciplinary analysis, strong comparative perspectives and research that reflect new theoretical or methodological approaches.

**African Identities**, Volume 19, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 1369-6815, Online ISSN: 1469-9346

**African Studies**, Volume 66, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0002-0184, Online ISSN: 1469-2872

**Journal of Contemporary African Studies**, Volume 25, 3 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0258-9001, Online ISSN: 1469-9397

**Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies**, Volume 34, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0258-9346, Online ISSN: 1470-1014

**Review of African Political Economy**, Volume 34, 4 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0305-6244, Online ISSN: 1740- 1720

**The Journal of North African Studies**, Volume 12, 4 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 1362-9387, Online ISSN

To order free sample copies of any of the above journals please visit  
[www.tandf.co.uk/journals/onlinesamples.asp](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/onlinesamples.asp)

## **◆ Africa, Journal of the International African Institute.**

The International African Institute promotes international research, conferences and publications on African Societies, cultures and languages and encourages the application of research and science to practical affairs in Africa.

The Journal is published by Edinburgh University Press, 22 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LF

◆ **African Affairs, Journal of the Royal African Society.**

Funded in 1901, it is one of the oldest journal concerning current events in Africa. Published 4 times a year, it contains articles on a wide range of subjects on contemporary events in Africa. The Journal is published by Oxford University Press.

[www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org](http://www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org)

◆ **African Renaissance (September/October 2006)E-Newsletter Vol. 4 No. 8**

14th issue, Vol.3 No.5

For previous issues of African Renaissance, see:

[http://adonisandabbey.com/show\\_journal1.php?list\\_journals=2&subJournal=Submit](http://adonisandabbey.com/show_journal1.php?list_journals=2&subJournal=Submit)

Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, P.O. Box 43418, London

◆ **Pambazuka News** is the authoritative pan African electronic weekly newsletter and platform for social justice in Africa providing cutting edge commentary and in-depth analysis on politics and current affairs, development, human rights, refugees, gender issues and culture in Africa.

To view online, go to <http://www.pambazuka.org/>

◆ **Postable:** As you may know Postamble is a graduate journal based in the Center for African Studies at the University of Cape Town. This innovative new publication is committed to featuring original postgraduate work of a high academic standard which is of value to the promotion of multi-disciplinary study of Africa within the university environment. Submissions cover a wide range of humanities, arts and social sciences topics focusing on the study of Africa. This online publication allows for the exploration of alternative forms of research presentation that may include creative writing, visual essays, the use of digital film and sound, digital photography favoring works of an academic nature. Postamble is a peer-reviewed journal edited by an editorial committee comprised of students and academic staff from the Faculty of Humanities. We believe that our online journal offers a unique opportunity for graduate students to publish their work

For more information on submissions, online subscriptions and future issues visit the postamble website at: [www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/postamble](http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/postamble). If you have any other inquiries, please feel free to contact us via e-mail at [amble@humanities.uct.ac.za](mailto:amble@humanities.uct.ac.za).

◆ **African Analyst:** Omega Investment Research and Shikana Media's launched a new journal entitled **African Analyst**. A quarterly print publication covering the business, political and social issues that impact global confidence in Africa's private sector, African Analyst provides in-depth and thought-provoking insight from the world's leading thinkers and opinion shapers on African affairs, as is evident from the first edition. Authors include: **Amre Moussa**, Secretary General of the League of African States, **Sir Malcolm Rifkind**, former UK Foreign Secretary, **David Hale**, Global Economist and founder of Chicago-based Hale Advisors, **Tony Hawkins**, Professor of Economics, University of Zimbabwe, and others. [www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst](http://www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst)

□ \*JSTOR NEWS\* - JSTOR's "**Open Africa**" Initiative From 1st July 2006 JSTOR will waive participation fees for any academic or not-for-profit educational institution in Africa. This means that JSTOR will be available free of charge to many institutions in Africa for at least 3 years. If you have any links with African institutions you may want to publicise this. For more information see:  
<http://www.jstor.org/news/2006.06/openafrica.html>

**Further Journals will be listed in the next issue of Africa News due in January 2007.**

## ⌘ FUNDING

### **British Academy research funding: forthcoming deadlines**

The British Academy offers various awards for postdoctoral research in the humanities and social sciences, which are listed below. For further information contact +44 (0) 20 7969 5217 or email: [grants@britac.ac.uk](mailto:grants@britac.ac.uk)

**Applications are invited for the following schemes:**

#### **Research Leave Fellowships and Senior Research Fellowships**

Awards provide two-year or one-year research leave, for established scholars to undertake or complete a programme of sustained research.

Next deadline: October 2006

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/readfell.html>.

#### **Research Grants**

Small Research Grants and Larger Research Grants are available for collaborative or individual research projects.

Next deadline: October 2006

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/research.html>.

#### **Conference Grants**

Grants are available for bringing key speakers to conferences held in the UK; and individual travel grants to overseas conferences.

Next deadline: October 2006

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/conferences.html>.

#### **International Activities**

The Academy has a number of special schemes with partner institutions to support research in particular countries or regions.

Next Deadline: October 2006

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/intact.html>.

#### **Visiting Fellowships**

A new scheme, launched in 2005, provides support for research visits to Britain of between two and four months by early-career scholars from outside the UK.

Deadline for applications: October 2006

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visprof.html>.

### **UK-Africa Academic Partnerships Scheme**

Grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years are available to support the development of ongoing links between the UK and African research centres and institutions.

Next deadline: October 2006

Further information and application form visit:  
[www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html) or contact [overseas@britac.ac.uk](mailto:overseas@britac.ac.uk)

### **Full Economic Costing**

The British Academy has been given resources by its funding body, the Office of Science and Technology (OST), to meet 80% of the Full Economic Costs (FEC) of research in four schemes:

- Research Leave Fellowships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships (full details available in December)
- Larger Research Grants
- Visiting Fellowships

The remaining schemes are exempt from the FEC regime. The Academy has, however, been invited by the OST to collect robust data on the Full Economic Costs of research carried out under the Small Research Grants scheme, and the various international schemes, with a view to bringing these programmes within the FEC environment at a later stage. The Academy will be most grateful for the cooperation of the UK academic community in gathering this information.

To have news about forthcoming events organised by the Academy, reminders about upcoming grants application deadlines and information about other Academy activities delivered directly to your inbox, please subscribe to our email bulletin <http://www.britac.ac.uk/news/bulletin/index.html>.

The British Academy is seeking to raise awareness of its various activities within the UK academic community. We believe you may be an appropriate person to contact in your institution. If we are wrong please let us know to whom we should address our messages by replying to <mailto:universityrelations@britac.ac.uk> with 'change details' in the subject line.

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### **Commonwealth Scholarship Commission**

Scholarships are being offered for both Masters and PhD study by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. For more information please visit their website: <http://www.csfp-online.org/countries.html> or contact Elizabeth Martin ([e.martin@acu.ac.uk](mailto:e.martin@acu.ac.uk))

### **British Institute of East Africa: Graduate Training Scheme**

The British Institute supports research into the later archaeology, anthropology, languages, cultures and history of Eastern Africa. The Graduate Training Scheme enables recent graduates with good degrees to spend a short period in the region. Applicants must have completed a BA or Master degree and should in the first instance submit an application to the Centre of African Studies, Oxford: [african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk)

### **Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh: Visiting Research fellowships**

The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is pleased to announce its new visiting research fellowship programme. The programme aims at allowing African academics to do their research and spend time in residence at the University of Edinburgh.

*This year theme is: African Environment (Deadline: 30 November 2006)*

To be considered for a fellowship during 2007, please provide a short CV with two referees (name and emails), a 1000 words proposal on this year's theme, showing your record of past research, how you will benefit from the fellowship and what you hope to achieve, and indicate the period of time you would like to spend in Edinburgh

Applications and enquiries to: Prof. Paul Nugent: [paul.nugent@ed.ac.uk](mailto:paul.nugent@ed.ac.uk)

### **European Grants**

For European grants visit: [www.welcomeurope.com/doc/eu-funding2006.pdf](http://www.welcomeurope.com/doc/eu-funding2006.pdf)

### **Harvard Alumni for Social Action (HASA) Scholarship Fund for Graduate Students from Africa.**

This is a newly established fund by former Harvard students to support the Higher Education's condition in Africa, and to help develop more facilities for African Universities and Higher Education Institutions, especially after the AIDS/HIV pandemic and its disastrous consequences for higher education in Africa.

For more information on the fund and on application procedure contact:

David Rothman: [rothmandavidj@msm.com](mailto:rothmandavidj@msm.com) Emily Mandelstam: [emandelstam@aol.com](mailto:emandelstam@aol.com) Paula Tavrow: [ptavrow@yahoo.com](mailto:ptavrow@yahoo.com)

### **The Martin Lynn Scholarship.**

Thanks to the generosity of the family of the late Martin Lynn, the Royal Historical Society has pleasure in announcing the establishment of an annual award in his memory. Martin Lynn was Professor of African History in the Queen's University, Belfast, the first scholar to hold a chair in African history in Ireland. His scholarly career was devoted to the history of West Africa and he published most extensively and importantly on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century history of Nigeria. His scholarly achievements were matched by the reputation he enjoyed as an exciting and concerned teacher and a delightful, generous colleague and friend.

This new award reflects the interests of the man it commemorates. Annually the Society will make an award of up to £1,000 to assist an historian pursuing postgraduate research on a topic in African history. Eligible students will be registered with a university history department in the United Kingdom and will have successfully completed their first year of full time or first two years of part-time study by the time the award is taken up. Applicants intending to use the award to carry out research *within* Africa will be especially welcomed.

**The closing date for applicants will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.** Potential applicants should use the form on the Society's website, [www.rhs.ac.uk](http://www.rhs.ac.uk).

The Leverhulme Trust has announced two large research programme grants, one in Ceremony and Ritual and one in The Uses of Higher Education. More details are available here:

<http://www.leverhulme.org.uk/news/#Large%20Research%20Programmes%202007>

In the first instance, only brief submissions are necessary (see link). These should reach the Director of the Leverhulme Trust no later than 4pm on 12 January 2007.

## ⌘ MISCELLANEOUS/ARTS

### ⌘ ARTS

#### **Africa Within: Two Promoters One Show (3 October-3 November 2006)**

*Africa Within* is a collection of works that reflects, joins and distinguishes African culture from others. This exhibition offers us the opportunity to mark Black History Month and celebrate diversity as seen in works from six African countries. The paintings which demonstrate the influence that African Art had on the West, will also be on sale. The exhibiting artists are represented by Chima Ezeilo, of *Kambani Arts* and Paul Pettit of *Passionart*. *Kambani Arts* and *Passionart* are organisations who support African Artists by exhibiting their work worldwide.

#### **Kambani Arts**

Artists who work closely with *Kambani Arts* and will be on show are Chike Obiagu, Morenikeji Olumide, Chinze Anthony-Ojobo, Ogechi Anyanwu and several others who will add to our October Art Bonanza

***Chima Ezeilo is the representative of Kambani Arts a not-for-profit organisation promoting young African visual artistic talent and children's creative writing. Artists work is complimented by children's writing in a variety of diverse projects.***

#### **Passionart**

*Passionart* will present the paintings of Musa of Swaziland, Fazenda of Mozambique and Fred Kitizou of Uganda as well as paintings from Nigeria and Ghana.

**Private View: 2 October (please telephone if you wish to attend)**

**All paintings are for sale.**

**ENTRANCE: FREE**

**VENUE: The Commonwealth Club, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 2SAP  
Tel: 020 7930 6733 Fax: 020 7930 9705**

#### **October Gallery**

24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL

Tel.: +44 (0) 20 7242 7367/Email: [press@octobergallery.co.uk](mailto:press@octobergallery.co.uk)

Exhibition by **Fiona Foley** entitled '*Strange Fruit*'. Artist, Activist, curator and writer, Fiona Foley stands at the forefront of cultural-political discourse in Australia. In her body of work she uses textiles from West Africa.

### ⌘ MUSIC CONCERT AT SOAS:

**Griot Grande Dame: Babani Kone  
with Ba Issa Kone (ngoni) & Mamadou Diabate (kora)**

**Babani Kone** is one of Mali's most popular and successful young voices. She sings in the style of the new generation of Mali's legendary griots – combining the intense melodies of ancient praise songs with lively dance rhythms and a passionate delivery. For this all-acoustic special concert she will be accompanied by two first-class instrumentalists, Ba Issa Kone on *ngoni* and Mamadou Diabate on *kora*.

*plus! workshop/lecture with Lucy Duran (5pm)*

**Time/Venue: 30 October 2006 at 7pm, Brunei gallery Lecture Theatre at SOAS,  
Thornhaugh street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG**

**African Roots with an Urban Twist: Kasai Masai**

**Kasai Masai** brings the sound of Africa's equatorial villages with an urban twist. Named after a river, Kasai lies in the heart of the rain forest where much of traditional life and music is still intact. Band leader **Nickens Nkoso** was brought up in a small Congolese village in a family of renowned musicians, and has played with Soukous greats like Robert Maseko and Kanda Bongo man. Expect organic African roots music: close harmonies, infectious rhythms and laid-back guitar riffs fused together effortlessly and naturally.

**Time/Venue: 27 January 2007 at 7pm, Brunei gallery Lecture Theatre at SOAS,  
Thornhaugh street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG**

⌘ **FILM**

**Africa in Motion** at the Edinburgh African film festival will take place from **20-29 October** this year at Filmhouse cinema. **Please see: [www.africa-in-motion.org.uk](http://www.africa-in-motion.org.uk) for full info.** The inaugural AiM festival presents a "best of" selection of more than two dozen African films, including some of the most significant African classics; a number of "lost African classics" - very rare and hard-to-find early African films of which some have never been screened in the UK before; as well as a selection of groundbreaking contemporary films. Our programme covers a variety of genres and spans 6 decades of filmmaking on the African continent.

Most screenings will be introduced by high-profile theorists and critics of African film. The festival also includes an excellent complementary programme of free talks and discussions, offering opportunities to the general public, school children and students to engage in discussions on African cinema. Throughout the festival African musicians, poets and artists will perform and exhibit their work in the Filmhouse café. Tickets for screenings are available from the Filmhouse box office, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ, or call the box office on: **0131 228 2688**. Our ticket deal enables you to see any three programmes in the festival for £12/£7.50 concessions, or all sixteen for £48/£32 concessions. All complementary events and entertainment are free of charge.

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