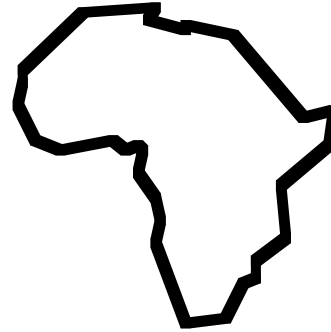


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ASAUK Biennial Conference, September 11–13, 2006 at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

The African Studies academic community in the UK comes together every two years through its national organisation, the ASAUK. Meet the major African Studies publishers, hear the Mary Kingsley Zochonis and the Lugard lectures, celebrate the announcement of the doctoral dissertation prize winners, honour the winners of the Distinguished Africanist Award.

The conference will be organised in six parallel thematic/subject areas as follows:

- Series A: history, politics, and urban studies
- Series B: environment, development and human rights
- Series C: human, plant and animal health
- Series D: anthropology, religion, and conflict
- Series E: literature, media and the visual arts
- Series F: books, writing and education

For more information and to register for the conference visit the ASAUK O6 website:
<http://www.asauk.net/asauk06/index.html> or Email conference@asauk.net

EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

⌘ **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.

This term's meetings will focus on the role of China in Africa looking at its diverse aspects

1 June **Dr CHRIS ALDEN, Lecturer, London School of Economics and Political Sciences**
'The Role of China in Southern Africa'

15 June **Mr David Methan, Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR)**
'Engaging China in Africa'

The talks will take place between 12.15-2pm

Room 116 at SOAS

Booking is required. Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email: cas@soas.ac.uk

EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES cont...

⌘ **Conference: Bantu Grammar: Description and Theory (20-22 April 2006).**

Venue: SOAS. Organising committee: Lutz Marten (SOAS), Lisa Cheng (Leiden), Laura Downing (ZAS). Local organisers (SOAS): Lutz Marten, Chege Githiora, Nancy Kula, Anna McCormack, Nhlanhla Thwala.

Conference page: <http://mercury.soas.ac.uk/users/lm5/BantuConference.htm>.

Conference fee: £40/Students: £15. Further information from Dr Lutz Marten, Department of Africa (SOAS)/tel: +44 (0)20 7898 4653/e-mail: lutz@soas.ac.uk.

⌘ **Conference: Traditional Medicine and HIV/AIDS (18-19 April 2006)**

Venue: SOAS. Organiser: Rebecca Marsland (SOAS, Department of Anthropology)

The Conference will be held in Rooms G50/G51 at SOAS-University of London. Further information from Dr Rebecca Marsland: rm15@soas.ac.uk

⌘ **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

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

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

Research Day (17 June 2006): the theme of this year Research Day is "Displacement and Survival". The meeting will be held at St-Antony's College, Oxford and the Convenors are Joanna McGregor and Ranka Primorac. For further information visit: www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm

or contact the convenors JoAnn McGregor j.mcgregor@reading.ac.uk and Ranka Primorac rankaprimorac@aol.com

⌘ **Meetings organized by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society.** The Anglo-Ethiopian Society holds a number of meetings during the year. Contact: Anglo-Ethiopian Society c/o The Secretary, 4 Gloucester Road, London SW7 4RB (Tel and Fax: 020 6934/E-mail: secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org).

For information on these and further meetings contact: events@anglo-ethiopian.org.

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

- 26 April *Can South Africa turn a Political Miracle into an Economic Miracle?*
Speakers include: Mrs Merle Lipton (Assoc Fellow, Chatham House), Henk Campher (Director of Corporate Policy and Practicies, IBLF), William Gumede (Author: 'Thabo Mbeki and the Battle for the Soul of the ANC), Adam Roberts (former South Africa correspondent, The Economist)
5.30pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS, Thornhaugh st., Russell Sq
London WC1H. Booking required: Tel; 020 7898 4390/Email: ras@soas.ac.uk
- 27 April *Does Africa need Radical Land Reform?* Martin Ziguele (Former Prime Minister of the Central Republic)
5.30pm, Room 116, SOAS, Thornhaugh st., Russell Sq
London WC1H. Booking required: Tel; 020 7898 4390/Email: ras@soas.ac.uk
- 10 May *Gambia - is political change possible?* Speakers to be confirmed
5.30pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS, Thornhaugh st., Russell Sq
London WC1H. Booking required: Tel; 020 7898 4390/Email: ras@soas.ac.uk
- 15 May *The North in Ghanaian Politics.* Robert Kelly (Open University)
12.30pm, The Holms, Churchill Hall, **University of Bristol**
Booking required. Contact Alan Ryder to be further advised on 0117 9733870
- 18 May *The Eritrean-Ethiopian Conflict: Prospects for lasting peace* Gunter Schroder (Author/ Consultant) & Giam Kibreab (London South Bank University)
5.30pm, Room 116, SOAS, Thornhaugh st., Russell Sq
London WC1H. Booking required: Tel; 020 7898 4390/Email: ras@soas.ac.uk
- 21 June *Talk on Zimbabwe* Jonathan Lawley (Consultant, WABA)
12.30pm, Clifton Hill House, **University of Bristol**
Booking required. Contact Alan Ryder to be further advised on 0117 9733870

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 answerphone.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES
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⌘ 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 G51** from **17.00-18.30**

- 26 April *Race, land and labour: Black British critics of South African policies 1880s-1948.*
David Killingray (Goldsmiths College, University of London)
- 03 May *Trade and African/European trade relations at Old Calabar.*
Chris Krantz (SOAS)
- 10 May *The Ovaherero/Ovambanderu Genocide (1904-08) and the History of International Law: Mapping the Colonial Encounter.*
Robert Murtfeld (SOAS)
- 17 May *The Colonial Relationship: The Gold Coast and Clifford's Administration 1912-1919.*
Elisabeth Wrangham (Roehampton University)
- 24 May *'To Save Civilization in this Country': Power, Race, and Economics in Rhodesia's Immigration Policy 1960-1979*
Josiah Bronwell (SOAS)
- 31 May *The Muslim factor in Uganda (1840-1900): a Project paper*
Amin Mutyaba (SOAS)
- 07 June *The Visual Power of African Nationalist Spectacles: Halaiki in Zanzibar.*
G. Thomas Burgess (U.S. Naval Academy)
- 14 June *Cuba and the Struggle against Apartheid: a Project paper*
Isaac Saney (SOAS)

Enquiries to David Martin (e-mail: dm24@soas.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**

- 4 May *Federo and the Politics of Nostalgia in Central Uganda*, Elliott Green

(Development studies institute, LSE)

- 18 May *Telling stories of Internet Fraud: How Youth in Accra, Ghana, appropriate the Internet through Performance and Speech*, Jenna Burrell (Sociology, LSE)
- 1 June *The Meaning of Public Silence: Condoms cause AIDS –an Ethnographic critique of denial in the Venda region of South Africa*, Fraser McNeill (Anthropology LSE)
- 15 June *The effects of Structural Adjustment Policies (SAPs) on Women with reference to Africa*, Ekei U. Etim (Direcor, PADA)
- 29 June *Karibu Mwanza: Stories and Drawings by Tanzanian Street Youth*, Markus Wiencke (Free University Berlin, Department of Psychology)

For more information contact Girish Daswani: G.Daswani@lse.ac.uk

Seminar on the Economic History of Africa, Asia and Latin America held on alternate Thursdays from 5.00-7.00pm, Room S.78

- 4 May Gustavus Vassa, alias Olaudah Equiano, on the Mosquite Shore: Plantation Overseer Cum Abolitionist, Paul E. Lovejoy (York University, Canada)

For more information contact Dr Austin: g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk

African Economic History Workshop: From the Pre-Colonial to the Post-Colonial (Deadline 19 April) (Workshop 26 April), LSE Room D.703, 2.00-7.00pm.

For more information contact Dr Austin at: g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk

LSE AIDS/DFID Workshop

- 20-21 April *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
Dr P Noack: pnoack@patricinoack.net

For further information contact: lseids@lse.ac.uk/website: www.lse.ac.uk/events

⌘ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE, Keppel Street, London, WC1E** (Tel: +44 (0) 20 7636 8636)

Medical Anthropology Seminars organised by the Health policy Unit that may be of interest to Africanists

11 April *Studying Medical Science: presentation and discussion of anthropological and social science studies on medical research by the MRC in The Gambia.*
Speakers: James Fairhead, Susan Bull, Melissa Leach, Wenzel Geissler, Ann Kelly and Robert Pool
9am-1pm, Globe Room (G80), Keppel Street

For further information contact Linda Amarfio: Linda.Amarfio@lshtm.ac.uk

EVENTS

⌘ LONDON

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

- 12 April *Trends in Precolonial Nigeria.* Speakers to be confirmed. The theme of the talk is to look at the climate and event in the run-up to the 2007 election. **Time** 5.30-6.30pm **Venue** John Power Hall
- 21 April *Decentralisation in Angola.* Workshop. Speakers to be confirmed
Time 9am-6pm **Venue** John Power Hall
- 28 April *Discussion with the former President of The Central African Republic, Martin Ziguéle.* In Association with King's College London Africa Group. **Time** 11am-12pm **Venue** Astor Room

To reserve a place for any of the above meetings contact: Elizabeth Donnelly: edonnelly@chathamhouse.org.uk

Cultural Briefing-Working in Southern Africa (26 April 2006) organised by SOAS Interface, Services for Business and the Community, School of Oriental and African Studies, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG.

A one-day workshop covering Southern African History and Culture; Social, Economic and Cultural Situation in Southern Africa today; Working effectively with people from Southern Africa.

To reserve a place contact: lr16@soas.ac.uk or Tel.: +44 (0) 207 898 4837

Conference: 'The Neo-Darwinian Approach to the Study of Religion' (28 April 2006), Time: 9.30am-5.30pm Venue: The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH. Chair: W.G. Runciman (University of Cambridge). Booking required. £20 Seminar Fee (£10 Concessions).

Themes: Social bonding: a functional explanation for the origins of religion; Religious ritual as an evolutionary by-product; Evolutionary psychology and the anthropology of religion; Belief versus practice: a model of the rapid spread of group-beneficial equilibria.

For more information and to reserve a place visit: www.britac.ac.uk/events/2006/darwin. Email: externalrelations@britac.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0) 20 7969 5238

African Archaeology Study Day at The British Museum (**6 May**). BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, at 9.30am to 5pm. Admission £28, Concessions £18

For more information contact: nbadcott@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

Conference: Multicultural Britain: from Anti-Racism to Identity Politics to...? (14-15 June 2006) A two-day conference organised by Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (CRONEM) at Roehampton University, Southlands College, London.

The aim of the conference is to debate the history of multiculturalism, especially in the aftermath of 7/7, and to bring together different generations from inside and outside universities.

For more information on the conference visit: www.surrey.ac.uk/arts/cronem or contact Mireal Dumic: M.Dumic@surrey.ac.uk

⌘ UK

African Studies Seminar, St Antony's College, University of Oxford Convened by Dr David Anderson (St Cross College), Fellows' Dining Room, St Antony's College, Thursdays, 5.00 pm

27 April *Deconstructing the Occult in Africa and Britain* Terence Ranger, Wambui Mwangi, David Pratten
Please note, starting at **3pm** in Dahrendorf room

4 May *Social Dimensions of HIV/AIDS in South Africa* Mandisa Mbali (St Antony's)

Fighting an Invisible Enemy: Knowledge-based AIDS Activism in South Africa 1982-1994. Rebecca Hodes (Balliol)

HIV/AIDS in South African Films, 1985-2005' Student transfer presentations

11 May *The Creolisation of the World: Africa in Comparative Perspective*
Robin Cohen (University of Warwick/ESRC Research Professor)

18 May *Race and the Alcohol Question in Colonial West Africa*
Charles Ambler (University of Texas at El Paso/St Antony's)

23 May **A One-day Workshop**

Emmanuel Akyeampong (Harvard) (keynote talk)

Drugs and Alcohol in Africa: Production, Distribution, Consumption and Control

Nissan Theatre, St. Antony's College

- 25 May *Cattle Disease, Zoonosis and Public Health in Colonial Salaga (Northern Ghana)* Emmanuel Akyeampong (Harvard)
- 1 June *The International Context of Social Medicine in Mid-twentieth Century South Africa* Prof Shula Marks (formerly SOAS)
- 8 June *Propaganda Wars: Israeli-South African Relations in the International Spotlight* Sasha Polakow-Suransky (St Antony's),
- 15 June *Patriotic History and the Rise of the Public Intellectual in Zimbabwe* Miles Tendi (St Antony's/Development Studies)

For more information contact Wanja Knighton at: african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk.

African Studies Lectures and Research Seminars held at The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, St Philip's & St James' Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HB,

- 15 April *The Voice of God in African Religion*, Prof. Terence Ranger. Starts at 10am
- 23 April *Lay Participation in the Church of God in Western Kenya*, Nolsen Obwoye

For more information contact: Dr Ben Knighton (bknighton@ocms.ac.uk)

History and Politics of Africa Seminar, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford. Contact Gavin Williams at: gavin.williams@politics.ox.ac.uk

Research Seminar Series (part of the Centre of African Studies' Black History celebrations) at the University of Cambridge.

- 2 May *Displaced people, displaced energy, displaced memories: The building of Cabora Bossa dam, 1970-2004.* by Professor Allen Isaacman (University of Minnesota)

The Seminar will be held at **5.15pm in The Seminar Room (720)**, Faculty of Social & Political Sciences, New Museum Site, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RQ. For further details contact Dorian Addison: da211@cam.ac.uk

SCOLMA Seminar: *Archives and the Political Imagination in Africa* by Dr Derek Peterson (**3 May**), Room 606, Centre for Family Research, Faculty of Social and Political Science, Cambridge University, at **2pm**.

For more information contact Marilyn Glanfield: meg23@cam.ac.uk

Conference: Culture, Nature, future? Perspectives on Science and Development in Africa (12-13 April). A two-day conference on scientific knowledge and then use of science and technology in Africa organised by the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh.

For more information on submission of paper contact; Matt Harsh on: matt.harsh@ed.ac.uk

For general information contact: Grace Owens on: grace.owens@ed.ac.uk

Registration form available on: www.cas.ed.ac.uk/conference

AEGIS Conference: African Cities: Competing Claims in Urban Space (15-16 June), Centre of African Studies, **University of Edinburgh.** The aim of the thematic conference is to look at the growth of African cities into metropolis. Organisers: Prof. Paul Nugent (Paul.Nugent@ed.ac.uk) and Dr Francesca Locatelli (F.Locatelli@ed.ac.uk) or visit: www.aegis-eu.org

Africa International Conference: Contemporary Partnerships for Peace and Development in Africa: The International Community and African Agencies (28-29 March), University of Bradford.

This two-day international conference aims to bring together development consultants, UN agents, key donors, Academics working on Africa, in order to share ideas and develop new strategies

For more information contact: J.M.Kabia@Bradford.ac.uk

Conference: Re-assessing Suez Fifty Years On, Maritime Historical Studies Centre, **University of Hull, (26 July 2006).** The nationalization of the Suez Canal in 1956 triggered one of the gravest international crises since the Second World War. The fiftieth anniversary of the Suez crisis presents an opportunity to re-assess this seminal episode in post-war history. Papers are welcome on all aspects of the Suez crisis, its causes and consequences. Of special interest are contributions on the international context and repercussions of Suez, but domestic perspectives are also encouraged. For further information: Dr Simon Smith, Department of History, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX or s.c.smith@hull.ac.uk

Conference of the Association of Social Anthropologists (ASA) Cosmopolitanism and Anthropology (13-14 April), University of Keele.

For more information visit www.theasa.org/asa06

Multimedia Lecture: Citizenship, Illegitimacy in Nigeria Today, by Prof. Molaria Ogundipe (**27 April**), Centre of African Studies, University of Leeds, Room 11.13 at 5.15pm

For more information contact : african-studies@leeds.ac.uk

⌘ 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 or Email: conference@aegis-eu.org. For hotel and registration Email: hotelandregistration@aegis-eu.org

Conference: 11th Swahili Colloquium (26-28 May). A three-day conference organised by the University of Bayreuth, Germany on Swahili Studies. The Colloquium brings together European and East African scholars to present on various aspects of Swahili studies. Places are limited.

For more information contact Clarissa Dittmer on: Swahili@uni-bayreuth.de

Transcultural Modernities: Narrating Africa in Europe (1-3 June 2006) European Network for Euro-African Studies Project 2006. Venue: Frankfurt University, Germany. In recent years the creative output of Africans living in Europe has received increasing interest from the media and in academia, little critical attention has been paid to the manner in which the narrative modes in these Euro-African works give expression to or are an expression of their creators' transcultural realities. This conference will respond to this need for reflection by scrutinizing how creative work explores issues such as home, migration, and diaspora, and how these explorations in turn contribute to the emergence of specific modern realities.

Contacts: Elisabeth Bekeers (University of Antwerp) (Elisabeth.bekeers@ua.ac.be); Sissy Helff (Goethe University Frankfurt am Main) (helff@nelk.uni-frankfurt.de), and Daniela Merolla (University of Leiden, the Netherlands) (D.Merolla@let.leidenuniv.nl). Website: <http://web.uni-frankfurt.de/fb10/ies/abt/nelk/euro-afric/>.

Conference. 4th International Conference. Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations (13-16 June 2006) Moscow, Russia, organized by the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies in co-operation with the Institute for African Studies. Information from: inafr-conference@inafr.ru.

Knowledge and Science in Africa (13-16 July 2006). Conference of the African Studies Association in Germany (VAD) in Frankfurt am Main, Germany (e-mail: info@vad-ev.de).

Conference. 5th IABA Conference. Auto-Biography and Mediation. (27-31 July 2006) at Gutenberg Universitat, Mainz, Germany. The organiser, Prof. Thomas Bierschenk would encourage the attendance of scholars from Africa or Africanists working on auto-biography.

For more information contact Prof. T Bierschenk on: horning@uni-mainz.de

or visit www.iaba.org.cn/www.English.uni-mainz.de

AEGIS Summer School: Theme: African Alternatives: Initiatives and creativity beyond current constraints. Cortona, Tuscany, Italy (18-13 September). Applicants must be PhD students and researcher coming from AEGIS centres and their affiliates.

For more information contact: a_brigaglia@yahoo.com

CALL: Conference: Bridging the North-South Divide in Scholarly Communication on Africa. Threats and Opportunities in the Digital Era (Deadline: 30 April). Conference date: 6-8 September 2006. Part of the CODESRIA-Afrika-Studiecentrum Conference Series 2006: Electronic Publishing and Dissemination.

For more information contact: vanderwerf@ascleiden.nl

Website: www.ascleiden.nl/GetPage.aspx?url=/events/events1142937906

⌘ AFRICA

Rift Valley Institute Sudan Course,(Third of the Series) An Introductory course to Sudan modern history, politics, ethnography, civil war, human rights and economics.(7-12 May), Rumbek, Sudan. The course is designed for aid workers, diplomats, researchers, journalists.

For more information contact: programmes@riftvalley.net

Conference: Information Technology and Economic Development (21-23 July), University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.

For more information visit: www.information-institute.org/cited or Email: cited@information-institute.org

Call for Papers: ‘The Bloody Writing Is For Ever Torn’: Domestic and international consequences of the first governmental efforts to abolish the Atlantic slave trade (8-12 August 2006, Ghana) Deadline: 30 June 2006. The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, in cooperation with UNESCO, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the W. E. B. Du Bois Center for African and African American Studies, the Reed Foundation, Inc., and the Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, will convene a major international conference in Ghana, West Africa. The aim of the meeting is to examine the national and international contexts of the transatlantic slave trade at the end of the eighteenth century; the circumstances that led to decisions by some of the trade’s original instigators and greatest beneficiaries to outlaw participation in it; and the social, political, economic, and cultural consequences for all the inhabitants—slave and free—of the kingdoms and nations involved, of actions that ultimately abolished one of the pillars of Atlantic commerce.

The conference will be multi-disciplinary, and the program committee welcomes proposals from scholars in all appropriate fields—history, historical anthropology, archaeology, literature, philosophy, and social sciences. Please submit written proposals of three to five pages outlining the subject, argument, and relevance to the conference themes. Proposals for individual papers and for panels are welcome; submissions may be in English or French. Include curriculum vitae. Send five (5) hard copies or an email attachment to: **Ghana Conference, OIEAHC, P.O. Box 8781, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8781; ieahc1@wm.edu**. The deadline for proposals is June 30, 2006. For the full text of the **Call for Papers**, visit <http://www.wm.edu/oieahc/conferences/index.html>.

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 or visit www.iias.nl

Conference: Ethics and Africa’, (29-31 May 2006), Cape Town, South Africa.

Organised by the Jean Beer Blumenfeld, Center for Ethics, Georgia State University and the Philosophy Department, University of Cape Town, this is an interdisciplinary conference where scholars present work relevant to the peoples and political context of Africa. Abstracts by 15 December 2005 to Andrew I. Cohen: aicohen@gsu.edu ‘Youth in Eastern Africa: Past and Present Perspectives’, Nairobi, Kenya, late June 2006. Co-organised by the British Institute in Eastern Africa and the Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique (Nairobi), the conference invites submissions on youth in Eastern Africa, from Tanzania and the Great Lakes region north to Sudan and the Horn. This conference highlights a number of themes: defining youth, intergenerational and gender relations; demography and health; socialisation and control: the political economy of youth: marginalisation and violence; and culture and mentalities. The conference brings together a broad range of researchers and lobbyists with an interest in addressing the position of youth in Eastern African societies. Abstracts and brief CV by 23 December 2005 to Dr Andrew Burton: andrew.burton@africaonline.co.ke or by post to The British Institute in Eastern Africa, Box 30710, 00100 GPO, Nairobi, Kenya, and/or to Dr H el ene Charton-Bigot: ifra2@iconnect.co.ke or by post to IFRA, PO Box 58480, 0200 City Square, Nairobi, Kenya.

Conference: ‘Forging the Local and the Global: Textual Translation and Migration’, (9-12 July 2006), Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

The conference seeks to conceptualise the role of literature and the visual arts in tracing and mapping the cartographies, movements and fault lines of past imperialisms and of contemporary empire with its new forms of sovereignty. The conference invokes location, this place and elsewhere, and movement, journeys from one location to another, from homeland to foreign land. It raises issues of identity and of agency, and gestures towards the body

as locus of inscriptions that are both culturally specific and, increasingly, transcultural. Themes include global apartheid, perpetual war: bodies and biopolitics; migrations of texts: crossing borders in literature and visual arts; the challenges of translation, transculturalism, tricontinentalism; travel-writing, trade-routes and slave-routes; and international reading publics and the creation of a South African Canon. Info: Karlien van der Schyff: global@sun.ac.za Conference: **'Rethinking Worlds of Labour: Southern African Labour History in International Context' (28-31 July 2006), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.**

Organised by the History Workshop and the Sociology of Work Unit of the University of the Witwatersrand, the conference has several aims: to foster transnational and regional studies of labour; to rethink the "givens" of South African and southern African labour historiography in light of international processes and linkages, with particular reference to the emergence of labour as a regional process and force and movement in southern Africa, the importance of imperial context and the international flow of ideas and workers, and labour diasporas, and of comparisons with other regions; to promote develop comparative labour histories with reference to southern Africa, and to comparisons between southern Africa and other regions of the global "South"; and to introduce new approaches and debates within labour history more generally into the field of South African and southern African labour history. Paper/panel abstracts by 30 November 2005: history-workshop@social.wits.ac.za

Conference: 'The Maritime Heritage and Cultures of the Western Indian Ocean in Comparative Perspective', (11-13 July 2006) British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), British Museum and Zanzibar Department of Archives, Museums and Antiquities Maritime Heritage Conference 2006, Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania.

The conference examines the maritime heritage, cultural traditions and historical trajectory of the various populations bordering the Western Indian Ocean, and including the various offshore islands – and to compare and contrast these with other maritime regions and cultures, including those of other sections of the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf, and Western Atlantic fringe. Themes include the history and ethnography of boat-building; maritime societies as cultural brokers; the militarization of the sea and its social and material consequences; the historical ecology of island communities; evidence for sea level change and its impacts on human populations; piracy and trade in the Indian Ocean; the poetics of maritime culture; challenges facing the preservation of maritime cultures and heritage; fishing; and slavery and slave trading in the Indian Ocean. Abstracts and enquiries (including possible financial support) by 1 March 2006 to: Dr Stephanie Wynne-Jones, Assistant Director, BIEA: swj@africaonline.co.ke Website: www.britac.ac.uk/institutes/eafrica/

Conference: 'Gendering Transformations: Gender, Globalization, and State Transformation in Africa and the African Diaspora', (28-30 July 2006) Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri, Nigeria,

The Second Trans-Atlantic Research Group conference, in association with Echeruo Centre for Public Policy, brings together scholars and policy-makers interested in exploring historical, policy, and development phenomena and their intersection with gender. The organisers encourage submissions on a wide range of themes relating gender to globalization, democratization, and state transformation in Africa and the African diaspora: gender and social transformation; transformation of gender roles; gender and language in Africa; gender and economic transformation; gender, crime, law, and justice; gender, war and peace-making; trans-Atlantic encounters and transformation; children and migration experience; and trans-Atlantic relations policy implications of gender and globalization. 300-word abstracts by 31 January 2006 to Dr Chima J. Korieh: korieh@rowan.edu

Conference: Land Memory, Reconstruction and Justice Perspectives on Land Restitution in South Africa (13-15 September) Cape Town, South Africa

For more information contact: Paulette Bertram on aimintl@iafrica.com

⌘ ASIA

Civil Society and Human Security. 7th International Conference of International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) Bangkok, Thailand (12 July 2006). This conference will provide an opportunity to share and explore scholarship that addresses issues of local, national, regional and global (in)security. Invariably, civil society

organizations are first on the scene of disasters, but is civic humanitarianism always effectively managed, apolitical, and not at times self-serving? How does civil society respond to underlying causes of conflict such as structural poverty, poor governance, exclusion, inequality, gender and ethnic divides, and (inter)national politics? Information from: www.istr.org/conferences/Bangkok/.

⌘ LATIN AMERICA

Conference: 'Going up to the South: Africa, Latin America and Asia: Centres for Global Development', (10-13 October 2006), 12th International Conference of Latin American Association for Asian and African Studies, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.

Abstracts by 31 August 2006 to Jerónimo Delgado: africa@uexternado.edu.co 'Africa's Indigenous Science and Knowledge Systems', Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nigeria, 24-27 October 2006. The University's History Department, in conjunction with the Global Africa Foundation, USA, announce its second international conference on Africa's indigenous science and knowledge systems. Focus areas include conceptual issues related to science and indigenous knowledge systems; Intellectual Property Rights, compensation for resource persons and experts; principles for knowledge management; indigenous knowledge systems and the curriculum; and case studies from the disciplines. The organisers also welcome papers on the interconnections between science and religion in a specific area; indigenous mathematical systems in particular ethnic, linguistic or cultural regions across the continent; the medical, therapeutic value of traditional health care; the scientific basis of traditional remedies; challenges in traditional health care; indigenous practitioners; HIV/AIDS; and triumphs and constraints in indigenous technologies such as cloth-making, beer and soap. Abstracts by 28 April 2006 to Adoyi Onoja: conferenceoctober@yahoo.com

⌘ CARIBBEAN

Oral Literature and the Identity Formation in Africa and the Diaspora (6th Conference of The International Society for Oral Literature in Africa (ISOLA)) (20-23 July 2006) at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. This conference aims to explore the evidence of oral literature and the traditions for the ways in which Africans on the continent and in the diaspora have fashioned, and continue to fashion, their identities. ISOLA website: www.isola.Binghamton.edu

⌘ USA

Conference of the 49th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA) (November 16-19 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

Conference for Graduate students: Pan-Africanisms: The Work of the Diaspora Within and Without the Academy (20-22 April) at Department of African American Studies at Yale University, New Haven, CT

The conference will provide a forum for emergent voices in the field to address the construction of nationalism, diaspora, and community that animate the scholarship and activism of African American Studies. Contact: panafricanism@hotmail.com

Conference: A Symposium on Africans in New York. (21 April 2006). A one-day symposium co-sponsored by the Museum for African Art, the Museum of the City of New York, and the Institute of African Studies at Columbia University, that will bring together scholars and community members to explore the social and cultural

parameters of recent African migration to the New York metropolitan area, the constraints and opportunities that shape the lives of Africans in New York, and the relationships between African immigrants and the host populations. Contact the organisers: Dr E Schildkrout on: eschildkrout@africanart.org or Dr L Beck on: ljb34@columbia.edu

Conference: Fifty Years Beyond Bandung: The Linkages between Asia, Africa and the Diaspora (21-22 April 2006), Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio. The list of related topics includes: African/Asian Independence Movements, Pan-Africanism, Pan-Asianism, Black Nationalism, the Civil Rights Movement, Cultural Nationalism, Social/Political History and Religion and Spirituality, the Black Power Movement, the Black Arts Movement, Post-Colonialism, Dialectical Humanism, Black/Asian Studies in the 21st Century, and Economic Empowerment and Community Health and Well-Being. For further information contact: Dr. Regennia N. Williams: African.diaspora@csuohio.edu

Conference: 15th Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference. Traditional/Indigenous African Institutions and Systems in an Era of Globalization: Beyond Research and Theory (27-29 April 2006). Venue: California State University, Sacramento. Organized by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution and the Pan African Studies Program of the California State University, Sacramento. The conference will examine the state of indigenous African systems in the global village, with a focus on their changes, continuities, and displacement. Papers /proposals should aim to articulate new, innovative/creative, and feasible options for resolution of the identified issues related to the theme. Proposals that are based on case studies and best practices are highly invited: e.g. HIV-AIDS, conflict resolution, women and development, healthcare, information technology, crime and justice system, education, democracy and governance, human rights, child soldiers, post-conflict reconciliation, agriculture, arts, trade, transparency and accountability. Contact: Professor Ernest E Umazie, Director, Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, California State University, Sacramento (tel: (916) 278 6282/e-mail: uwaziee@csus.edu)

Conference: Development Strategy for the Horn of Africa, (28-30 April 2006), University of Texas at Arlington, USA. This conference features thematic workshops: macro-economic development, agricultural and rural development, infrastructure and water development, globalization and international development, healthcare system improvement strategy, women and social development, and environmental issues and sustainable development. For further information contact: Dr Alusine Jalloh: jalloh@uta.edu

Conference: "Recapricorning" the Atlantic: Luso-Brazilian and Luso-African Perspectives on the Atlantic World', (11-13 May 2006) University of Michigan and Michigan State University, USA.

The conference will be a forum for discussing new research on the history of the Lusophone South Atlantic. The conference aims to generate discussion on how this research modifies, challenges, or confirms major trends in the scholarship on Atlantic History, which has focused primarily on the North Atlantic and the Caribbean. Abstracts and short CV by 31 January 2006 to Lindsey Gish: atlantic@msu.edu

Conference: Disunited Empires – Interdisciplinary Conference on Britain and the United States: Imperialism in Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, and the Middle East', (15-18 May 2006) Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

This conference invites paper and panel proposals on any aspect of British and/or American imperialism. Contributions that compare and contrast British and American policies, practices, and legacies are particularly welcome. Areas of interest include issues of formal and informal modes of imperialism and colonization; environment and resource exploitation; war, genocide, and humanitarian intervention; corporations and the movements of national and global capital; mapping and borders; labour and class relations; public memory (archives, monuments, museums); religion; writing and narrative; political/ cultural relations between Britain and USA; and anti-colonial resistance and revolution. Abstracts by 31 January 2006 to: empire@post.queensu.ca

Conference: Environmental Science and Technology (19-22 August). Sponsored by the American Academy of Sciences the conference will be held in Houston Texas.

For more information visit www.AASci.org/conference

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 and Thomas Koelble: tkoelble@gsb.uct.ac.za

CAS NEWS

At the last CAS Management meeting held at SOAS on 23 March 2006, the management committee has agreed to change the Centre logo.

AEGIS, the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies, is pleased to announce the AEGIS Brill Africa Book Series that seek to provide a new and much-needed venue for publication of works drawn from the lively and expanding community of scholars with interests in Africa and its Diaspora. Angelica Baschiera, CAS organiser, will act as Secretary to the Editorial Board

Open Inaugural Lecture, Philip J Jaggar, Professor of West African Linguistics, SOAS.

The immense complexity of the language situation in Africa ("I never realized it!) with special reference to Hausa/Chadic/Afroasiatic and SOAS'

11 May 2006, 5.30pm in the Brunei Gallery, SOAS

Chair: Professor John Saeed, Trinity College, Dublin

Professor Colin Bundy, Director and Principal, will preside. Admission free. All welcome.

⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVENTIS NIGERIAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN LONDON (PREVIOUSLY LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME). SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2005

DR MUHAMMAD LAWAL AMINU, DEPARTMENT OF NIGERIAN AND AFRICAN LANGUAGES, AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY. Research: reformism as a theme in the 21st Hausa Religio-Political Poetry.

DR CHARLES UKEJE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION, OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY ILE-IFE. Research: Oil Capital, Ethnic Nationalism and Civil Conflicts in the Niger Delta of Nigeria.

THE TWO 2005 LEVENTIS SCHOLARS LEFT IN DECEMBER 2005

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 2006**. Further information may be obtained from the CAS office or website.

VISITING SCHOLARSHIP FOR EASTERN AFRICAN ACADEMICS. January to March 2006.

SELAMAWIT MECCA ZERGA, ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY, ETHIOPIA. Research:
Ethiopian Hagiographies of Female Saints

Selamawit Mecca Zerga left SOAS on 18 March 2006. She presented a paper at the Africa Department Seminar on 16 March entitled “**Hagiographies of Ethiopian Female Saints: with special reference to Gedla Kristos Semra and Gedla Fiqirte Kristos**” and her paper will be published in the Journal of African Cultural Studies (Africa Department, SOAS).

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/

⌘ RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

William G Clarence-Smith *Islam and the abolition of Slavery*, Hurst, London, 2006

Christopher Cramer *Civil War is Not a Stupid Thing: Accounting for Violence in Developing Countries*, Hurts, London, 2006

Marie Miran, *Musulmans d'Abidjan. Islam, histoire et modernité en Côte d'Ivoire*, Paris, Karthala, 2006, (with the financial support of IISMM, Paris and SOAS, London)

ibid *The Political Economy of Civil Islam in Cote d'Ivoire* in H.Weiss & M. Broening (eds), 'Islamic Democracy? Political Islam in Western Africa', Berlin, Lit Verlag, 2006

ibid *D'abidjan a Porto Novo: associations islamiques, culture religieuse reformiste et transnationalisme sur la Cote de Guinee*, in L. Fourchard, A. Mary and R. Otayek (eds), 'Entreprises Religieuses transnationales en Afrique de l'Ouest', IFRA Ibadan, Karthala, Paris: 43-72, 2005

Deborah Potts & D Bryceson (eds), *African Urban Economies: Viability, Vitality or Vitiation*, Houndmills, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.

⌘ 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

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: 15 April and 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: 15 April and 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: 15 April and 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: 15 April and 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: 30 April 2006

Further information and application form visit: www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html or contact 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.

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

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: Civil Society, Democracy and Development.

To be considered for a fellowship during 2006, 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

Africa Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Bradford: PhD Studentship 2006/07

Three year funded Research Studentship on Social Reintegration of Child Soldiers in Post-Conflict Societies in Africa (with focus on Sierra Leone, Liberia, Northern Uganda and Southern Sudan) of the value of £19,000 per year to fund 1-2 research students. Deadline: 12 June 2006

For more information contact Dr K Omeje on: k.c.omeje1@bradford.ac.uk Tel +44 (0) 1274 235251

European Grants

For European grants visit: 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:

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⌘ MISCELLANEOUS/ARTS

Theatre Play: The Royal Shakespeare Company, London, presents '**Breakfast with Mugabe**' by Fraser Grace. Directed by Antony Sher. SOHO Theatre (11-22 April 2006)

Funny, unsettling and provocative, Fraser Grace's play tells a startling story. It is election time in 2002, in Zimbabwe, and President Mugabe is battling with mental demons. He seeks help from a white psychiatrist. Set in Mugabe's palace in Harare the piece explores the conflict of African and European values in a series of bruising encounters. For further information visit: www.sohotheatre.com. Box office 0870 429 6883

Exhibition: BIG/Small (January-July 2006) at the National Museum of African Art, Washington D.C., USA. Contemporary and tradition-based works illustrate how artists

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**The Centre of African Studies office is open on
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11.00 am to 17.00.**

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