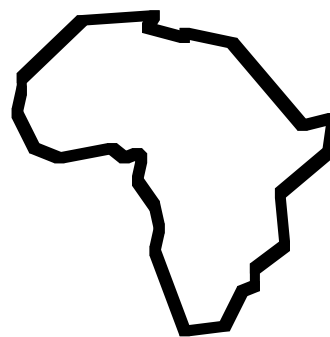


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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

⌘ **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.

16 March

Steve Kibble, Advocacy Coordinator Africa/Yemen, Progressio
ANGOLA: CAN THE “POLITICS OF DISORDER” BECOME THE POLITICS OF
DEMOCRATISATION AND DEVELOPMENT?

28 MARCH

MARTIN PLAUT BBC WORLD SERVICE
ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA - THE COSTS OF PERMANENT HOSTILITY

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: Lutz Marten, Chege Githiora, Nancy Kula, Anna McCormack, Nhlanhla Thwala. With over 400 languages, the Bantu family provides a rich field for descriptive, comparative and theoretical linguistic studies. Among the many aspects prominent in current linguistic debate on Bantu languages are the relation between agreement and comparative freedom of word-order, the extent of (non)-configurationality, the expression of information structure, the relation between derivation and inflection, tense/aspect, and negation, as well as diachronic, typological and comparative topics. The conference will bring together researchers engaged in the study of Bantu languages from a descriptive and/or theoretical perspective, so as to highlight the relation between descriptive studies and theory formation in Bantu linguistics. The conference is part of a collaborative project between SOAS, the University of Leiden, the Zentrum für allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Typologie and Universalienforschung, Berlin and funded by the British Academy (http://mercury.soas.ac.uk/users/lm5/Bantu_project.htm).

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)

In Africa, and other parts of the world affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, traditional medical practitioners considerably outnumber biomedical practitioners, and they treat a large proportion of patients suffering from HIV-related illness as part of their everyday practice. Despite this close involvement with HIV/AIDS, work with traditional medical practitioners and the pandemic remains a marginal activity. This workshop aims to explore the state of knowledge of this topic to date, and to set forward an agenda for the future. Possible themes may include: 1. Collaboration between traditional medicine and biomedical control agencies. 2. Traditional pharmacopoeia. 3. Experience of traditional practitioners. 4. Experience of patients and traditional practitioners.

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

⌘ **Seminar: ReSONances Senegalaises: Authenticity and Cosmopolitanism in Senegalese Popular Music** by Richard Shain, University of Paris, (7 March 2006) Organiser: Anthropology and Music Departments, SOAS-University of London. The talk will be held in **Room G60, SOAS, between 5pm-7pm.**

For further information contact: Dr Rachel Harris: rh@soas.ac.uk or Prof. Richard Fardon: rf@soas.ac.uk

⌘ **Call for Proposal: Seminar on African Contemporaneities: Deadline for Proposals: 20th January 2006.** Research students' seminar organised by SOAS, University of London and the Centre d'Etudes Africaines of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (E.H.E.S.S.-Paris).

Sessions: 28 February, 7 and 14 March 2006 at SOAS, Room 379, at 5-7pm

3 March, 10 March, 17 March 2006 at E.H.E.S.S.

For further information contact Madalina Florescu (SOAS) on: 128108@soas.ac.uk

Virginie Tallio (E.H.E.S.S.) on: doceaf@yahoo.fr

⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society

The Britain Tanzania Society holds meetings throughout the year at SOAS. No meetings are fixed at the moment but information on the society and future meetings can be obtained from Roy Galbraith (roygal@aol.com)

⌘ Meetings organized by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society. The Anglo-Ethiopian Society hold 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.).

- 16 February *Ethiopian Pilgrimage* - a film by B Campbell-Cole
Room B102, Brunei Gallery (SOAS) at 7pm
The film was originally made for BBC television, and follows 2 pilgrims on their 6 days walk across remote countryside in Bale to the shrine of Sheikh Hussein, the local saint who is said to have brought Islam to the region. The pilgrimage takes place twice each year and is made by thousands of pilgrims. The rituals and beliefs involved are half Islamic, half pagan and must date from pre-Islamic days.
- 22 March *An Ethiopian Odyssey - How a dream led Annette Allen back to Ethiopia* - an illustrated talk by Annette Allen
Room B102, Brunei Gallery, (SOAS) at 7pm
In March 2004, Annette returned to Nazareth School for Girls in Addis, on a quest to find former classmates from 1964, for her first book "An Ethiopian Odyssey". Inspired by a dream in 2000 that she was back to help provide water for the poor, Annette is working with WaterAid to provide funds for this through the book's sales

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: sarycastle@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 hold many open meetings during the year, information about these can be found on the RAS website: www.royalafricansociety.org/

- 1 February *Telecentres and Transformations: Modernizing Tanzania through the Internet.*
Dr Claire Mercier, Department of Geography, University of Leicester
4pm at Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, 21 George Square, **Edinburgh** EH8. Booking required, Tel: 0131 650 3878
- 2 February *Governance and Development.* A Consultation with Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for International Development.
6.30pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS, Thornhaugh st., Russell Sq, **London** WC1H. Booking required: Tel: 020 7898 4390/Email: ras@soas.ac.uk
- 14 February *What Future Role will Africa play in the Commonwealth.* Derek Ingram Obe,

Journalist.

12.30pm at Clifton Hill House, University of Bristol, Lower Clifton Hill,
Bristol BS8. Charge of £11 including lunch. Booking required, Tel: 0117 973 3870

TBC *Ugandan Election. back to the Future?* Speaker to be confirmed.
Commonwealth Club, **London**

9 March *An Evening with Alexander McCall-Smith*, Author.
7.30pm at Commonwealth Club, **London**. The talk will be preceded by a Reception
Members Free. Non Members £20. Booking required. Tel: 020 7898 4390

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

⌘ 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**

01 February *War, religion and the imposition of colonial rule in the Gold Coast: The Fanti revival of the 1870s.* Scott Anderson (SOAS)

08 February *Talk on the anti-apartheid movement [title to be confirmed]* Genevieve Klein (University of Oxford)

22 February *Pride before a fall: the 'failure' of African Catholicism in mid nineteenth-century Senegal* Amanda Sackur (London Metropolitan University)

01 March *Gender and property rights in Gedeo (south Ethiopia) to 1974.* Berhanu Tesfaye (SOAS)

08 March *Stirring the National Dish: Food, Political Culture and Inventing the Ethiopian Cuisine, 1887-2005.* James McCann (Boston University)

15 March *On Popular Racial Killing in South Africa: a case study.* Jeremy Krikler (University of Essex)

22 March *Building and breaking society: warfare as cause and consequence in northern Tanzania, c.1850-1884.* Richard Reid (University of Durham)

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

Art & Archaeology Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities) Art & Archaeology of Africa and the Americas Research Seminar held on Mondays in Room B111 (Brunei Gallery) from 17.00-19.00

- 30 January *The Re-Invention of Brazil (1918-1933): Race, Culture and National Identity*. Dr Maria Lucia Pallares-Burke (Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge),
- 6 February: *Changing Aesthetics, Surfaces and Woodcarving in Contemporary Nigeria*. Dr William Rea (University of Leeds)
- 20 February *Masquerading as Intangible Heritage*. Dr Ferdinand De Jong (UEA),
- 27 February *Tuareg dress and adornment - creations of identities among the Tuareg in Agadez*. (Ursel Widemann (SOAS)
- 6 March *Dak'art: The Dakar Biennale as a Cooperation and Development Project*. Iolanda Pensa (Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociale, Paris)
- 13 March *Continuity and Change in Northeastern Africa: a Macroscopic View of Intercultural History*. Dr Jacke Phillips (Cambridge University),
- 20 March *Encountering "the Other" Across the World: Eighteenth-Century Military Images of the Portuguese Colonial Empire*. Maria Manuela Tenreiro (SOAS),

Enquiries to Dr Tania Tribe (email: tt10@soas.ac.uk)

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⌘ At UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT (tel: +44 (0)20 7679 2000

West Africa Seminar held on Fridays at 16.30 in the Daryll Forde Anthropology Laboratory, UCL

- 27 January *Shell and Sustainable Community Development in the Niger Delta: new wine in an old skin?* Uwen Ite (Lancaster University)
- 3 February *Feminisation of Migrants' Associations: Migrant Women between Paris and Senegal* Barbara Jettinger (Oxford University)
- 10 February *The Verbal-Visual Nexus Revisited: Wax Print Cloth and Patterns among Ghanaians in London*. Adeline Trude (UCL)
- 17 February Reading Week
- 24 February *Choreographic Experiments and Social Mobility in Urban Senegal*. Helene Neveu Kringelbach (Oxford University)
- 3 March *Political Economy of Community Forestry in Cameroon*. Emmanuel Nuesiri (Oxford University)
- 10 March *When Global Technoscience meets Poverty: Pharmaceutical Research and an*

Economy of Blood in The Gambia. James Fairhead (Sussex University)

For further information contact Professor Philip Burnham (e-mail: p.burnham@ucl.ac.uk/tel: 020 7679 2453)

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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 **18.00-19.30** in the **Seligman Library, A607 (Sixth Floor, Old Building), Anthropology Department**

2 February *Feminisation of Migrants' Associations: Migrant Women between Paris and Senegal*
Barbara Jettinger (Oxford University)

10/11 February *Researching Ghanaian Networks* - Workshop

16 February *From Brothers War to Border War: Conduct of an Interstate war in the Post-Cold War Era [Ethiopia-Eritrea (1998-2000)]* Alexandra M. Dias

2 March *The Rule of Law as Politics in Zambia.* Jeremy Gould (University of Helsinki)

16 March Title to be announced. Don Slater (LSE)

For further information contact Girish Daswani (G.Daswani@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. Barnett: a.s.barnett@lse.ac.uk
Dr Noack: pnoack@patricknoack.net

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

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

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

31 January *High-insecurity laboratory: Pasteurian science and the informality of rule in post-*

colonial Cameroon. Dr Guillame Lachenal, Paris 7.
At 5.30-7.00pm, Room 5, Keppel street

- 7 February *Consuming the Qu'ran: negotiating meanings of sexuality, health and identity among Gambian youth*. Dr stella Nyazi, LSHTM.
At 5.15-6.30, Bennett Room (LG80), Keppel Street
- 16 February *Mortality in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): a nationwide survey*. Dr Rick Brennan, Health Director, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
At 12.45-2.00pm, Manson Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street
- 21 February *Learning Chinese Formula Medicine in Mombasa, Kenya*. Dr Elisabeth Hsu, Oxford University. **At 5.15-6.30, Room 5, Keppel street**
- 14 March *Social Science Research on AIDS and orphanhood in Kenya: an ethical challenge*. Dr Eric Nyambetha, Conpehagen and Maseno Universities.
At 5.15-6.30, Room 5, Keppel street

EVENTS

⌘ LONDON

Workshop: Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa, International Solidarity and the Anti-Apartheid Movement: New Perspectives . A Joint Birkbeck College-SOAS Research Students (27 January & 3 February, 2006)

Date: 27 January, 2006, 2pm-5.30 pm

Venue: Room 538, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London WC1 7HX

Date: 3 February 2006 2pm-5.30pm

Venue; Room 116, SOAS

If you are interested in attending, please contact Hilary Sapire, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck College (h.sapire@bbk.ac.uk) or Wayne Dooling, Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies. (wd2@soas.ac.uk)

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) (7 February). Venue: The Menzies Room, Institute of Commonwealth Studies from 12.30-1.30pm (coffee and sandwiches available) .

The Practical Imperialist: Letters from a Danish Planter in German East Africa, 1888-1906. by Prof. Jane Parpart (Dalhousie University, Canada/Research Fellow, LSE & ICS)

If you wish to attend contact Barbara Spina (e-mail: bs24@soas.ac.uk/tel: 020 7898 4157). Information on SCOLMA lunchtime seminars and other events are available on the SCOLMA website at <http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/scolma>.

Chatham House Events: Two Talks will be taking place with relevance to Africa:

‘Security Sector Reform in DR Congo’ (17 February), Suliman Baldo , International Crisis Group & Dr M Kodi, Research Associate at Chatham House at 1.30pm-2.30pm

‘More than Humanitarianism: A Strategic Approach toward Africa’ (15 March), Chair: Baroness Amos, Stephen Morris (Director of CSIS Africa Program), P N Lyman (Director of Africa Policy Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations), Ann Grant (Standard Chartered Bank)

Conference: Economic Development in the Commonwealth (1-3 February). Venue; Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park & Goodenough College, Speakers tbc.

For further information contact: reception@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

Book launch: Caribbean Narratives of Belonging: Fields of Relation, Sites of Identity. (8 February) Speakers: Jean Besson (Goldsmith), Karen Olwig (University of Copenhagen), Prof. Gad Heuman (Warwick University), Prof. Paul Thompson, Prof. Harry Goulbourne (London South Bank University)

Venue: Menzies & Hancock Rooms (Institute of Commonwealth Studies) at 5pm-7pm.

For further information about the book launch and the Caribbean Studies seminar at ICS contact: mary.turner@sas.ac.uk or kate.quinn@sas.ac.uk

Call for Papers: 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)

Deadline for submissions 15 March. To be submitted to Mireal Dunic M.Dunic@surrey.ac.uk

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

Public Lectures at the Centre for Civil Society, Dept. of Social Policy, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, WC2A

Faith Based Agencies - Promoters of Development of Part of the Problem? (9 February). Venue: Old Theatre, LSE Old Building at 6.30pm

Organising within and Around Muslim Communities in the UK: Challenges and Opportunities (2 March) Venue: Old Theatre, LSE Old Building at 6.30pm

Conference: Linguistic Diversity in Africa (4-5 March 2006) at the Conference Centre, ULU (University of London Union), Malet Street, London WC1. Organised by LiA (Language in Africa), SIG (Special Interest group), BAAL (British Association of Applied Linguistics)

For more information contact: Mark Krzanowski on markksk1@btinternet.com or visit the website: www.mkuked.co.uk

⌘ UK

African Studies Seminar, St Antony's College, University of Oxford Convened by Dr David Anderson (St Cross College) . Contact wanja Knighton at: african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk.

African Studies Lectures and Research Seminars held at The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. 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 (30 January- 13 March 2006) every Monday at 5pm . Contact da211@cam.ac.uk

Southern Africa Seminars, School of Geography, Centre for the Environment, University of Oxford. (25 January-24 February). Contact african.studies@st-antonys.oxford.ac.uk

Call for Papers: 7th Annual Researching Africa Day Workshop (11 March) at St-Antony's College, University of Oxford. **Deadline for submission: 15 February.** The workshop provides Postgraduate (PhD) students with the opportunity to meet and exchange information and experiences with fellow researchers. Brief presentations will be given by research students working on various disciplines relating to Africa. Contact: Xerxes Malki (xerxes.malki@history.ox.ac.uk) or Genevieve Klein (genevieve.klein@sant.ox.ac.uk)

Visual Arts: Transitions - An Exhibition of Artworks from Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe. (04 February onwards) at the Royal West of England Academy, Bristol

Conference: Crossing Places (27 January 2006). One day conference for graduate students in African Studies at Nottingham University. This conference will provide a forum for postgraduates to present their research and meet other students in African Studies across the disciplines, with the aim of establishing a basis for future collaboration. The theme will be widely interpreted and papers could address, but are not limited to, the following: • Intersections • Liminal spaces • Immigration • Diaspora • Crossing between identities • Cross-cultural experiences • Gender crossing • Racial passing • Crossing between languages • Borders, boundaries and margins.
Contact: Charlotte Baker: afxcab@nottingham.ac.uk and Zoe Norridge: zoe.norridge@soas.ac.uk.
<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/french/postgraduate/conference.htm>.

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

Call for Paper: 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 for m available on: www.cas.ed.ac.uk/conference

Workshop on Development Economics (8 February). A one-day workshop to share ideas for the innovative teaching of development economics at the Empire and Commonwealth Museum, Bristol.
Registration information: www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk/events/development0206.htm
For more information contact; Heather Witham (Email: h.whitam@bristol.ac.uk)

⌘ EUROPE

Models, Making and Uses in Globalized Africa (3-4 February 2006) Venue: Maison des sciences de l'homme d'Aquitaine, Domaine universitaire, Esplanade des Antilles, Talence, France. Contact: Dominique Darbon (d.darbon@sciencespobordeaux.fr).

Colloquium. Analysing Public Policies in Africa: An Exercise in Conceptual Transfer (3-4 March 2006)

Venue: Institut d'études politiques, Domaine universitaire, Pessac, France. Contact Comi Toulabor (c.toulabor@sciencespobordeaux.fr) or Dominique Darbon (e-mail: d.darbon@sciencespobordeaux.fr).

Labour and Working Class History (22-25 March 2006). European Social Science History Conference being held at The Hague, the Netherlands. The conference will be characterized by a lively exchange in many small groups, rather than by formal plenary sessions, covering topics such as topic criminal justice, family, social inequality, economics etc. Enquiries to Lex Heerma van Voss (lhv@iisg.nl).

11th Swahili Colloquium (26-28 May). A three-day conference organised by the University of Bayreuth, Germany on Swahili Studies. **(Deadline for submission of papers 1 March 2006).** 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 and 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. 3 focal points: •Tracing Euro-African Modernities – Of Asylum Seekers and Cosmopolitans; •Modes of Narrating Africa in Europe, and •Postcolonial and Transcultural Studies: Framing a Euro-African Future. 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-afri/>.

Conference. 4th International Conference. Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations (13-16 June 2006) Moscow, Russia, organized by the Center 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) at Gutenberg Universität, 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

⌘ AFRICA

Conference: Negotiating Culture in the Context of Globalisation (3-8 April 2006), Dakar, Senegal. Workshop co-ordinators: Francis Nyamnjoh (CODESRIA), Till Förster (Universität Basel), Brigitte Reinwald (Universität Hannover) in association with the Volkswagen Foundation funding initiative 'Knowledge for Tomorrow – Co-operative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. Goals of the workshop: To bring together scholars in the field of humanities, cultural studies and social sciences from sub-Saharan Africa and Germany in order to explore:

- Funding strategies for scholars from sub-Saharan Africa co-operating with German research institutions and, where

necessary, associated partners from other countries; •Define topics for a subsequent ‘Call for Co-operative Research Projects’ within the broader field of ‘Negotiating Culture in the Context of Globalisation’. **Deadline: 15 November.** Abstracts and further information contact: Professor Till Förster, (till.forester@unibas.ch). Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Basel, Münsterplatz 19, CH-4501 Basel, Switzerland.

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>.

Call for Papers: Youth and the Global South: Religions, Politics and the Making of Youth in Africa, Asia and the Middle East (13-15 October 2006). Deadline for submission: 1 February 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

⌘ 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/.

⌘ 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

32nd Annual TWCF Conference: Development: Exploring Local and Global Change (16-18 March). Chicago.

An Interdisciplinary and intercultural conference exploring development, local and global changes amongst the global south, north and diaspora communities to achieve sustained development.

For more information visit www.twcfinternational.org or contact: twcfusa@aol.com

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: Movements, Migrations and Displacements in Africa (24-26 March 2006). Venue: University of Texas at Austin. Conference objective: To examine population shifts within Africa, and the movement of people from Africa to the rest of the world. Enquiries to: Toyin.Falola@mail.utexas.edu.

Call for Papers: A Symposium on Africans in New York. (21 April 2006). Deadline 30 January. 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

Call for Papers: 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...**Deadline: 29 November.** Proposals/papers to: 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).

CAS NEWS

NEW ADMINISTRATOR

After sixteen years as CAS executive officer and having worked with five different chairs of the centre, Jackie Collis retired in December 2005. She was a bedrock of the Centre's operations, always friendly and efficient, and a particular source of welcome and support to our many visiting scholars over the years. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best. CAS is also very fortunate to have found an excellent replacement for Jackie:

Angelica Baschiera, who has studied at SOAS (MA in African Studies) and worked at the School since 1999, began work in the CAS office in January 2006.

⌘ 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.

This scholarship also funded two scholars to attend the First European Conference of African Studies:

KIZZA J MUKASA, INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGES, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY
DR HAMZA MUSTAFA NJOZI, UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

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

Chris Alden, 'China in Africa', in (Survival, 47:3, 2005)

ibid 'South Africa's Economic Relations with Africa' co-authored with Mills Soko, in (Journal of Modern African Studies, 43:3, 2005)

ibid 'The new Diplomacy of the South: South Africa, Brazil and India and Trilateralism' co-authored with Marco Vieira, (26:7 2005)

Gareth Austin, 'The Political Economy of the Natural Environment in west African History: Asante and its Savanna Neighbors in the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries', in Carole Lentz & Richard Kuba (eds), 'Land Rights and the Politics of Belonging in West Africa (Brill, Leiden, 2005)

Henry Bernstein, 'The Boys from Bothaville, or the rise and fall of King Maize: A South African story' in (Journal of Agrarian Change, 4 (3) pp492-508, 2004)

ibid 'Considering Africa's Agrarian Questions' in (Historical Materialism 12 (4) pp. 115-144, 2004)

ibid 'Rural Land and Land conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa' in 'Reclaiming the Land: The Resurgence of Rural Movements in Africa, Asia and Latin America' (ed. S Moyo & P Yeros, Zed Books, London 2005)

James Brennan 'The Short History of Political Opposition and Multi-Party Democracy in Tanganyika, 1958-1964' in 'In Search of a Nation: Histories of Authority & Dissidence in Tanzania' (ed. G. Maddox & J Giblin,, Oxford/Athens: James Currey/Ohio University Press, 2005)

Patrick Chabal & Jean-Pascal Daloz, 'Culture Troubles. Politics and Interpretation of Meaning' (C. Hurst & Co Publishers Ltd. 2005)

Chris Cramer, John Sender & Carlos Oya 'Unequal Prospects: Disparities in the Quantity and Quality of Labour Supply in sub-Saharan Africa'. Social Protection Discussion Paper No.0525, Washington: World Bank. 2005

David Simon 'Science Plan: Urbanization and Global Environmental Change' co-authored with R Sanchez-Rodriguez, K Seto, W Solechi, F Kraas, and G Laumann, (International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change 2005)

ibid 'The Peri-Urban Interface: Approaches to Sustainable Natural and Human Resources Use'. (ed.) with D. McGregor & D. Thompson, (Earthscan, London, 2006)

ibid 'Fifty Key Thinkers on Development' (ed) (Routledge's Fifty Key Thinkers Series. Routledge, London 2006)

Harry West, 'Kupilikula: Governance and the Invisible Realm in Mozambique' (University of Chicago Press, 2005)

⌘ FUNDING

British Academy research funding: forthcoming deadlines

The British Academy offers awards for postdoctoral research in the humanities and social sciences. 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>.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Awards offer three-year career development opportunities for recently postdoctoral scholars.

Next deadline: 28 February 2006

(Application forms and details available by December 2005). Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.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.

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>.

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.

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship (Deadline: 31 March 2006)

The scholarship is for Taught Masters' Students from African Commonwealth countries who have a good BA degree, are under 35 years of age, and have not previously studied in any University in developing countries.

For applications and enquiries visit: www.soas.ac.uk/departments/index.cfm?navid=2310

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 1000words 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

European Grants

For European grants visit: www.welcomeurope.com/doc/eu-funding2006.pdf

⌘ MISCELLANEOUS

Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham, UK. Third Cadbury Fellows' Programme and workshop.

CWAS has announced its third annual resident fellows' programme and workshop built around a current theme in African Studies. Two to three fellows will be appointed to participate in a two-month schedule of seminars and discussion groups, culminating in an interdisciplinary conference in May 2006. One aim of the fellowship scheme is to assist new scholars to develop a research paper and bring it to publication, and it is expected that the conference papers will form the basis of an edited book or a special issue of a journal. Fellowships will cover return air fare, accommodation and living costs for a period of up to ten weeks

Full information may be obtained from www.cwas.bham.ac.uk/staff/visiting.htm.

Call for Papers. The International Politics of Oil, *St Antony's International Review*. Deadline: 31 January 2006.

One of the consequences of human dependence on oil has been the task of managing extraordinary economic, political, social and environmental risks. Yet in an increasingly carbon-constrained world, with insatiable global demand and finite supply, the challenge has become ever more acute. This special issue invites academic and policy experts as well as young researchers from a range of intellectual backgrounds to reflect upon the political implications posed by human-kind's continuing consumption of oil. The Editors are particularly keen to attract analysis with a regional focus. Areas of enquiry could be, but are not limited to, the following:

Oil in foreign policy and conflict; oil and development; political economy of the hydrocarbon industries; methodological problems, and managing the global commons.

For information on guidelines for contributors see frontpage of website www.sant.ox.ac.uk/jcr/STAIR or e-mail stair@sant.ox.ac.uk.

Call for Proposals: CODESRIA Multinational Working Groups: Theme: Africa and its Diasporas:

Introductory Background: The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) invites proposals from researchers for possible inclusion in its new multinational working group (MWG) on the

theme of Africa and its Diasporas. The changing composition and geography of Africa's Diasporas, and the shifting re-composition of all aspects of the linkages between these diasporas and the continent, is one of the thematic areas at the core of the current intellectual agenda of the Council. The MWG is the flagship research vehicle employed by CODESRIA for the promotion of multi-country and multidisciplinary reflections on critical questions of concern to the African social research community. Each MWG is led by two to three coordinators and includes a maximum of fifteen researchers. Three senior scholars are designated as independent reviewers who serve as discussants during the meetings of the group. The lifespan of the average MWG is two years during which time all aspects of the research process are expected to be completed and the final results prepared for publication in the CODESRIA Book Series.

More details on the MWG and CODESRIA activities are available on the Council's website: <http://www.codesria.org/>, e-mail: mwg@codesria.sn. Through the MWG that forms the object of this call for proposals, CODESRIA seeks to promote a critical reflection on the historical and contemporary processes of Diaspora formation and re-composition as it pertains to Africa, doing so in ways which promote fresh insights and innovative approaches that could both advance knowledge and policy. **Deadline: 28 February 2006.**

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11.00 am to 17.00.**

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