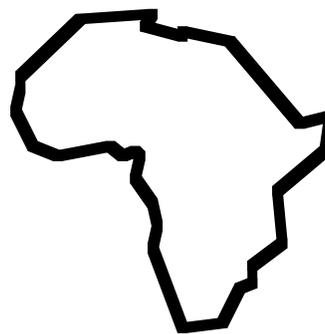


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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

⌘ **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.

8 November:

Mushtaq Khan, Professor of Economics , SOAS

GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA - A CRITICAL VIEW
(provisional title).

Poor governance has been identified as a major constraint in African economic development by the Commission for Africa. On the other hand Jeffrey Sachs and others have argued that geography and resources are the main constraints facing Africa. This talk is based on research done for DfID and argues that neither side in this argument has taken adequate account of the governance capacities that allowed rapid development in Asian countries over the last 50 years. Professor Khan will argue that Africa does need to strengthen critical governance capacities to promote its productive sector but these are not the governance conditions identified by the Commission for Africa and most institutional economists. Without a programme to strengthen pro-active governance capacities, the prospects for economic development in most African countries are likely to remain poor.

6 December

Bob Annibale, Global Director, Citibank Microfinance Group.
MICROFINANCE AND AFRICA

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

⌘ **Africa Educational Trust Michael Scott Lecture (10 October) (18.30) The Changing Role of Universities in Africa, Professor Derrick Swartz** (Vice Chancellor, University of Fort Hare, South Africa). Africa Educational Trust (AET) in association with The University of Fort Hare Foundation, UK and the Centre of African Studies (University of London). Venue: Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (SOAS). **Admission by ticket only. Contact: Jill Landymore (j.landymore@africaeducationaltrust.org).**

Professor Swartz received sponsorship from the Africa Educational Trust to undertake his postgraduate studies at the University of Essex. He is a former anti-apartheid activist and is a familiar name in the South African political and educational scene. He returned to South Africa in 1994 and became Professor and Director of the Institute of Government at the University of Fort Hare. In 1999 at the time when the university was on the brink of collapse he was called in to lead it. Under his leadership and that of his management team UFH has grown into a reputable higher education institution with a rich and well-established brand name locally and internationally. The recent award of the Supreme Order of Baobab, Gold Class, South Africa's highest honour, to the University of Fort Hare, is a testimony to its collective achievements.

This is the fourth Michael Scott Memorial Lecture. Past lectures have been given by Pierre Schori (1995) (then Swedish Minister for International Development Co-operation), Mwalimu Julius K Nyerere (1997) (former President of Tanzania) and Peter Hain MP (2001) (then Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office).

(AET) supports education in Africa and for Africans in the UK, based on the premise that "Education is the key to the development of a people" (Michael Scott, founder). Since 1958, the Trust has helped thousands of Africans secure a better future for themselves by listening to their needs and adapting its work to changing circumstances. Initially this took the form of scholarships for Africans to study in the UK, Ireland and other countries in Europe as well as in Africa. Since its inception AET has supported over 1,000 students from South Africa and many others from Namibia and Zimbabwe and the Horn of Africa. Over recent years the number of scholarships has decreased and AET specialises in formal and non-formal education initiatives in conflict/post-conflict societies mainly in Somaliland, Somalia and South Sudan.

Publishing in Somali (Workshop) (28 October) Room 116 (SOAS). This workshop will bring together people involved in publishing Somali books as well as providing an opportunity to see what is being published in Somali (bookstall SOAS foyer). Space is limited and by invitation for the workshop but all will be welcome to view the bookstall in the foyer of SOAS. For further information contact Dr Martin Orwin (mo1@soas.ac.uk).

Call for Papers: Bantu Grammar: Description and Theory (20-22 April 2006). Deadline for abstracts: 19 December. 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 und 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>. Registration from: 1 December. 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.

⌘ 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).

14 September *Picturing Apocalypse at Gondär* – an illustrated talk by Dr Dorothea McEwan. Room B102, Brunei Gallery (SOAS) at 19.00.

One of the outstanding treasures in the collection of Ethiopian manuscripts held by the British Library is an illuminated manuscript Book of Revelation and Acts of St. John, dating from the early eighteenth century. Although numerous copies of this text exist in the language used in the liturgy, Ge'ez, from various dates, the evidence available shows that it has very seldom been illuminated. Only one other illustrated volume is known to exist; it is kept in a remote settlement on a southern spur of the Semien Mountains, in Därasgä Maryam near the village of Mekane Berhan, written c. 1855. Dr McEwan will attempt to present the reason behind the commissioning of these two illuminated manuscript books. (This talk is based on one given by the speaker in September 2004 in Mannheim)

10 November *The Maria Theresa Thaler in Ethiopia and Beyond* – an illustrated talk by Clara Semple in Room LG67 (SOAS) at 19.00. First struck in 1741 and still minted, the silver Maria Theresa Thaler is one of the most distinctive coins to have circulated. The thaler or dollar became a trade coin used in Ethiopia and more widely throughout much of Arabia and the Horn of Africa. It also circulated in the Americas and as far east as China. The talk will describe the thaler's use to the present day, both as a trade coin and as an object prized for its beauty, design, luster and fine detail, coveted in jewellery and imbued with mystical and amuletic properties.

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

5 October *Africa Live: Roll Back Malaria Concert* (film). The brain-child of one of Africa's most famous artists Youssou N'Dour, the aim of the Roll Back Malaria Concert, held in Dakar, Senegal was to highlight the issue of malaria, which kills millions of people a year in Africa. The film will be followed by a discussion session with the film's director, Mick Csaky, at 17.00 in the Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS. **To make sure you get a seat for this event please contact the RAS office direct.**

27 October *Liberia after the elections* (panel discussion) speakers to include George Bennett (Star Radio Monrovia), and Thomas Jaye (Liberian Political Scientist), in the Khalili Lecture Theatre (SOAS) at 17.30

2 November *What should be done about failed states in Africa* (panel discussion) speakers to include Ameen Jam (Cabinet Office), David Mephram (IPPR), and Matthew Lockwood (tbc) in the Khalili Lecture Theatre (SOAS) at 17.00.

22 November *Michael Palin will speak about his travels around Africa*, chaired by June Sarpong (TF Presenter (C4)) in the Brunei Gallery Lecture (SOAS) at 18.00.

November/ *Sudan after Garang* by Alex de Waal (Global Equity Initiative, (Harvard); a director of Justice Africa (London))

December (tbc)

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 B111 from 17.00-18.30

12 October *Modernising the 'authentic'? The late colonial state's response to the demise of 'traditional' chieftancy: Examples from West Africa, 1944-1961* by Alexander Keese (Oxford)

19 October *The Murder of Koos Volmoer: 'Civilized warfare' in the northwest Cape, 1899-1902* by Wayne Dooling (SOAS)

- 26 October TBA
- 2 November *Distance Lends Detachment?: Towards a new history of settler society in Rhodesia* by Donal Lowry (Oxford Brookes)
- 16 November *Re-thinking Britishness in South Africa* by Vivian Bickford-Smith (University of Cape Town)
- 23 November *I hope to become a Literary Man with Perseverance in Study and Reading: A Yoruba Gentleman in Colonial Ibadan* by Ruth Watson (Birkbeck)
- 30 November *Inkathagate 1991: The Inkatha Freedom Party and state collusion in 'black on black' violence in apartheid South Africa* by Brian Morrow (former South African policeman)
- 7 December *Trade and Africa/European Social Relationships at Old Calabar, Nigeria 1740-1840* by Chris Krantz (SOAS)

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

- 7 October *Ideological Relations: Inter-Personal Connections amongst Ghanaian Activists* by Thomas Yarrow (University of Cambridge)
- 14 October No Seminar.
- 21 October *Heritage and Pilgrimage: Memory and materiality in Saint Louis, Senegal* by Ferdinand de Jong (University of East Anglia)
- 28 October *Pepys in the Bush: An experiment in diary writing from rural Cameroon* by David Zeitlyn (University of Kent)
- 4 November *The Gangster's Paradise? Arms Proliferation and the Changing Patterns of Violent Conflicts in the Niger Delta* by Charles Ukeje (Obafemi Awolowo University and Leventis Research Co-operation Scholar CAS)
- 18 November *Reformism as a Theme in Hausa Religio-Political Poetry* by Muhammad Lawal Aminu (Ahmadu Bello University and Leventis Research Co-operation Scholar, CAS)
- 25 November *Marketing of Imported Liquor in West Africa from the 1930s to the 1980s* by Dmitri van den Bersselaar (University of Liverpool)

2 December *Peasants and Democratisation in rural Kano* by Raufu Mustapha (University of Oxford)

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

⌘ 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)**

6 October *On the Conceptual Topography of 'Power': Understanding sexual prohibitions, production and consumption in Kilimanjaro* by Dr Knut Myhre (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

20 October *District Six – Time To Return Home* (documentary). Arianna Lissoni (SOAS)

3 November *Land, Popular Culture, and the 'Broker': How property relationships are mediated in South African land reform* by Dr Deborah James (LSE)

17 November *"Not in our homes": HIV and Maasai in Tanzania* by Dr Ernestina Coast (LSE)

1 December *Prayer and the Materiality of the Culture Amongst Ghanaian Pentecostals* by Girish Daswani (LSE)

For further information contact Girish Daswani (G.Daswani@lse.ac.uk)

LSE AIDS/DFID Public Lecture

11 October *Disease and Security* by Laurie Garrett (author of recent US Council of Foreign Relations report "HIV and National Security: Where are the Links?") at 1830 in Old Theatre, Old Building.

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 7HT** (tel: +44 (0)20 7636 8636)

Three **Medical Anthropology** seminars organised by the Health Policy Unit may be of interest to Africanists. **Tuesdays, 17.15 to 18.30, room 5, Keppel Street.** Information taken from the preliminary programme dated 15 September

25 October *Muslim Reform and HIV/AIDS in Tanzania* by Dr Felicitas Becker (SOAS)

15 November *The Intertwining of Religion and Healing among Swahili Muslims* by Professor David Parkin (University of Oxford)

22 November *The Social Reality of Malaria* by Dr Caroline Jones (LSHTM)

For further information and confirmation of the above meetings contact Linda Amarfio (Linda.Amarfio@lshtm.ac.uk)

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EVENTS

⌘ LONDON

Amalgamation of Northern and Southern Nigeria into Independent Nigeria (3 October to 11 November). Venue: Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BJ/tel: 020 7766 9200. An exhibition of rare books and documents outlining Nigeria's historic journey over the past 200 years including documents from the European Trade and the Niger and Benin Territories Expedition of 1899. Private View: 3 October with an exploratory talk by Anthony Adelaye (Chief Librarian, Nigeria High Commission) followed by a reception. All members and non-members welcome but an advance booking must be made. For bookings or further information contact Gwendolyn White (gwen.white@rcsint.org). This exhibition is a contribution by The Nigeria High Commission, London and the Royal Commonwealth Society to Black History Month 2005.

Benin (a series of paintings and etchings based on visitors looking at the Benin sculptures in the British Museum by Tony Phillips (**10 October-11 November, Monday to Friday 10.00 to 18.00**)) at The Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2. Presented by the Royal Commonwealth Society in partnership with the High Commission for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, London. Contact: Gwen White (gwen.white@rcsint.org)

Book Launch: Kupilikula: Governance and the Invisible Realm in Mozambique by Harry G West (**14 October**) (Lecturer in Social Anthropology (SOAS) in Brunei Gallery Café (SOAS) 16.30 to 18.00. In this historical ethnography of sorcery, Harry G West draws upon a decade of fieldwork and combines the perspectives of anthropology and political science to reveal how Muedans expect responsible authorities to monitor the invisible realm of sorcery and to overturn or, as Muedans call it "kupilikula. Contact Harry West (hw16@soas.ac.uk)

Think Africa: African Visions 2005 (15-16 October). A two-day literature festival organised by the Africa Centre. Venue: British Library. For information see www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/whatson/events/events.html#think and www.africacentre.org.uk/africanvisions2005.htm/

African Publishing and Writing. One-day conference at the British Library in association with the Africa Centre (**17 October**). This conference will be an opportunity to discuss the state of African publishing today, and developments over the last decade, considering how and where new writing is being published, and the connections between Africa and Britain. The day will end with a discussion led by the members of the Noma Award jury, one of Africa's most prestigious book prizes. For further information and to register, contact the conference organiser, Dr Marion Wallace, African Curator, British Library (e-mail: Africa@bl.uk). Registration is free but advance booking is necessary. Places are limited so early registration is advisable.

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) (20 October). Venue: The Menzies Room, Institute of Commonwealth Studies from 12.30 (coffee and sandwiches) lecture 13.00 - 14.00. The Royal Commonwealth Society Library: A space and network for mediating imaginary geographies of Empire and Commonwealth by Ms Ruth Craggs (Masters student, Geography Department, University of Nottingham).

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>.

Scenario Building: Planning for a Future with HIV/AIDS. A Tool for Political and Socio-Economic Dialogue (26 October). A workshop aimed at professionals in the private and public sectors and from NGOs. Venue: London School of Economics. For further information contact Ms Colette Clement, DESTIN, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE (e-mail: c.d.clement@lse.ac.uk/tel: +44 207 852 3722/fax: +44 207 955 6844).

Reaching the Margins: The Colonial and Post-Colonial Lives of the Book, 1765-2005 (3-5 November). Venue: Institute of English Studies, Senate House, University of London. Enquiries to Fraser@open.ac.uk, and M.E.Hammond@open.ac.uk. To attend contact Dennis Walder (D.J.Walder@open.ac.uk). Website: ies@sas.ac.uk

Know Your Place? (3-5 November). Venue: Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1. An international conference on 'Diaspora Literature and the Subversion of Borders' organised by Cultural Co-operation in association with Index on Censorship. Migration, race and culture are at the very heart of what it means to be human. All too often, however, they are conflated, distorted and hijacked by the politics of fear and control to deny basic human rights and to perpetuate oppression. This three-day international conference aims to heighten awareness of the role of creative writers in challenging hegemonies worldwide and in capturing the human dimension of mass population. For the full programme and how to book e-mail: emma.dcosta@culturalco-operation.org or telephone 020 7841 4620.

Reinventing Development: Lessons from Rights-Based Practice and its Implications for Policymakers and Donors (9-11 November). Venue: Institute of Commonwealth Studies. Collaborating partners: Centre for International Human Rights, Institute of Commonwealth Studies; Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), Oxford Brookes University and International Council for Human Rights Policy, Geneva.. This conference will seek to gather further data on the implications and impacts of applying a rights-based approach in practice, and feed this experience into policy and donor debates and communities. It will also coincide with the launch of an edited collection entitled, 'Reinventing Development? Translating Rights-based Approaches from Theory into Practice (P. Gready and J Ensor (eds), Zed Books, London. For further details contact Mary Sanver (e-mail: Mary.Sanver@sas.ac.uk).

⌘ UK

African Studies Seminar, Michaelmas Term, St Antony's College, University of Oxford convened by Professor William Beinart. Information from 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).

Research Seminar Series (part of the Centre of African Studies' Black History celebrations) at University of Cambridge will run from 17 October to 14 November. For information contact da211@cam.ac.uk

African Visions 2005. A Tour of African Writers (11 October). Venue: Dahrendorf Room, St Antony's College, Oxford. In collaboration with the Oxford University Africa Society and African Studies Centre, Oxford. New writing in Africa, featuring Lindsey Collen and Alex Agyei-Agri in conversation with Elleke Boehmer. E-mail enquiries to: Genevieve.klein@st-antony.ox.ac.uk or Dick.Kachuma@inacre.ox.ac.uk

Finding the Real Presence of San (Bushmen): The legacy of W H I Blook and L C Lloyd (27 October) by Professor Pippa Skotness (Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town). Venue: Brighton and Sussex Medical School Lecture Theatre. Contact: Michael Reade (events@sussex.ac.uk). Website: www.sussex.ac.uk.

Languages in the Community: Oral and written literacies (4-5 November) at Leeds University of Centre for African Studies (LUCAS). This event is the first to be held by the newly-formed Language in Africa Special Interest Group within the British Association for Applied Linguistics. It will take the form of a seminar where participants will present papers that deal with the role of local and global languages in African communities with special reference to the context of oracy and oral literatures and their interaction with literacies and literatures in other languages. Further information from John Holmes (j.l.holmes@education.leeds.ac.uk).

Call for Papers: Crossing Places (27 January 2006). One day conference for graduate students in African Studies at Nottingham University. **Deadline: 25 November**. 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.

Papers will be 20 minutes each followed by discussion. 250 word abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to both Charlotte Baker: afxcab@nottingham.ac.uk and Zoe Norridge: zoe.norridge@soas.ac.uk. All participants will need to register for the conference and there will be a fee of £10. Tea, coffee and a sandwich lunch will be provided. Booking forms will be available on the website in November. <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/french/postgraduate/conference.htm>.

⌘ EUROPE

Horn of Africa Conference IV: Good governance and Rule of Law – Key to Peace, Democratization and Sustainable Development (14-16 October). Organised by: The Somalia International Rehabilitation Centre (SIRC). Taking place in Lund, Sweden. Contact: Abdillahi Jama, (tel: +46 46 2114502/e-mail: sirc@zeta.telenordia.se).

Black European Studies (10-13 November). Venue: Johann-Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany. This interdisciplinary conference will be the first scholarly investigation of the African diaspora as an aspect of intra-European history. Organised in connection with a multi-year, international research project on black Europeans co-sponsored by the Universities of Mainz and Massachusetts and funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, the conference will endeavour to further scholarly exchange on the centuries-old history of black Europeans, to encourage interdisciplinary contacts among scholars hitherto working in isolation, and to advance the development of new theoretical and methodological tools to understand the African diaspora within Europe. For further information contact: Peggy Piesche (e-mail: piesche@best.uni-mainz.de).

II International Seminar. African Forced Labour – Compared Colonial Experiences (17-18 November) organised by the Centro de Estudos Africanos da Universidade do Porto (CEAUP). CEAUP is an R&D unit that develops interdisciplinary researches on African societies. Venue: Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto. Information from Raquel Cunha/tel: +351 22 607 71 41 (e-mail: ceaup@letras.up.pt).

Orality in Short Fiction (25-26 November), Venue: University of Angers, France. Organisers: Research Group CRILA (Centre de Recherche Inter-langues d'Angers, University of Angers) and Belmont College (Nashville, Tennessee). Contacts: Ben Lebdai (benaouda.lebdai@univ-angers.fr) and Michell Ryan-Sautour (michelle.rayn@univ-angers.fr).

Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurship in Africa: Experiences, reflections and perspectives (6-7 December). Venue: Organised by Centro de Estudos Africanos, ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal. In the scope of the research project 'Entrepreneurship and Development in Angola and Mozambique', this conference will be the presentation and discussion of experiences, ongoing research, the identification of potentialities and perspectives in Africa, as well as generating critical reflection, joining together entrepreneurs and social science researchers. Contacts: Cristina Rodrigues and Ana Célia Calapez Gomes at cea@iscte.pt.

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).

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/>.

Call for Papers. 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. Decisions have now been made on panels and papers should be sent to the relevant panel convenor. 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).

⌘ AFRICA

Bridging the Gap Between Research, Policies and Interventions (10-14 October). Venue: Meridian President Hotel, Dakar, Senegal. Third African Conference for Research on the Social Aspects of HIV. Information from www.sahara-wa.org or www.sahara.org.za/conference.

Call for Papers: Locating the Field: The Ethnography of Medical Research in Africa (4-9 December) Kilifi, Kenya. Conference aims: To share anthropological insights into trials and their study populations; to draw conclusions and recommendations from existing knowledge; to engage anthropologists, scientists and ethicists involved in trials in a dialogue, and to jointly outline, the needs for further anthropological research on field trials. Contact: trials-ethnography@lshtm.ac.uk.

CODESRIA 11th General Assembly. Rethinking African Development: Beyond impasse, towards alternatives (6-12 December) Maputo, Mozambique. In Maputo, the research community will be called upon to carry its critique of post-independence Africa development and the mode of insertion of Africa into the global system one step further by presenting alternatives that are both detailed in content and holistic in approach and relevance. See website: www.codesria.org. Contact: General.assembly@codesria.sn

Call for Papers. Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights: Global Perspectives (10-13 December). Sponsored by: The Law and Society Association, the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and the University of Saskatchewan. Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban. Enquiries to: Penelope E Andrews, Ariel F Sallows Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Saskatchewan, Canada (e-mail: penelope.andrews@usask.ca).

Call for contributions: 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 2007, 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>.

⌘ ASIA

Francophone Africa: issues in Development and Foreign Policies (20-21 October). International Seminar organised by African Studies Association India and Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) at Sapru House, New Delhi. Contact: Professor Ajay Dubey (asa_India@hotmail.com).

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

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: 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

It is with regret we announce the death of Richard Gray, a former CAS member and Professor of African History at SOAS (1951-59 and 1961-1989).

Born 7 July 1929, died 7 August.2005.

NEW CHAIRMAN

Christopher Cramer has recently become the new Chair of the Centre of African Studies. He has degrees in History and in Development Economics. He teaches in the Department of Development Studies at SOAS, where among other things he convenes the MSc in Violence, Conflict and Development. Aside from the political economy of violent conflict, his research interests include rural labour markets in Africa. The countries he has worked in most are Mozambique, South Africa, and Ethiopia.

Dr. Cramer would like to add immense thanks to his predecessor, Richard Fardon, for his lengthy stints as an enthusiastic, energetic, and highly committed chair of the Centre: a difficult though encouraging act to follow.

‘Early Nigerian Koranic Manuscripts: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Kanuri Glosses and Arabic Commentaries’ (SOAS/AHRC project).

This project began in February 2005 and the initial phase has been successfully completed as follows:

1. The SOAS collection of the Bornu Koranic manuscripts (MS 380808) has been digitised in archive (TIF) format and copied in different compressed formats suitable for use in a dedicated database application and on the internet.
2. A software application has been created in order to analyse the target content of the manuscripts: the Kanuri glosses and Arabic commentaries.
3. The application has been registered on the internet under the URL name: www.kanurimanuscripts.org. This website provides access to public and administrative domains. The public domain contains general information about the project and the manuscript images. This domain will eventually allow access to the ready-to-use parts of the database and the up-to-date results of our research.

As scheduled, two researchers on the project team – Dmitry Bondarev and Abba Isa Tijani – will travel to Nigeria to establish contacts with local scholars and take photographs of available manuscripts. They will also give a presentation on the initial results of the project at the 13th Mega-Chad Conference, ‘Migrations and Spatial Mobility in the Lake Chad Basin’ to be held in Maroua, Cameroon from 31 October to 3 November.

Professor Philip Jaggard

⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVENTIS NIGERIAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN LONDON (PREVIOUSLY LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME). The Leventis scholars can be contacted through the CAS office from September to December.

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 AG Leventis Foundation also funded three scholars to attend the First European Conference of African Studies (29 June to 3 July)

DR JOHN AGBERIA, UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT
DR MUSTAPHA GWADABE, AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY
DR KEMI ROTIMI, OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY

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

Fareda Banda, 'Women, Law and Human Rights: An African Perspective' (Hart Publishing, Oxford. 2005)

Annie E Coombes, 'History After Apartheid: Visual Culture and Public Memory in a Democratic South Africa' (Duke University Press 2003; Wits University Press 2005).

Johan Pottier, 'Re-Imagining Rwanda: Conflict, Survival and Disinformation in the Late Twentieth Century' (Cambridge University Press, 2002)

⌘ MISCELLANEOUS

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: 14 October 2005

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: 15 October 2005

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 October 2005

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: 15 December 2005

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.

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. **Deadline for applications: 1 December.** 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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