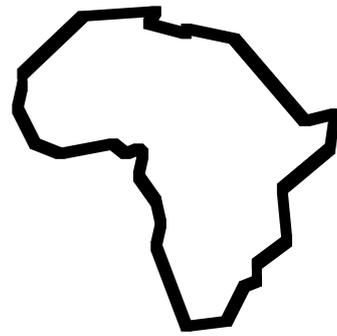


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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES



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FIRST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

29 JUNE TO 2 JULY 2005

**at the School of Oriental and African Studies,
Institute of Commonwealth Studies,
Birkbeck College**

Conference website: www.aegis-eu.org/conference/

Attendance by registration only



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Events in association with the Centre of African Studies continued

⌘ **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.

9 May: **Patrick Smith, Editor, *Africa Confidential*. What Africa Wants from the G8**
Can African reformers secure their agenda for fairer trade reform? And will they get Western help in fighting corruption and protecting civilians in war torn areas?

26 May: **Panel discussion** on the prospects for the business environment in Nigeria: Stability and transparency, probable panellists include journalists Michael Peel and Kaye Whiteman as well as University of London specialists.

⌘ **Call for Papers. The Challenges of International Immigration, Entrepreneurship and Small Businesses: Evaluating the needs of francophone entrepreneurs (3 September).** The aim of the workshop is to provide a forum for discussion of francophone African business in the West, in order to assess the extent and vitality of its development and to attempt to identify how it can play a major part in regenerating the economy as a whole, in particular through entrepreneurship. Problems encountered by francophone African businesses are similar in nature to those faced by small and medium

Key themes of the workshop include:

- How ethnic advantage could be a fertile ground for minority business development? Are francophone Africans relying exclusively upon business and trade as a successful means of social mobility?
- To what extent are the activities of francophone Africans in the West entrepreneurial and what implications do they have for livelihoods and economic development both in the West and in Africa?
- In what ways are the immigration patterns of French speaking African communities related to their strategies for survival? Are they forced to rely on informal networks and small businesses built upon diasporic social capital and family linkages?
- To what extent discrimination tends to be a tangible barrier for the promotion of francophone African entrepreneurs? How to overcome the obstacles and to ensure an appropriate system of access to bank finance and training for francophone African entrepreneurs?

Featured speakers include:

David Smallbone (Professor of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Kingston University)

George Henault (Professor of Management, Ottawa University)

Claude Sumata (FERD) and Centre of African Studies (University of London)

To register for this free event, please email your name, title, organisation and contact number to claudio.sum@ferd.org.uk. To present a paper, please submit an abstract (maximum 300 words) by **15th July** to: Dr Claude Sumata, FERD. Zenith House, Room 18, 210 Church Road, London E10 7JQ/e-mail: claudio.sum@ferd.org.uk

Over 300 people are expected to attend, including 50 companies already confirmed. Seating is limited so please confirm your attendance as early as possible.

Events in association with the Centre of African Studies continued

⌘ **Meeting organized by the Britain-Tanzanian Society.**

12 May *The Mkapa Legacy - Economic Reform ,Growth and Poverty Reduction* by James Adams (World Bank Vice President Operations Policy, formerly Country Director, Tanzania, Uganda) at 18.30 in Room V111 Lecture Theatre, Vernon Square Campus, SOAS at 18.30 (in association with the Royal African Society).

Attendance is by application to Roy Galbraith (roygal@aol.com) by 9 May. There will be no acknowledgment unless all places are taken.

⌘ **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 Honorary Secretary, 4 Gloucester Road, London SW7 4RB (tel and fax: 020 7584/e-mail: secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org.).

28 April *Tourism in the Omo Delta: Friend or Foe.* An illustrated talk by Will Jones (Journeys by Design) in Room G51 (SOAS) at 19.00

15 June *Tourists in Ethiopia.* An illustrated talk by Laurence and Marianna Ben-Nathan in Room G50 (SOAS) at 19.00

27 June *Preserving Ethiopia's Cultural Heritage: The Role of the Manuscript Archive of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies.* An illustrated talk by Ato Demeke Berhane in Room B102 (Brunei Gallery opposite SOAS) at 19.00

14 September *Picturing Apocalypse at Gondär,* an illustrated talk by Dr Dorothea McEwan

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/webpage: www.friendsofmali-uk.org/. For up-to-date information on meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (e-mail: Sarah.Castle@lshtm.ac.uk).

Events in association with the Centre of African Studies continued

⌘ **Meeting organized by Britain Zimbabwe Society.** For information on the Britain Zimbabwe Society contact Margaret Ling (margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk).

4 June *Open Forum on Zimbabwe, South Africa and the Region.* Contributors will include: Gabriel Shumba (lawyer, Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, torture victim now based in South Africa); Elinor Sisulu (South African office of the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition); Brian Raftopoulos (Institute of Development Studies, University of Zimbabwe), and Gugulethu Moyo (International Bar Association) in Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (opposite SOAS) from 14.00 to 17.30 (doors open 13.30) in association with the Zimbabwe Association, the International Liaison office of the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, the REDRESS Trust, the Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa, and the Royal African Society.

⌘ **Meeting organized by the Britain-Mozambique Society.**

21 April An informal introductory meeting to discuss possible speakers and general ideas for the direction and role of the society, in BG05 (Brunei Gallery) at 16.00.

.Enquiries to: Diana Felix da Costa (e-mail: 144311@soas.ac.uk)

⌘ **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 meetings.

25 May **Any Questions?** Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby for BBC Radio 4's 'Africa Day'.

••*Numbers are limited so please contact The Royal African Society for a ticket.*

26 May *The Future of Uganda: Should President Museveni serve another term?* Speakers will include Amama Mbabazi (Ugandan Minister of Defence)

2 July **Mary Kingsley Lecture.** *Modify: Jua Kali as a metaphor for African urban ethnicities and cultures* by Dr Joyce Nyairo (Witwatersrand University).(18.30-19.45) in BGLT.

••*This lecture is taking place during the First European Conference of African Studies*

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

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

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

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| 20 April | <i>Leprosy Control in Colonial Eastern Nigeria</i> by John Manton (Oxford) |
| 27 April | <i>Revival in Bugana and Southern Uganda</i> by Derek Peterson (Cambridge) |
| 4 May | <i>Demographic Engineering in Southern Rhodesia</i> by Josiah Bronwell (SOAS) |
| 11 May | <i>The Making and Unmaking of Muslim Nationalists in Tanzania, 1930-1950</i> by Felicitas Becker (SOAS) |
| 18 May | <i>Slaves, Dates, and Pearls: The African Diaspora and Arabian Gulf economy, 1840-1940</i> by Matt Hopper (ULCA) |
| 25 May | <i>White Settlers in Eastern and Southern Africa after Decolonization</i> by Jo Duffy (Bristol) |

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

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

Comparative Economic History of Africa, Asia and Latin America Seminar at Room S.78 (LSE) on Thursdays from 17.15 to 19.00. has two papers on Africa this term.

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| 5 May | <i>Oil, British Interests, and the Nigerian Civil War</i> by Chibuike Uche (University of Nigeria, Enugu) |
| 26 May | <i>Colonization, Population and Agriculture in Africa and Asia During the 19th and 20th Centuries: A comparative analysis</i> by Claude Lützelshwab (Institut d'Histoire Economique et Social, Université de Lausanne and SOAS) |

Convenor: Gareth Austin (LSE) (g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk).

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EVENTS

⌘ LONDON

Africa 05. Throughout 2005, museums, galleries, concert halls and cinemas will be reverberating with the sights, sounds, colours, stories, art images, textures, fashion, sculpture, photography, film, debate and discourse that will create one of the most significant events in London and the UK in years. **Africa 05** is a series of major cultural events taking place in London that celebrates contemporary and past cultures from across the continent and the diaspora.

Africa 05 is not just a series of exhibitions and events, it is a watershed moment in the development and promotion of African arts and culture in the UK. The Programme Director, Augustus Casely-Hayford, is confident that the year will challenge many people's preconceptions about Africa and will place many African artists firmly within the UK and international arts scene. For information on many of the events taking place during 2005 view www.bbc.co.uk/bbcafrica/africa05/.

Africa 05 at the October Gallery (24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL (tel: (0)20 7242 7367/e-mail: press@octobergallery.co.uk or art@octobergallery.co.uk).

Rachid Koraïchi (28 April-28 May). In a work specially commissioned for the October Gallery, 49 brass calligraphic finials stand against an immense hand-embroidered textile piece. 49 is a number charged with significance in Sufism as the square of 7, itself important in the Biblical creation story, the Q'ran and esoteric science. The exhibition is timed to coincide with the British Museum's installation of the artist's recently acquired *Path of Roses* in their Sainsbury African Galleries.

Fire This Time (30 June-30 July). Exploring erosive methods of creativity, this group show presents a range of different modes of production. The exhibition features South African artist Sandile Zulu, who explores the tradition of African pyrographic art by scorching and burning onto canvas, leather, plaster, perspex and drum hide. The Beninese artist Dominique Kouas' rusting Vodun-inspired assemblages combine natural materials, found objects and ritual sculptures discarded by the local community. His work stands for recycling in the truest sense, investing both sacred and profane objects with new possibilities of interpretation.

A Global Alliance Against Forced Labour. The 2005 ILO Declaration Global Report (11 May). Launch venue: The Foreign Press Association, 11 Carlton House Terrace, SW1

Local Understandings of HIV/AIDS: Cross-cultural perspectives (19 May) (18.00-20.00) at Stevenson Theatre, Clore Education Centre (below the British Museum Great Court). A British Museum discussion evening in collaboration with LSEAIDS and the Department for International Developing (LSE). Speakers will compare local reactions to HIV/AIDS from cities in three continents and discuss issues raised from the floor, followed by drinks and conversation. Admission £5.00/concessions £3.00. To book: boxoffice@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/website: www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

Political Ephemera from the Commonwealth and Latin America (4 July)*note change of date. A one-day academic workshop to be held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, Russell Square, London WC1. The workshop is the culmination of a two-year project dedicated to the cataloguing and promotion of the collections of political ephemera held in the libraries of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the Institute for the Study of the Americas. Its aim is to bring together academics, researchers and librarians interested in the holdings both for their value as research collections and because of their nature as ephemera. Organisers: Danny Millum, (ICS/ISA) (e-mail: Danny.Millum@sas.ac.uk), Ian Cooke (ICS) and Sarah Pink (ISA) For further information visit www.sas.ac.uk/polarch/#3.

Reaching the Margins: The Colonial and Post-Colonial Lives of the Book, 1765-2005 (3-5 November). Venue: IES, Senate House, University of London. Enquiries to Fraser@open.ac.uk, and M.E.Hammond@open.ac.uk. Website: ies@sas.ac.uk

⌘ UK

The Postcolonial State: Decolonization and After Interventions International Conference (26-27 May) at Nottingham Trent University. This conference aims to interrogate the role of the state in the contemporary postcolonial world and, in particular, to address issues related to continuing under-development. Key speakers: Leela Gandhi, Achille Mbembe, Parita Mukta, Sarah Nuttall. Convenor: Alison Donnell (e-mail: AJDONNELL@aol.com) Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Lane, Nottingham, NG11 8NS.

Reclaiming Development? Assessing the Contribution of Non-Governmental Organisations to Development Alternatives (27-29 June). Venue: Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester. Contact Debra Whitehead/e-mail: debra.whitehead@man.ac.uk.

Connecting People and Places: Challenges and Opportunities for Development (7-9 September) at Milton Keynes. Development Studies Association Annual Conference 2005 in association with Development Policy and Practice and the International Development Centre at the Open University. Full details on DSA website (www.devstud.org.uk/).

Self and Subject: African and Asian Perspectives (20-23 September). International conference on the study of African and Asian cultures in the 21st century. Venue: Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot-Watt University, Scotland. Organisers: Dr Emma Tarlo, Dr Bob Wilkinson, Dr David Richards (The Ferguson Centre for African and Asian Studies, The Open University) (e-mail: arts-ferguson-centre-enquiries@open.ac.uk/website: www.open.ac.uk/arts/ferguson-centre).

⌘ EUROPE

10th Anniversary of the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) (24-25 June). Organised by the University of Passau and the German chapter of Transparency International to celebrate the 10th anniversary of CPI. The conference will be devoted to reviewing academic research on the causes and consequences of corruption and discussing public attitudes and reactions towards the CPI. The conference language will be (primarily) German. Keynote speakers will include internationally reputable researchers and anti-corruption activists, among them Peter Eigen and Friedrich Schneider. Information obtainable from: www.ICGG.org.

II International Seminar. African Forced Labour – Compared Colonial Experiences (17-18 November) organised by the Centro de Estudos Africanos da Universidade do Porto CEAUP is a R&D unit that develops interdisciplinary researches on African societies. Seminar 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) of the University of Angers, and Belmont College (Nashville, Tennessee). Contacts: Ben Lebdai (benaouda.lebdai@univ-angers.fr) or Michell Ryan-Sautour (michelle.rayn@univ-angers.fr).

Call for Papers. 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 and, organised in a large number of networks which will cover a certain topic (e.g. criminal justice, family, social inequality, economics). **Deadline: 1 May.** Enquiries to: Lex Heerma van Voss (lhv@iisg.nl).

Call for Panels. Fourth 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. Contact: inafr-conference@inafr.ru.

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

⌘ AFRICA

Biennial Conference: Southern Africa and the World: the Local, the Regional and the Global in Historic Perspective (26-29 June) Venue: University of Cape Town. Organized by the South African Historical Society. Enquiries to: Lance van Sittert (cdude@humanities.uct.ac.za) or Brenda Beneke (brend@humanities.uct.ac.za). Website: <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/history/sahs/>.

Private Military Companies and Global Civil Society: Ethics, Theory and Practice (14-16 July) at University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Enquiries to Deane Baker (School of Philosophy and Ethics, University of KwaZulu-Natal) (e-mail: BakerDP@ukzn.ac.za)

Zambia: Independence and After. Towards a Historiography (August/September) in Lusaka. Organized under the auspices of the Network for Historical Research in Zambia. Contact: Network for Historical Research, PO Box 27, UNZA Post Office, Lusaka, Zambia (e-mail: nhrz@zamnet.zm/)

Bridging the Gap Between Policy, Research and Interventions (10-14 October) at Hotel Meridien President, Dakar, Senegal, organised by the Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA) which is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social science research to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS and mitigate the impact of its devastation on South Africa, the SADC region and sub-Saharan Africa. Funded by DFID (UK), CIDA (Canada) and implemented by the Human Science Research Council (South Africa) in partnership with the Tropical Institute for Community Health (Kenya) and University Cheikh Anta Diop (Senegal). Contact: Dr Cheikh Ibrahima Niang, Institut des Sciences de l'Environnement, Faculté des Sciences et Techniques, Université Cheikh Anta Diop (e-mail: saharaconf05@sentoo.sn/website: www.sahara.org.za/conference/submission.php).

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 outline, jointly, the needs for further anthropological research on field trials. Contact: trials-ethnography@lshtm.ac.uk.

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. **Deadline 5 May.** Enquiries and one-page abstracts to: Penelope E Andrews, Ariel F Sallows Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Saskatchewan, Canada (e-mail: penelope.andrews@usask.ca).

⌘ AUSTRALIA

Middle Passages: The Oceanic Voyage as Social Process (13-16 July). Hosts: Western Australia Maritime Museum, Fremantle, nr Perth, WA. Contact: Emma Christopher (emma.christopher@bigpond.com)

Africa: Peace, Progress, Passion and Sustainability (25-27 November). 28th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific. Venue: University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales. The theme reflects the broad and diverse interests of AFSAAP members and others concerned with Africa whilst also highlighting key issues for a continent which needs peace, a new deal for its citizens at the grass-roots and a renaissance of effective governance. Regular updates on the conference will be posted during the next few months on www.ssn.flinders.edu.edu/global/afsaap/. Convenor: Professor Helen Ware, AFSAAP Conference Convenor (e-mail: hware@une.edu.au).

⌘ CARIBBEAN

Call for Papers. Oral Literature and the Identity Formation in Africa and the Diaspora (Sixth 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. **Deadline: 30 November.** ISOLA website: www.isola.Binghamton.edu

⌘ THE AMERICAS

Summer Teacher Institute (Kansas African Studies Center, University of Kansas). Theme: 'Africa: From the pyramids to the Cape of Good Hope', concentrating on geographical, historical, and political facts about Africa as well as the methodology and teaching resources on Africa. The focus will also be on disciplines that will help understand dimensions on African culture such as ethnicity, religion, music, arts, and dance. Websites: www.ku.edu/~kasc (e-mail: elhassan@ku.edu).

Call for Proposals: The International Congress of Orisa Tradition and Culture (OrisaWorld) (1-6 August) invites proposals for its 9th OrisaWorld Congress to be held at Universidade de Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio, Brazil. Theme: Orisa Religion and Culture in the 21st Century. Website: www.orisaworld.org.

CAS NEWS

The Centre wishes to congratulate the principal applicant, Professor Philip J Jaggat (Africa Department) SOAS, on obtaining a SOAS AHRB award which began in February and will continue for three years. Title of research: 'Early Nigerian Koranic Manuscripts: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Kanuri Glosses and Arabic Commentaries'.

In 1959, Professor A. D. H. Bivar of SOAS, on a visit to northern Nigeria, discovered some copies of the Koran with annotations in Kanuri (Kanembu), an important Nilo-Saharan language spoken around Lake Chad. The annotations are written in Arabic script, and date back to the 17th/18th centuries. The manuscripts represent a rich and unique corpus of written evidence for the Kanuri (Kanembu) language as spoken over three hundred years ago. They also provide a valuable historical insight into the key role of local Kanuri scholars in the development of Islamic scholarship in sub-Saharan Africa.

The aim of the project is to examine and catalogue this unique collection of documents, with a view to making them widely accessible to the international academic community. An electronic dataset will be created which will include a website for the digitized manuscripts together with the data analysis. The outcome of the project will provide a new and fundamental research tool for scholars in cognate disciplines

⌘ VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

VISITING SCHOLARSHIP FOR EASTERN AFRICAN ACADEMICS supports scholars from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. The successful applicant(s) will visit the Centre for a three month period in order to pursue research and/or course development in the broad field of African studies in the social sciences and humanities; preference will be given to academics at the early stage of their career. **Deadline for applications 30 April 2006.**

LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

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 programme is particularly suitable for younger academics, perhaps 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.

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

Gareth Austin, 'Labour, Land and Capital in Ghana: From Slavery to Free Labour in Asante, 1807-1956' (January 2005). 616 pages, hardback only. \$75 from University of Rochester Press (USA); £50 from Boydell & Brewer (UK)/website: www.boydell.co.uk/souk.htm.

Professor Pat Caplan, Goldsmiths College, has put up a website concerning Mafia Island, Tanzania, which may be of interest to those working on the East Coast of Africa. It includes, textual material, links to other sites, photo galleries, and video clips. Please see www.mafia-island-tanzania.gold.ac.uk

Professor Catherine Campbell, London School of Economics, has put up a downloadable illustrated booklet on *Supporting Youth: Broadening the Approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention Programmes*— based on her on-going South African work, on: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/socialPsychology/pdf/final_hivan_youth.pdf

⌘ MISCELLANEOUS

British Academy/ACU Grants for International Collaboration 2005/2006

The Association of Commonwealth Universities is pleased to announce the continued availability of funding to help support international joint projects in the fields of the humanities and the social sciences.

Funds are available to support international joint projects, involving British scholars in collaboration with Commonwealth partners. Applications must be for projects involving genuine collaborative work between a defined group of scholars in one, or possibly two, other Commonwealth countries. Priority will be given to applications involving the initiation of a new programme where there is an expectation of continued collaboration, or a defined outcome such as planned joint publications. Preferences will be given to projects from any discipline which consider the political, economic or cultural relations between countries or regions of the world.

Length of Tenure: Tenable for one year only.

Eligibility: Grants are available for advanced research, at postdoctoral or equivalent level or beyond in the fields of the humanities and social science. Participants must be on the staff of a university in membership of the ACU at the time of application.

Value: Up to £5000, and intended to cover travel, maintenance costs and approved research expenditure incurred in the partner country or countries.

Closing Date: Applications should reach the Association no later than **30 September 2005**. The selection committee's decisions will be made known to all applicants in November or as soon as possible thereafter.

Application forms: For a downloadable application form and further grant details please go to: www.acu.ac.uk to locate the information go to; **funding your studies or work abroad** then select – **Other awards administered by the ACU**.

The British Institute in Eastern Africa. Graduate attachments 2005-06.

Research experience in Eastern Africa

The British Institute exists for research into the later archaeology, history, languages and cultures of Eastern Africa. Each year the Institute arranges attachments for a limited number of recent graduates, who have good degrees and are interested in familiarising themselves with current research in the region. The scheme is restricted to applicants from British and Eastern African universities.

These attachments normally run for periods of between four to six months. Those selected participate in one or more of the Institute's projects, under the supervision of the Director, the Assistant Director or a project director. These range from archaeological surveys and excavations to oral-historical fieldwork, and may sometimes extend to archival research or the collection of linguistic, ethnographic and/or demographic data. Opportunities may be provided for some independent work to enable students to gain additional experience and to select subjects for subsequent thesis research.

The Institute is currently involved in research projects in several countries between the Zambezi basin and the Middle Nile. These include investigations of early agricultural and pastoral communities, especially in the Lake Victoria and Laikipia Plateau regions; social history of crime and the penal system in east Africa; comparative analysis of complex societies in West & East Africa; and the maritime heritage of the Western Indian Ocean. One placement will be reserved for a student from the UK intending to specialise in the Early and/or Middle Stone Age of Eastern Africa.

For those selected from outside the region the Institute usually provides a return air-fare and basic medical insurance and covers subsistence at the Institute's Nairobi base and in the field. Interested applicants - whether recently graduated, or expecting to graduate in 2005 - should write to the Director (enclosing a c.v. and the names of two academic referees) at either of the addresses below by **15th May 2005, with the exception of applicants registered for a University of Oxford degree**, who should submit their applications to Kate Rogers, c/o The African Studies Centre, St Antony's College by the **1st May 2005**. Later applications are unlikely to be considered. Preliminary selection is undertaken during early June, and offers are made after university finals results are announced. For more informal enquiries, contact The Director (Dr Paul Lane) via e-mail at: pjlane@africaonline.co.ke

British Institute in Eastern Africa - Research Grants 2005-2006

The Institute awards at its absolute discretion grants to assist scholars undertaking original research in Eastern Africa broadly defined, in any field of the humanities and social sciences with some emphasis on archaeology, African history, anthropology and related subjects. Grants are normally awarded as contributions towards actual research costs and do not include institutional overheads or any stipendiary element for applicants. The Director (B.I.E.A., P.O. Box 30710, GPO, Nairobi, Kenya, or pjlane@africaonline.co.ke), is at all times happy to advise potential applicants.

The maximum sum awarded is £1000 sterling or its equivalent in local currency.

Subject to availability of funds, over the year (2005-6) the Institute intends to give priority to research in relevant fields which focuses on at least one of the following themes: Histories of Environmental Change; Colonial Encounters; Sacred Space in Eastern Africa; Maritime Heritage of the Western Indian Ocean; or Migrations in Cultural and Historical Perspective.

Further information regarding the range of topics under these themes that are likely to receive support is available from the Director.

There are two closing dates, and applications for Research Grants must reach the Director by **30th May or 31st October**. It is the applicant's responsibility to send a copy of his/her application to the nominated referee and to ensure that references are received by the Director before the relevant closing date. Late applications will not be considered and applicants whose references do not arrive in time will be seriously disadvantaged. Applicants will normally be informed of the results of their applications within one month of the closing date.

Those awarded grants will be required to keep the Institute regularly informed of the progress of their research, to provide a preliminary statement of work accomplished and a copy of their accounts within six months of the completion of their project. They are also required to provide the Institute with copies of all

relevant publications arising from the research funded by the Institute, and to submit a 1000-1500 word summary suitable for publication as a research note in the Institute's journal *Azania*. They are also encouraged to discuss with the Director the possibility of publishing a fuller report on their results in *Azania*.

It is a further condition that all BIEA grant recipients should be paid-up members of the Institute, minimally for the year the grant is awarded.

Copies of the application form can be obtained from the Director at the above address, or from the London Secretary, BIEA, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AH, e-mail: biea@britac.ac.uk to whom ALL enquiries concerning membership should be addressed.

Fellowships for Teaching Staff in African Universities. Deadline: 1 May

The Five College African Scholars (University of Massachusetts, USA) program invites applications for competitive residency fellowships from junior and mid-level teaching staff employed full-time in African universities. There are two residency periods: mid-January to May 2006 or mid-August to December 2006. Proposals for the January residency are invited on the topic of Health and Society, while the August residency is open to all applicants with projects relevant to the study of Africa in the humanities and social sciences. For information see website at www.fivecolleges.edu/sites/asp or e-mail: asp@fivecolleges.edu.

Call for Submissions. African Cross Roads: Artistic Expressions in and Across the Sahara

As part of the broader field of African studies, you are invited to contribute to an edited volume which explores trans-Saharan artistic contacts from a trans-national and post-area studies perspective.

Papers should address the methodological, conceptual, stylistic or technical aspects of artistic creativity and performance, either contemporary or historic, which reflect aspects of this artistic discourse and/or which illustrate how the Sahara was/is a porous boundary, a bridge rather than a barrier, for the transmission and exchange of arts and culture.

Final essays, between 6000-8000 words plus illustrations, will be due on **1 October**.

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