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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

**AEGIS European Conference on African Studies
London, June 29 to July 3, 2005**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Following a strong response, the Call for Panels for this conference is now closed; accepted panel proposals may be found on the conference website www.aegis-eu.org/conference/

The Conference Steering Committee is now pleased to invite interested papers-givers to submit a title and 50 word abstract **to the convenor of an appropriate panel** as apparent from the details available on the website. Panel convenors may accept papers at their discretion so long as they do not thereby exceed their allotted time. In the latter case, convenors will need to liaise with the Steering Committee before accepting further contributions, and a final decision may have to be deferred to the closure of the Call for Papers. The panel convenors will also have discretion to decide what EU languages are used in their panels.

Graduate students interested in Africa are particularly encouraged by the Steering Committee to submit proposals for papers to the convenors of appropriate panels. Should there be no suitable panel, or should papers not be accepted, the Steering Committee will endeavour to organize a small number of overflow panels expressly for research students, in which case proposals should be sent to Professor Alessandro Triulzi (e-mail: a.triulzi@agora.it).

A number of plenary lectures and discussions, as well as cultural events, are planned. Details will appear on the website as they become finalised.

THE CALL FOR PAPERS CLOSSES 1 NOVEMBER 2004

E-mail enquiries for further information sent to the Centre of African Studies (cas@soas.ac.uk) will be forwarded to the appropriate member of the AEGIS Conference Steering Committee.

*AEGIS was founded in 1991 as a network of European Centres of African Studies. Its current membership is Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Bordeaux, Brussels, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Hamburg, Leiden, Leipzig, Lisbon, London, Naples and Uppsala. For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

Confidential, will be holding 6 meetings during this academic year. 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.

28 October: Empire-Building by Default or Design? Exploring the intertwined expansion of South African and Nigerian strategic interests and energy investments across the continent.

Speaker: Olly Owen, Africa Researcher at World Markets Research Centre.

A new kind of strategic map of Africa is forming, in which the continent's major powers have closely tied energy and security interests. As companies based in the continent's major economies see conditions as conducive to international expansion, energy investments are becoming an important factor in structuring relations between African states. As a result of the same process, the sphere which major countries such as South Africa and Nigeria consider to be crucial to their national interests is expanding to encompass new sites of energy-sector investment. As South African and Nigerian energy investments in other states grow, so does the strategic importance of those states to the governments in Pretoria and Abuja, and they become a factor in foreign and security policy. Equally, peacekeeping and regional security-restoration ventures undertaken by Nigeria and South Africa have opened up new overseas arenas in which domestic firms can make profitable investments. There is thus an evolving continental network of strategic and energy interests with which other investors in Africa will have to learn to deal - but is this emerging by default or design? The speaker will examine this trend in the light of recent developments.

30 November: The Commission for Africa: Will it change Africa in 2005?

Speaker: Richard Dowden, Journalist and Director, Royal African Society

The most important thing we can do for Africa is to try to understand it. African societies are going through a huge transformation which will take a long time to work through – possibly 50 years or more. The British government seems to think that all Africa needs is a Marshall Aid plan and somehow this will solve the problem. But Africa has already had a Marshall Aid plan several times over. Aid has been part of the problem not part of the solution. Its representatives in Africa concentrate more on spending this money than analysing and understanding why Africa is the way it is. If outsiders are going to help they must first have the humility to listen and understand.

⌘ Meeting organized by the Britain-Tanzania Society. For further details contact Roy Galbraith (tel: 01737 813040/e-mail: royg@aol.com).

2 December *The Importance of International Development* by Clare Short MP (former Secretary of State for International Development) in the VIII Lecture Theatre, Vernon Square Campus, Penton Rise, London WC1X) at 18.30 (joint with RAS).

⌘ 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.).

⌘ **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)

⌘ **The Royal African Society** (Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG) (tel: 020 7898 4390) announces the following meetings. **The full meetings list will be available from 12 October by contacting ras@soas.ac.uk.**

- 2 November *Ethiopia Since Live Aid* a panel discussion with Michael Buerk, Dr Stephen Devereux, Debebe Habtewold, Professor Christopher Clapham and Dereje Wordofa in the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (SOAS) at 18.00 (joint with CAS)
- 3 November *Doing Business in Africa: Global, regional and local perspectives* by Lord Holme of Cheltenham (Chairman, The Royal African Society) in G2 (SOAS) at 13.15 (joint with CAS)
- 3 November *Islamism and its enemies in the Horn of Africa*, introduction to a book edited by Alex de Waal in room BG05 (Brunei Gallery) at 18.00 (a small reception will be held after the talk) (joint with CAS)
- 11 November *NEPAD: Kenya's role in the peer review process* by Professor Peter Anyang'Nyong'o (Minister of Planning and National Development, Kenya) in the Khalili Lecture Theatre (SOAS) at 18.30 (joint with CAS)
- 25 November *African Literature* by Dr Abdulrazak Gurnah (author) and Giles Foden (author) in the Khalili Lecture Theatre (SOAS) at 18.00 (joint with CAS)

Please also 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 with exception of meeting on 27 October - see list.

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| 29 September | <i>Chewing the Salad: Controlling Khat Consumption in Colonial Kenya</i> by David M Anderson (St Antony's College, Oxford) |
| 6 October | <i>Imperialism, Krugerism, Capitalism and the Settler Challenge: The Hundred Years of Origin of the South African War</i> by Stanley Trapido (Oxford) |
| 13 October | <i>Beelines for the Wine Vats: Black Economic Empowerment in the South African Wine Industry</i> by Gavin Williams (St Peter's College, Oxford) |
| 20 October | <i>Whose House has Fallen? Nigeria and the Illusion of Nationhood</i> by Olutayo Adesina (University of Ibadan) |
| 27 October | <i>Lalibela: Ethiopia's ancient rock-cut churches</i> by David Phillipson (British Institute in Eastern Africa/Anglo-Ethiopian Society joint meeting at 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y - 17.30-20.30) |
| 17 November | <i>Title to be confirmed</i> by Christopher Saunders (University of Cape Town) |
| 24 November | <i>From Ubombo to Mkhuzi: Disease, Ecology and the Control of Nagan (bovine trypanosomiasis) in Zululand c1894-1953</i> by Karen Brown (Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine) |
| 1 December | <i>From Bunyoro to The Hague: The costs of resistance to imperial conquest in the 1890s</i> by Shane Doyle (University of Leeds) |
| 8 December | <i>Why the Ogaden was not set alight – British Military Administration, Somali Youth League and Ethiopian Somalis 1947-48</i> |

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

Research Seminar in the Art and Archaeology of Africa and the Americas, Department of Art and Archaeology (Faculty of Arts and Humanities) on Fridays in room B111 at 17.00

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| 8 October | <i>Archaeological Perspectives on the History of Buganda</i> by Andrew Reid (Institute of Archaeology, UCL) |
| 15 October | <i>India and Africa. Some thoughts on the social and technical aspects of the Carnelian bead trade</i> by Tom Insoll (University of Manchester) |
| 22 October | <i>Pillar of Fire or Dust? Mount Sinai in History and Imagination</i> by George Manginis (SOAS) |
| 19 November | <i>When Surrealism Meets Ethnography: Objects in the Roland Penrose</i> |

Collection by Olivier Chow (SOAS)

- 26 November *Future Academy: Collective research into art practices and pedagogies in a global world – the case of Senegal and India* by Clementine Deliss
- 3 December *Cane River: The archaeology of Marie-Therese Coincoin her descendents (Natchitoches, Louisiana)* by Kevin MacDonald (Institute of Archaeology, UCL)

Convenor: Dr Tania Tribe/e-mail: tt10@soas.ac.uk)

Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa (Faculty of Languages and Cultures) room to be confirmed at 17.15

- 14 October *Writing Reference Grammar: Do's and Don'ts* by Professor Phil Jaggar (SOAS)
- 21 October *Challenges Facing Writers in Sierra Leone* by Mike Butscher (Secretary, Pen International, Sierra Leone)
- 11 November *Toward the Decolonization of African Post-colonial Theory: The Example of Kwame Appiah's In My Father's House vis-à-vis Ama Ata Aidoo's Our Sister Killjoy, Helon Habila's Waiting for an Angel and Ike Oguine's A Squatter's Tale* by Dr Kwadjwo Osei-Nyame (SOAS)
- 18 November *Voices of San living in Southern Africa today* by Alison White
- 25 November *Time in African performance* by Dr Frances Harding (SOAS)
- 2 December *Title to be confirmed* by Dr Nana Wilson-Tagoe (SOAS)
- 9 December *Development, Gender and the Crisis of masculinity* by Njuguna Kibutu (Leicester University)

Convenor: Dr Chege Githiora (e-mail: cg17@soas.ac.uk)

Anthropology Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

Convenor: Dr Kevin Latham (e-mail: kl1@soas.ac.uk)

Department of Economics and Development Studies (Faculty of Law and Social Sciences).

Convenor: Dr Matthew McCartney/e-mail: mm80@soas.ac.uk.

AHRB Centre for Asian and African Literatures will be holding meetings of interest to Africanists.

For further information contact Gillian Hudson/tel: 020 7898 4267/e-mail: gh17@soas.ac.uk

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⌘ At UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, (tel: (020) 7679 2000)

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

UCL

- 15 October *When it spoils the town, it spoils us: Diasporic obligations and hometown development in rural Ghana* by Giles Mohan (Open University)
- 22 October *Title to be confirmed* by Benedetta Rossi (LSE)
- 29 October *The Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project: The view from northern Cameroon* by Philip Burnham (UCL)
- 5 November *Youth and Violence in southern Nigeria* by David Pratten (Sussex University)
- 19 November *Ijaw Nationalism and Oil in the Niger Delta (provisional title)* by Kathryn Nwajiaku (Bayero University, Nigeria)
- 26 November *The Redeemed Christian Church of God (provisional title)* by Asonzeh Franklin-Kennedy Ukah (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)
- 3 December *Anioma Women and the Nigerian Civil War, 1966-1979 (provisional title)* by Egodu Uchendu (University of Nigeria)
- 10 December To be arranged.

Enquiries and suggestions to the convenor: Professor Phil Burnham, Department of Anthropology, UCL (e-mail: p.burnham@ucl.ac.uk)

African Peoples and Pasts Seminar held every other **Tuesday** in room **609** at **18.00**

- 19 October *Walled Mediaeval Towns of the Sahel* by Dr Anne Haour (Hertford College, University of Oxford)
- 2 November *Title to be confirmed* by Dr Peter Mitchell (St Hugh's College, University of Oxford)
- 16 November *Iron-working in symbolic and politico-economic contexts. A case study of iron-smelting in south-western Ethiopia* by Professor Randi Haland (University of Bergen)/Visiting Professor (University of Cambridge)
- 30 November *Title to be confirmed* by Dr Paul Lane, Director (British Institute in Eastern Africa)
- 14 December *Title to be confirmed* by Ceri Ashley, Institute of Archaeology (UCL)

For information or to join the mailing list contact: Ceri Ashley (c.Ashley@ucl.ac.uk) and Shadreck Chirikure (s.chirikure@ucl.ac.uk)

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⌘ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE**, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT (tel: 0207 636 8638)

Medical Anthropology Seminars (organised by the Health Policy Unit) Tuesdays in room 5,

Keppel Street, **17.30-19.00** with the exception of the meeting held on **26 October** which will be held in **room LG80** (Bennett Room) . Preliminary programme for Autumn Term 2004.

- 12 October *Religious Stigmata, Magnetic Fluids and Conversion Hysteria: One Survival of Vital Force Theories in Scientific Medicine (Calabria)* by Professor Roland Littlewood (UCL).
- 19 October *Title to be announced* by Dr Helen Lambert (Bristol)
- 26 October *Snake Gods and Garden Cities: The Industrialisation of Landscape and the Medicalisation of Nature on Zambia's Copperbelt, 1920-1950* by Dr Lynn Schumaker (Manchester)
- 2 November *Wonders of the Exotic: Chinese Formula Medicines on the Swahili Coast (Zanzibar)* by Dr Elisabeth Hsu (Oxford)
- 16 November *Title to be announced* by Dr Christopher Davis (SOAS)
- 23 November *Origins of the Kanungu Church massacres of southern Uganda (preliminary title)* by Dr Richard Vokes (Oxford)
- 30 November *Faith, science, and the nature of evidence – what place for ethnography in understanding TB control programmes? A Nepal case study* by Dr Ian Harper (Edinburgh)
- 7 December *The Order of secrecy: Surviving AIDS (Uganda)* by Dr Hanne Overgaard Mogensen (Copenhagen)

For further information contact Linda Amarfio (e-mail: Linda.Amarfio@lshtm.ac.uk).

EVENTS

⌘ LONDON

Building Bridges: the Cinema of Jean Rouch (5-14 October). CREAM/University of Westminster, French Institute/London in association with 'Africa at the Pictures'. Venue: Le Ciné Lumière, French Institute, 17 Queenberry Place, London SW7. Contact: Dr Joram ten Brink (tenbrij@wmin.ac.uk) and Zemirah Moffat (z.moffat@wmin.ac.uk)

Global Development Forum is holding a number of meetings this autumn. For information on the Forum and cost of tickets for meetings visit: www.ethical-events.org/gdf.

The Bridge (6-30 October, Wednesday to Saturday at 19.45, post-show discussion 13 October – Pedro Obaseki in conversation with Bonnie Geer) at the Oval House Theatre, 52-54 Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SW. A play BY Pedro Obaseki, directed by Karena Johnson. "The Bridge is set in the 'Decade of The Dragon' – a period between 1988-98 in which corrupt and vicious military dictatorships mauled the lives of average Nigerians under the crush of jackboots. This was a period when the average Nigerian on the streets lived a perilous existence, living by the day and leaving all else to celestial forces. Many took solace in suicide, apparently too weak to confront the reality of their collective nightmares. While some, like Pedro Baseki, managed to survive incarceration in wretched, mosquito-infested jails; thousands of others were murdered or driven to take their own

lives. The Bridge is an epitaph to these unsung souls, a surreal, strangely comic story of an everyman character attempting to commit suicide off a busy motorway bridge in the Lagos rush hour..." Website: www.ovalhouse.com

Sufi Festival in Sudan. An exhibition of photographs by Frédérique Cifuentes (14 October-12 December) at Brunei Gallery, SOAS. This exhibition is divided into three sections which represent different aspects of Sufi Festivals in Sudan. Further details about the exhibition and gallery can be found at www.soas.ac.uk/gallery/tel (recorded information): 020 7898 4046.

Targets, Voice and Choice: Options for Improving Public Service Delivery. Autumn 2004 Meeting Series at ODI. Discussions on voice and choice in public services are never far from the forefront of UK news today. Not only are these topical issues in the UK, they are also highly relevant to public service delivery in developing countries. The new lunchtime meeting series at ODI aims to explore these issues in detail, looking at both developed and developing country experiences with regard to targets, voice and choice in the management and delivery of public services. Are targets really helpful? Should increased choice be introduced into the health and education sectors? Which is better, voice or choice? Is there an optimal combination of targets, voice and choice? The objective of the meeting series is to enhance understanding of the key concepts, and to inform the debate, drawing on experience from a wide range of settings, with a particularly focus on the health and education sectors. For further information e-mail: meetings@odi.org.uk/fax: 020 7922 0399.

The **Business Exchange on AIDS and Infectious Diseases (BEAD)** are organising a meeting on Malaria (**26 October**). Venue: Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BJ and sponsored by Crown Agents. This meeting will focus/update the multinationals working in malaria regions on research and development; new products and new technology; malaria control; health education; addressing the issues of staff employees, linking in women and children and pregnancy, and addressing the question; is there more the multinationals can do by working together to combat malaria? For further information contact beadwork@dircon.co.uk.

The State, Legal Pluralism and Popular Justice in Commonwealth: The Common Law Tradition in the 21st Century (27 October). The Institute of Commonwealth Studies in the School of Advanced Study is pleased to announce the inaugural lecture by the first holder of the Emeka Anyaoku Chair in Commonwealth Studies, Professor Richard C Crook. Venue: Beveridge Hall, University of London, Malet Street. Contact: Dee.Burn@sas.ac.uk/website: www.sas.ac.uk/commonwealthstudies/events.htm#highlights.

Reading Africa Event. Writers in Conversation (29 October). Join three outstanding writers to discuss Reading Africa books, their own acclaimed writing, the African authors that have inspired them and their diverse experiences of the UK and Africa. Jack Mapanje and Veronique Tadjo will be in conversation with Giles Foden at Brixton Library, London at 19.30. Tickets: Free. Box Office: 020 7926 1105. Website: www.Lambeth.gov.uk. For more information about Reading Africa events contact Lizzy Attree (tel: 07791 776 443/e-mail: lizzyattree@hotmail.com),

Intelligence Now! October Gallery Celebrates 25 years. (5 November-31 January 2005) Address: 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL. October Gallery in Bloomsbury will celebrate its 25th anniversary in autumn, with 'Intelligence Now!' a spectacular exhibition of work by contemporary artists from around the planet. Festivities will also include seminars, poetry,

performances and installations, and will introduce new directions for the gallery. 'Intelligence Now!' will include the work of some of the most gifted emerging and established artists from Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, the Americas and the island groups of Oceania and the Caribbean, presenting a "distillation of a world artistic creation". Contact: October Gallery (tel: 020 7242 7367/fax: 020 7405 1851/website: www.theoctobergallery.com). Open: Tuesday to Saturday: 12.30-17.30

Annual conference of the Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland: Bridging Research and Policy (6 November). Venue: Church House, London. Website: www.odi.org.uk/RAPID/Meetings/DSA_BRP_2004/Index.html

The Cheetah's Fight for Survival (9 November) (19.00). Lecture by Big Cat Diary presenter, Jonathan Scott and organised Friends of Conservation. Venue: Royal Geographic Society, London SW8. Tickets available from Friends of Conservation. Website: focinfo@aol.com.

Lecture. Isaac Schapera (1905-2003), (9 November) (18.00). Adam Kuper will deliver a lecture/tribute in honour of Isaac Schapera, former chair of Anthropology at the London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London) and President of the RAI (see www.thuto.org/schapera.news/schapera-obitl.htm), who died last year. Venue: Old Theatre, LSE, Houghton Street, London WC2. Contacts: Deborah James (d.a.james@lse.ac.uk), Jason Sumich (J.M.Sumich@lse.ac.uk), Yanina Hinrichsen (y.hinrichsen@lse.ac.uk)

Pre-Bisa Workshop. Regional Co-operation/Conflicts/Contrasts (19-20 December). In collaboration with *Round Table* and EADI Working Groups on Governance and New Regionalisms and Development. Full details to be confirmed. www.sas.ac.uk/commonwealthstudies/events.htm#highlights.

Call for Papers: Reaching the Margins: The colonial and post-colonial lives of the book, 1765-2005 (3-5 November 2005). Venue: IES, Senate House, University of London. The Colonial and Postcolonial and Book History research groups of the Open University, in association with the Institute of English Studies (University of London), invite papers for this international conference. Primary focus will be on Asia, Africa and Australasia. Highlighted themes will include: Publishing and the colonial system; publishing Commonwealth literature; missionary publishing houses; censorship and copyright; distribution and the transport network; Imperial archives and current research; British publishers in the Empire; postcolonial publishing opportunities; local publishing; globalisation, print and the nation state. A major exhibition of printed and manuscript material loaned from publishers' archives and research libraries is planned to coincide with the conference. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted by the **deadline of 1 March 2005** to R Fraser@open.ac.uk, and M.E.Hammond@open.ac.uk. Website: ies@sas.ac.uk

⌘ UK

African Visions 2004. A Decade of Democracy, South Africa, the next chapter. (11-17 October). This autumn the Africa Centre, in association with the South African High Commission, and supported by Arts Council England, are bringing seven of South Africa's most important writers – André Brink, Elinor Sisulu, Achmat Dangor (short-listed for the 2004 Booker Prize), Zakes Mda, Gcina Mhlope, Wally Serote and Susan Mann to the UK to appear in Edinburgh, Cheltenham, Birmingham, Ilkley, and at the British Library, London. All writers are available for interview before and during their stay. For further information contact Susan de Soissons (tel: 020 7836

1973/077 1758 135 or e-mail: publicity.arts@afriacentre.org.uk).

Royal African Society Branch Meetings:

Liberated Africans and the British Military in Mauritius (21 October) (12.15) by Dr Iain Duffield, (Hon Fellow School of History, Edinburgh University) at Clifton Hill House, Bristol.

Population Growth in Africa (18 November) (12.15) by Dr William Stanton, MBE at Clifton Hill House, Bristol.

Contact: Professor Alan Ryder/tel: 0117 973 3870/e-mail: alan.ryderbristol@btopenworld.com

UKFIET 8th International Conference on Education and Development 2005 Symposium: Learning and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in the Time of AIDS – Challenges and Prospects (13-15 October) at University of Oxford. Dr Tanja R Müller, Wageningen University, The Netherlands is organising a symposium on ‘Learning and Livelihoods in the time of AIDS’. She requests that abstracts be sent to her and wishes particularly to encourage research students to do so. **Deadline: 1 March 2005.** Conference information is on website: www.cfbt.com/xon2005/index.html (website still under construction so may not contain full information). Contact: Dr Tanja R Müller (tanja.muller@wur.nl).

South African Cinema: Colonialism, Apartheid, Democracy. (29-31 October) Screenings and discussions. Curated by Dr Jacqueline Maingard, University of Bristol, R O O M Gallery, Bristol. Contacts: Jacqueline Maingard (0117) 9287833 (J.Maingard@Bristol.ac.uk), R O O M Sandie Macrae (0117) 9273788.

Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge: Research seminars take place on Mondays at 17.00 from 18 October to 29 November. For details check: www.Africa.cam.ac.uk or contact Dorian Addison at the Centre (tel: 01223 334396/ e-mail: da2111@cam.ac.uk).

African Studies Lectures and Research Seminars (University of Oxford) held at The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in St Philip’s and James Church, Oxford. For further information contact Ben Knighton/e-mail: BKnighton@ocms.ac.uk/website: www.ocms.ac.uk

⌘ EUROPE

Black Atlantic Festival (17 September-15 November) at the House of World Cultures, Berlin, Germany. The black diaspora, and black cultures have influenced the global developments of the arts, as well as the popular trends in music and dance, visual arts, and literature. In the Black Atlantic project their interrelations, networking and wandering between three continents are made tangible. Black Atlantic’s central element, with big concerts, jam sessions, and ‘soundscapes’ (sound landscapes), is the music. International celebrities including jazz guitarist, Jean-Paul Bourelly, dub-poetry legend, Linton Kwesi Johnson, master of percussion, Dodou N’Diaye Rose, and Grammy prizewinner and Cuban jazz pianist, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, to name but a few, will be guests at the House of World Cultures. Information from: Denise Mohnke (mohnke@hkw.de).

Redefining Citizenship and Access to the Public Sphere. Recent African Developments in Historical and Comparative Perspective (7-9 October). PhD and Post-doctoral seminar on Africa. Organised by African Studies Centre, Leiden, Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, Graduate School for Asian, African and Latin American

Studies, University of Leiden, and National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden. Venue: Amsterdam School for Social Science Research and National Museum of Ethnology Leiden. Contact: Ms Miriam May (m.may@uva.nl).

Womex 2004: The World Music Expo (27-31 October) at Essen Germany. Website: www.womex.com.

Orality and New Dimensions of Orality. Intersections in Theories and Materials in African Studies (26-27 November) at University of Leiden, The Netherlands. Keynote speaker: Professor Karin Barber, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham. For further information contact Daniela Merolla at D.Merolla@let.leidenuniv.nl.

Call for Panels. 10th Conference of Africanists. Security for Africa: Internal and External Aspects (24-26 May 2005), Moscow. Convenors: The Academic Council on Problems of African Countries and the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences. (**Deadline 14 November**). Contact: inter@inafr.ru, copy to vladimir.shubin@inafr.ru/tel: 290 27 32, 290 63 85/fax: 202 07 86.

11th EADI General Conference. Insecurity and Development – Regional Issues and Policies for an Interdependent World (22-24 September 2005), Bonn, Germany. First announcement and a call for ad hoc working groups/panels are available at www.eadi.org. Researchers, institutions and other networks interested in the conference theme are invited to submit proposals by **5 November**. A final call for papers specifying the topics of the conference will be published in December.

⌘ AFRICA

International Conference on African Arts. The Arts as Strategy for Development: The African Perspective (10-14 November). Venue: Faculty of Arts, Delta State University, Abraka, Nigeria. Contacts: Chairman, Conference Organizing Committee, Faculty of Arts (e-mail: mayosakwe2002@yahoo.com), Secretary, Conference Organizing Committee (e-mail: africonf@yahoo.com).

Flows from the Past: A Trans-disciplinary Conference on the History of Water in Africa (8-11 December). Organized by the North-West University: Vaal Triangle Campus (Vanderbijlpark) in co-operation with the International Water History Association (IWHA). Venue: Riviera on Vaal, Vereeniging. The major objective of this conference is to start exploring, under the auspices of the IWHA, the potential for a comprehensive project on the history of water on the African continent. It is hoped that the conference will prepare participants who specialize in Africa for the next IWHA conference in Paris scheduled for 2005. General and registration enquiries: Ms Petra Lawson (tel: +27-16-910-3709/fax: +27-16-910-3711/e-mail: dvpal@puk.ac.za).

Writing African Women. Poetics and Politics of African Gender Research (19-22 January 2005) Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. Organized in the Context of the Sexuality, Gender and Society in Africa Programme at the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. Themes: The construction of gender in academic and popular knowledge; Multiple/situational identities; revisioning gendered knowledge. Contact: Signe Arnfred at signe.arnfred@nai.uu.se.

2004-2005 Symposia on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution organised by the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution. The first symposium is being held in South Africa from 29 December 2004 to 12 January 2005. In partnership with the Elliot School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, IMCR conducts programs around the world to enhance the understanding and facilitate the resolution of violent conflict. Studying on location, participants interact with a renowned faculty through lectures, training exercises and simulations. The faculty is composed of scholars, negotiation and mediation experts, high-ranking diplomats, and conflict resolution practitioners, many of whom have participated in resolving some of the world's most intransigent conflicts. Further symposia will be held in Cyprus, Singapore and the Czech Republic. Visit website: www.iimcr.org. The first symposium is being held in South Africa from 29 December 2004 to 12 January 2005.

Call for Papers. An Inter-Faith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good. The Quest for Justice and Peace (18-28 April 2005). Main conference venue: Kericho, Western Kenya (20-24 April). Organized under the patronage of Honourable Dr A A Moody Awori, EBS,MP, (Vice President and Minister for Home Affairs, Republic of Kenya). Papers, panels, and roundtable submissions are invited from observers, commentators, academics and NGOs to address issues related to globalization within the identified theme of the conference, including: Strategies to overcome poverty and the promotion of sustainable development; traditional and modern methods of development; African religions, cultures, traditions, spirituality and globalization; human right issues; citizenship issues; constitutional matters; law, development and gender issues; resource entitlement; rights to health, education and intellectual property; the cost and benefits of shadow economies; the costs of militarization, armed conflicts and child soldiers; health crises; Aids; the IMF, the World Bank and Africa; debt and its consequences in Africa; food crisis, hunger and famine; sustainable tourism; food export, cash crops and food-import dependency, and African oil and globalization. **Deadline 15 November.** For further information contact commongoodKericho@gnnsi.org/website: www.commongood.info.

Call for Papers: Biennial Conference: Southern Africa and the World: the Local, the Regional and the Global in Historic Perspective (26-29 June 2005) Venue: University of Cape Town. Organized by the South African Historical Society. Any proposals for papers, panels and roundtables are invited, but the Society is especially interested in those that relate to themes in the history of the southern African region. The Society wishes to highlight debates on such topics as: liberation struggles and the limits of liberation; history and heritage; post-colonial and post-nationalist historiographies, and new methodologies for teaching and researching history in the 21st century, including the use of film and video digitization. **Deadline: 1 February 2005.** 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/>.

First Call for Papers. Private Military Companies and Global Civil Society: Ethics, Theory and Practice (14-16 July 2005) at University of KwaZulu-Natal. South Africa. While the history of mercenary forces stretches back at least 4000 years, recent events in Africa, Iraq and elsewhere have highlighted the fact that private military forces are now being employed to a degree that is arguably unprecedented in the year since the signing of the Treaty of Westphalia in 1684. Also unique is the degree to which 'Private Military Companies' are demanding recognition as legal and morally legitimate entities. these developments raise important moral, ethical, and policy questions. Despite this, there has been little focused attention on this phenomenon, nor has there been any sustained investigation into the relationship between global civil society and private military companies. This conference will provide a forum for an interdisciplinary engagement with this topic. Papers on related topics will also be considered for inclusion in the programme. Likely conference speakers include: Doug Brooks (International Peace Operations Association), Kevin O'Brien (RAND Europe), M B Ramose (University of South Africa), Joseph Runzo (Chapman University), Clare Hall (Cambridge), and Nancy Sherman (Georgetown University). **Deadline: 1 December.** Enquiries may be directed to Deane Baker, School of Philosophy and Ethics, University of KwaZulu-Natal) (e-mail: BakerDP@ukzn.ac.za)

First Call for Papers. Zambia: Independence and After. Towards a Historiography (August/September 2005) in Lusaka. organised under the auspices of the Network for Historical Research in Zambia. (**Deadline 30 September**) Contact: Network for Historical Research, PO Box 27, UNZA Post Office, Lusaka, Zambia/e-mail: nhrz@zamnet.zm/

⌘ ASIA

Membership Based Organizations of the Poor: Theory, Experience and Policy (17-21 January 2005). Hosted by SEWA, Ahmedabad, India and organized by Cornell University (USA) (www.cornell.edu), SEWA (www.sewa.org), and WIEGO (www.wiego.org). Organizers: Martha Chen (Harvard University and WEIGO), Renana Jhabvala (SEWA), and Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University). **Deadline: 30 September 2004.** Conventional conference presentations will be combined with exposure to SEWA and to its member – poor, informal sector women. Ravi Kanbur can be contacted on sk145@cornell.edu.

⌘ AUSTRALIA

African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP). 27th Annual and International Conference - African Renewal, African Renaissance (26-28 November). Venue: University of Western Australia, Perth, WA. Conference website: sponsored.uwa.edu.au/afsaap2004. Conference e-mail: jmartens@arts.uwa.edu.au

Call for Papers. Middle Passages: The Oceanic Voyage as Social Process (13-16 July 2005). Hosted by: Western Australia Maritime Museum, Fremantle, nr Perth, WA. Convenors: Professor Marcus Rediker (University of Pittsburgh) and Professor Cassandra Pybus (University of Tasmania). Sponsored by the International Centre for Convict Studies and the Institute of Advanced Studies, (University of Western Australia). The aim of this international conference is to explore the social and cultural transformations caused by the transport of labour, unfree and free, around and across the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. The convenors' definition of the ocean includes riverine and other hydrographic systems that connect to it. They seek to investigate, compare, and connect the experiences of slaves, indentured servants, transported convicts, political prisoners, sailors, and migrants of all kinds, and to consider ships as places where their struggles have made history. Papers are invited that emphasize the transformative historical function of vessels of all kinds, from the smallest indigenous canoe to the deep-sea vessel of the age of sail, to the largest modern cargo ship, especially related to these specific themes. Contact: Emma Christopher (emma.christopher@bigpond.com)

⌘ USA

Yari Yari Pamberi: Black Women Writers Dissecting Globalization (12-16 October). An international conference on literature by women from Africa and its diaspora. Venue: New York University, the Kimmel Center for University Life. Website: www.owwa.org.

47th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association jointly with the Canadian Association of African Studies (11-14 November). Venue: Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, LA. Website: www.africanstudies.org. Enquiries to: asaamc@rci.rutgers.edu.

International Conference on Social Science Research (11-13 November). Venue: Hotel InterContinental, New Orleans. Website: <http://www.centrepp.org/socialscience.html>.

Call for Proposals. The Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) (15-17 April 2005), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (pre-conference workshop scheduled for **14 April**). Proposals are solicited for individual papers, colloquia, and poster sessions. Proposals should fall broadly within the conference theme, 'The Year of Languages: Expanding the Presence of Less Commonly Taught Languages'. Although proposed presentations may focus on an individual language, each should address issues that clearly relate to more than just one language. Contact: ncolctl@mailplus.wisc.edu.

Call for Papers: African Health and Illness (25-27 March). Venue: University of Texas Austin. Papers will be welcome that pose medical, cultural, sociological, methodological, and theoretical questions whether addressing relevant, recurring and urgent issues or raising neglected topics. Papers are welcomed on virtually all topics and themes, irrespective of time, period and space, as well as interdisciplinary perspectives. The conference will encompass a wide range of disciplines and perspectives. Participants will be drawn from the United States, Canada and elsewhere, including European and African countries. Graduate students are encouraged to attend and present papers. Inquiries and submissions to Mr Matthew Heaton (mattheaton@mail.utexas.edu). Website: www.utexas.edu/conferences/Africa.

14th Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference Critical and Contemporary Issues In/On Africa Development (28-30 April 2005) organised by California State University, Center for African Peace

and Conflict Resolution, Sacramento, and the Pan African Studies Program. Venue: California State University. Proposals to present and participate in this conference should articulate new, innovative/creative, and feasible options for development e.g. HIV-AIDS; conflict resolution; women and development; healthcare; information technology; justice system; education; democracy and governance; human rights; child soldiers; post-conflict reconciliation; agriculture; arts; trade. Contact: Professor Ernest E Uwaziee, Director, Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, California State University (uwaziee@csus.edu).

Call for Papers. International Conference on the United States and West Africa (28-30 April 2005). Venue: University of Texas at Arlington. A three-day conference on historical and contemporary relations between the United States and West Africa. Major themes: Trans-Atlantic slave trade; African Americans and West Africa; United States foreign policy towards West Africa, and the new West African diaspora in the United States. Participants will be drawn from the United States, Europe and Africa. Graduate students are encouraged to attend and present papers. Selected papers will be published in book form. **Deadline: 31 December 2004.** Enquiries to: Dr Alusine Jalloh, Director, The Africa Programme, University of Texas at Arlington, PO Box 19991, Arlington, Texas 76019-0991 (e-mail: Jalloh@uta.edu).

⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME (Nigeria) scholars based at the Centre of African Studies (September to December):

Dr Franklin-Kennedy Asonzeh Ukah, Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan. Research: The Redeemed Christian Church of God.

Dr Egodi Uchendu, Department of History, University of Nigeria. Research: Anioma Women and the Nigerian Civil War, 1966-1979.

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 2005.** Further information may be obtained from the CAS office or website.

VISITING SCHOLARSHIP FOR EASTERN AFRICAN ACADEMICS scholars based at the Centre of African Studies (January to March 2005):

Mr Peter P Kiarie Wa Njoroge, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya. Research: Spiritual Authority of the Gikuyu Family Religion: Decline and Modes of Survival in an African Community (1903-2003).

Sr Margaret Angucia, Institute of Ethics and Development Studies, Uganda Martyrs University. Carrying out research for development of a Peace and Conflict Management Course.

The 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. **The closing date for applications is 30 April 2005.** The flyer can be found on the CAS webpage.

The Centre of African Studies gratefully acknowledges its collaboration with Goodenough College, which provides our visitors with accommodation.

⌘ **ACADEMIC VISITORS** (contactable through the Centre of African Studies)

Dr Mary Jo Arnoldi, Curator (Africa), Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA. Research relating to Herbert Ward, a British man in Congo from 1884-1889 who made a collection of Congo objects which were donated to the Smithsonian in 1921. Also working on 'Public Culture and Memory in Post-Colonial Mali: Festivals, Museums and Monuments'. To 9 December.

Professor Roza Ismagilova, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. Research: Ethnopolitical situation and federalism in Nigeria. From 1 October to 31 December.

⌘ **NEW PROFESSORIAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**

Professor Murray Last, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology (University College London). Professor Last's current research programme largely centres around publishing the various materials he and his various Nigerian colleagues have collected on health and social issues in contemporary Kano over the last decade. But the major task is to write up the ethnographic data he has collected over the last thirty years on one large compound of Maguzawa (non-Muslim Hausa) (they have subsequently converted to Islam) in southern Katsina. Meanwhile there is also a work of filial piety to do - putting M G Smith's 1000-page typescripts of Sokoto history onto disk and then into print (funding has been promised). But there are several other projects in mind, such as publishing obscure, short but key documents written in Arabic in the 19th century, important to jihadic history, and contemporary northern Nigerian society. Professor Last expects to continue visiting northern Nigeria at least once a year.

⌘ RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

W G Clarence-Smith. 'Cape to Siberia; the Indian Ocean and China Sea Trade in equids' in David Killingray, Margarette Lincoln and Nigel Rigby (eds). *Maritime Empires; British Imperial Maritime Trade in the Nineteenth Century*, pp.48-67, Woodbridge: Boydell and Brewer, 2004.

W G Clarence-Smith. The Coffee Crisis in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific, 1870-1914 in William G Clarence-Smith and Steven Topik (eds), *The Global Coffee Economy in Africa, Asia and Latin America, 1500-1989*, pp 100-19, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

T Marchand, 'Rang Professionel Laborieusement Acquis: devenir maître maçon à Djenné', in *l'Architecture de Djenné*, edited volume by R. Bedaux, B. Diaby & P Maas. Gent: Snoeck. Pages 29-43, 2003

T Marchand, 'Process Over Product: case studies of traditional building practices in Djenné, Mali, & Sana, Yemen', in *Managing Change: sustainable approaches to the conservation of the built environment*, edited by J.M. Teutonico & F. Matero. LA: Getty. Conservation Inst. & Trust Publications. Pages 137-159, 2003

T Marchand 'Sensuous Mud' (published in Flemish & English), in Les Maîtres de la Terre. *Africa2003*, Cultuur Centrum Brugge, Belgium. Pages 19-23 & 43-47, 2003

T Marchand. 'Bozo-Dogon Bantering: policing access to Djenne's building trade with jests & spells', in *Traditional Dwellings & Settlements Review*, Univ. of California Berkeley. Volume 14, no..2, pages 47-63, 2003

We would like to include listings of recent books authored and edited by Centre of African Studies members as a regular feature of 'African News'. Please give Jackie Collis (CAS) details of books that will be published close to the deadline for the next newsletter.

⌘ NGO INFO

The Rift Valley Institute. By John Ryle

Founded in 2001, the Rift Valley Institute (www.riftvalley.net) is an association of specialists in the countries of Eastern Africa, including Sudan and the Horn. The aim of the Institute is the collection, analysis and dissemination of local knowledge and its application in advocacy and planning. Fellows of the Institute are recognised specialists from the region and elsewhere. They include academics, aid workers and human rights researchers, who represent a range of scholarly and practical disciplines. (<http://www.riftvalley.net/inside/fellows.htm>).

Sudan is currently the main area of Rift Valley Institute research. Projects include a survey of local peace initiatives in north and south, field training programmes for aid workers, and the creation of a database of persons abducted from Bahr-el-Ghazal province during the civil war (the Sudan Abduction and Slavery Project, co-directed by John Ryle and Dr Jok Madut Jok, <http://www.riftvalley.net/inside/projects.htm>.) The Institute is engaged in a pilot project with a view to preserving the archives of the emergency aid operation in Sudan over the past two decades.

The Rift Valley Institute is based in the UK and Kenya and funded by The Open Society Institute, the J.M.Kaplan Fund, the UK Department for International Development and Unicef.

John Ryle is Chair of the Rift Valley Institute (john.ryle@riftvalley.net) and a Research Associate of the Centre of African Studies (University of London)

⌘ MISCELLANEOUS

Cadbury Fellows' Workshop at the Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham.

A Programme of Annual Residential Workshops. The Centre of West African Studies announces a new programme of annual residential workshops built around current themes in African Studies. Two or three fellows will be appointed to participate in a ten-week programme of seminars and discussion groups, culminating in a CWAS Interdisciplinary Conference in May each year. (**Deadline for applications for 2005: 1 December 2004**). Fellowships will cover return air-fare, accommodation and living costs for a period of up to ten weeks. One aim of the Fellowship scheme is to assist new scholars to develop a research paper and bring it to publication, and each year, the conference papers will form the basis of an edited book or a special issue of a journal.

2005 Theme: Cultural Nationalism and Social Critique. The theme for 2005 is Cultural nationalism and social critique. Throughout Africa, ethnic nationalism has become an important form of political mobilization. Beyond the level of ethnic cleavage, the 2004 Cadbury Fellows workshop focuses on the mobilization of moral and aesthetic discourses to conceptualise social exclusion and inequality, including class, gender and race. We ask:

- How are cultural affirmation and the construction of ethnic identities linked to an interrogation of the state and its institutions?
- How do cultural works and artistic forms that interrogate social difference embody and transcend an ethnic audience?
- How are the products and discourses of cultural nationalism experienced by varied groups of Africans at the level of everyday life?
- How have African intellectuals, politicians, activists and artists interpreted, debated, promoted and critiqued cultural nationalism?
- What role is played by cultural nationalism in the global economy and the transnational movements of resources, people, media and ideas that it engenders?

The leaders of the 2005 workshop will be Dr Keith Shear, Dr Insa Nolte and Dr Lynne Brydon. The theme for 2006 will be announced shortly, and applications for this will be invited from June 2005 onwards.

Who is eligible for a Cadbury Fellowship? We are looking for young African scholars who have something to contribute to this theme, and whose research would benefit from a residential fellowship of up to ten weeks at the University of Birmingham. They should be in the early stages of their academic careers and based in an institution on the African continent. They should have a PhD or be close to completing one. It is intended that the Fellows will have time to use the University's excellent library resources, discuss their work with academic staff at CWAS, and contribute to the intellectual life of the department by participating in academic and cultural events here.

How to apply for a Cadbury Fellowship

Fellowships will cover return air-fare, and accommodation and living costs for a period of up to ten weeks. If you would like to be considered for the 2005 fellowship, please:

- (1) Ensure that you can get away for up to ten weeks from late March to early June 2005;
- (2) send a research project description of not more than 1000 words on the theme, showing what research you have already done and what you would work on during the fellowship, and
- (3) send a short c.v. (not more than 3 pages) and the names of two referees.

Applications can be sent by e-mail to M.I.Nolte@bham.ac.uk or by airmail to Dr Insa Nolte, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, England.

2005 Interdisciplinary Conference

The Interdisciplinary Conference which concludes the Cadbury Fellows' Workshop will be held in Birmingham in May 2005. This event is open to other participants, who should seek support from their own institutions to attend. Inquiries about the conference and expressions of interest in participating should be directed to Dr Insa Nolte at the above address.

2004-2005 Fellowships for Threatened Scholars

Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships

The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund provides fellowships for scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit scholars to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work and to continue to share their knowledge with students, colleagues, and the community at large. When conditions improve, these scholars will return home to help rebuild universities and societies ravaged by fear, conflict and repression.

How the Scholar Rescue Fund Works:

- Academics, researchers and independent scholars from any country, field or discipline may qualify. Preference is given to scholars with a Ph.D. or other highest degree in their field; who have been employed in scholarly activities at a university, college or other institution of higher learning during the last four years (excluding displacement or prohibition); who demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise; and whose selection is likely to benefit the academic community in the home and/or host country or region. Applications from female scholars and under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

- Universities, colleges and research centers in any country may apply to serve as hosts.

- Applications and nominations should be made to the Fund's Selection Committee. Institutions interested in hosting a particular scholar should submit a letter with the scholar's application. Fellowships are awarded to institutions for support of specific individuals, to be matched in most cases by the institution or third-party. Fellowship recipients are expected to continue their work in safety at the host institution – teaching, lecturing, conducting research, writing and publishing. Fellowships from 3 months to one calendar year will be considered with up to 25 fellowships awarded annually. The maximum award is US \$20,000.

- Applications are accepted at any time. Emergency applications receive urgent consideration. Non-emergency applications will be considered according to the following schedule:

Winter 2005: Applications received by January 1; decision by March 1.

Spring 2005: Applications received by April 1; decision by June 1.

How to apply:

Use this link to download the application: 2004-05
<http://www.iie.org/images/srf/2004_05_SRF_Deadlines_Application.pdf> (SRF Deadlines Application)

To apply or to learn how your institution might host an SRF scholar contact: IIE Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships, 809 U.N. Plaza, Second Floor, New York, New York 10017/tel: (USA) 1-212-984-5472/fax: (USA) 1-212-984-5401/e-mail: SRF@iie.org/web: www.iie.org/SRF

Post-Doctoral Fellowships (2). The Center for African Studies in conjunction with the College of Education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is offering two post-doctoral fellowships

for 2005-2006 on the theme of 'Education and African Modernities'. Applicants need not be US citizens, and international applications are welcome. **Deadline: 5 January 2005.** For further information about the programme, see the overview of the Rockefeller Humanities Fellowships and the foundation's website www.rockfound.org or the announcement on the Center for African Studies website: www.afrst.uiuc.edu/postdoc.

Humanities and International Studies Fellowships at Stanford University, USA. The Stanford Humanities Center and the Stanford Institute for International Studies are pleased to announce a new fellowship program for the 2005-2006 International Studies Fellowship. The fellowships are open to junior and senior scholars who are not US nationals, and have faculty appointments at universities outside the United States. Applicants should have a PhD or advanced degree and must obtain a letter of nomination from their institution. **Online registration deadline: 30 November, application receipt deadline: 24 January 2005.** More detailed information and down-loadable application forms (in PDF format) are available at the Stanford Humanities Center website: shc.stanford.edu/fellowships/his.htm.

Fellowships at the National Endowment for Democracy, USA. The NED invites applications to its Reagan-Fascall Democracy Fellows Program. Established in 2001 to enable democracy activists, scholars and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change, the fellowship program is based at NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies, in Washing, DC, USA. The fellows program is intended primarily to support practitioners and scholars from new and aspiring democracies. Distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. Practitioners are expected to have substantial experience working to promote democracy. Scholars are expected to have a doctorate, or academic equivalent, at the time of application. The program is not designed to pay for professional training or to support students working towards a degree. A working knowledge of English is an important pre-requisite for participation in the program. **Deadline for applications for 2005-2006: 1 November.** For further information visit www.ned.org and follow the link to 'Fellowship Programs' or e-mail: fellowships@ned.org.

The **Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art (Washington DC)** celebrated an important milestone: 25 years ago, on 13 August 1979, the museum became part of the Smithsonian Institution by an act of Congress. Several special activities will mark the museum's silver anniversary. The museum is Africa's only museum dedicated to the collection, conservation and exhibition of traditional and contemporary African art. For information view the museum's website at Africa.si.edu.

African Development Foundation. The United States Congress established the African Development Foundation (ADF) in 1980 as an independent public corporation with a mandate to promote the participation of Africans in the economic and social development of their countries. For more than 20 years, ADF has helped grassroots groups and individuals in Africa help themselves by providing the resources they need to advance their own efforts to promote economic and social development (website: <http://www.adf.gov/index.html>).

Call for Papers. *International Journal of Critical Psychology*. Special Issue. Trauma in Africa: Constructions, Experiences, and Interventions. The journal is announcing a call for papers for a special issue offering insights on a broad range of topics related to trauma in the African Continent. Major conflicts in areas such as Rwanda, South Africa, and the Democratic Republic of Congo have made a powerful impact on the African Continent, resulting in harm to individuals, family structures,

and communities. Often viewed as a site of violence, Africa should also rightly be viewed as a location at the forefront of critical debate around issues of trauma and the development of effective interventions for survivors. Ongoing discussions have been raised on issues such as different experiences of trauma, child soldiers, the role of NGOs, and conceptualisations of mental illness such as PTSD. This issue will contribute to the critical debate on causes and expressions of trauma in an African context, inform scholars about new and effective approaches to counselling of traumatized individuals, families and communities, and offer insights into causes and experiences of trauma. **Deadline: 15 October.** Queries to criticalpsych@hotmail.com.

Call for Papers. *Journal of International Women's Studies Volumes: New Perspective on the Gendered Construction of Spaces.* Special Issue. The Editors seek scholarly and creative articles, essays, poetry, book reviews, and photography that explore space from a range of perspectives, adopting space as a critical framework for understanding power relations, and exploring spatial relations in terms of gender, sexuality, race and class. **Deadline: 15 November.** Questions about submissions can be directed to the associate editors: Ranjini L Thaver (rthaver@stetson.edu) or Olga Gershenson (gershenson@judnea.umass.edu).

Call for Papers. The *Journal of Women's History* is soliciting articles for a special issue on women, material culture and consumption, guest edited by Clare Haru Crowson. Potential topics include comparative "consumer revolutions;" the gendering of consumption and material culture; fashion, luxury, and the exotic; family and the law in consumption; the relationship between production and consumption, and the women's role in credit systems and market culture. **Deadline 1 April 2005.** For further information see http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_womens_history/guidelines.html.

Call for Papers. *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature/Revue.* Special Issue on African Literature. **Deadline 30 June 2005.** For full information contact one of the guest editors: Dr Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, Department of African American Studies, Western Illinois University (e-mail: a-naallah@wiu.edu), Dr Harry Garuba, Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town (e-mail: bgaruba@humanities.uct.ac.za) or Dr Uzoma Esonwanne, Department of English, University of Toronto (e-mail: uzoma.esonwanne@utoronto.ca).

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