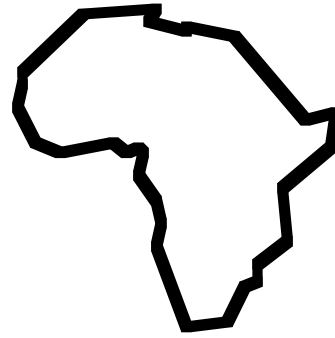


# AFRICAN NEWS



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## EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

### **AEGIS European Conference on African Studies London, June 30 to July 2, 2005**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> CALL FOR PANELS**

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, Lisbon, London, Naples and Uppsala. For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

The members of AEGIS propose to organise a large-scale European Conference on African Studies in 2005.. The conference will be hosted by the Centre of African Studies and Institute of Commonwealth Studies of the University of London.

Scholars and graduate students interested in Africa are encouraged by the Steering Committee to submit proposals for panels on subjects across the gamut of the humanities and social sciences applied to Africa.

Panels are expected to consist of four to five papers, with a chair and a discussant. Larger panels may be accommodated over more than one session. At this stage the Steering Committee invites potential panel organisers to provide a title and some of the names of participants to be considered for inclusion in the programme. Proposals need not be in final form at this stage, since there will be a further call for papers. Panels may be organised in any EU language, however, plenary contributions will be in English or French.

#### **The first call for panels closes 1 November 2003.**

Panel proposals should be submitted to the Centre of African Studies (e-mail: [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)), Centre of African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG.

E-mail enquiries for further information sent to the Centre of African Studies will be forwarded to the appropriate member of the AEGIS Steering Committee.

⌘ **The Africa Business Group**, run by the Centre of African Studies in association with *Africa 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 future meetings of the ABG, please contact the Centre of African Studies.

⌘ **Meetings organised by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society:**

The Anglo-Ethiopian Society holds a number of meetings during the year. For further information on these and any of the following meetings contact the Society c/o The Honorary Secretary, 4 Gloucester Road, London SW7 4RB/tel and fax: 020 7584/e-mail: [anglo-ethiopian@talk21.com](mailto:anglo-ethiopian@talk21.com).

**Gemini's Streetchildren Grow Wings (4 November)** Room G3 at 19.00. An illustrated talk by Andrew Coggins and Deborah Kingsland (Gemini Action International). This is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ethiopian Gemini Trust in Addis Ababa, supported in the UK by Gemini Action International (a registered charity). The Trust works to combat urban poverty in Ethiopia through support and advocacy on issues affecting the poor, especially women, youth and children (and particularly twins). Two films will be shown to illustrate the ground-breaking work of Adugna, the young people's community dance company, and GEM TV, a young people's community video company.

**Lalibela, its Children and Timkat (27 November)** Room G51 at 19.00. An illustrated talk by Sue Davies. Sue Davies spent three days in Lalibela last January, and will show a short video – the churches, two days of the Timkat festival, and her home visit to the girl she sponsors there through Plan UK. She will describe her experiences, including also the impressive work Plan is doing developing facilities for health and education both in Lalibela and in various communities around that area.

⌘ **Meetings organised by the Friends of Mali:**

**Friends of Mali-UK**, launched on 12 July 2003, is an organisation that seeks to: increase knowledge of Malian culture, promote good relations between Mali and Britain, create opportunities to learn about Malian arts, crafts and music, and facilitate trade and development activities. For further information contact [info@friendsofmali-uk.org](mailto:info@friendsofmali-uk.org)/webpage: [www.friendsofmali-uk.org/](http://www.friendsofmali-uk.org/)

**Bamako Sigi-Kan** a film by Manthia Diawara (**20 October**) 18.00 Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS. **Manthia Diawara**, (Head of the Institute of Afro-American Affairs at New York University) will be showing his documentary 'Bamako Sigi-Kan' (the Pact of Bamako) which looks at the impact of globalisation on the capital's residents.

**Living Memory: Six Sketches of Mali Today** a film by Susan Vogel (**29 October**) 18.00, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS. 'Living Memory: Six Sketches of Mali Today' featuring Salif Keita and other contemporary artists was made by Susan Vogel with the National Museum of Mali. Susan Vogel will be present to take questions.

**Women of Wasulu** by Lucy Duran (**12 November**) 18.00, Lecture Theatre, SOAS. Dr Durán will outline the history, role and impact of the female singers of the Wasulu genre such as Oumou Sangare.

**On the Indigo Trail from Gambia to Timbuktu** by Jenny Balfour-Paul (**3 December**) 18.00, BG05, Brunei Gallery.. Talk on the art of fabric dyeing in Mali.

**An Audience with Cheick Oumar Sissoko (10 December)** 18.00 Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (tbc). Cheick Oumar Sissoko, the celebrated film-maker and Malian Minister of Culture, is Friends of Mali's Patron. During this meeting it is planned to hold a film screening, followed by a question and answer session, and a reception.

For up-to-date information regarding the meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (e-mail: Sarah.Castle@lshstm.ac.uk)

**⌘ Organised by the Cameroon Campaign Group:**

**Cameroon: Failed Transition to Democracy – Which Way Forward? (11 October)** Rooms B102, B103 and B104, Brunei Gallery (SOAS) (organised by the Cameroon Campaign Group). In addition to the conference two workshops will be held entitled 'Human Rights and the Rule of Law', and 'Poverty and HIV'. Contact: Frank Russell/e-mail: frankrussell1555@hotmail.com:

**⌘ The Royal African Society** (Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG) (tel: 020 7898 4390) announces the following meetings (jointly with CAS):

- 13 October            *An African Artist's Perspective on Conservation on the Continent* by Larry Norton (acclaimed African Wildlife artist who lived on a game farm in Zimbabwe and has made numerous expeditions across Africa). Original paintings from Norton's current exhibition: *Norton's African Safari – Wildlife paintings across Africa from Cape to Cairo* will be on display during his talk. Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS (previously MSLT) at 17.30.
- 15 October            *Abduction, Slavery and the Search for Peace in Sudan* by John Ryle (Chair, Rift Valley Institute), Dr Jok Madut Jok (Author of 'War & Slavery in Sudan, (2002)) and Fergus Boyle (Director, Shading Tree). Organised by the Rift Valley Institute. Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS at 18.00.
- 22 October            *Walking Away: 10 Years Experience as a Documentary Film-Maker in Africa* by Charlotte Metcalf (one of the UK's leading documentary film-makers, and author of *Walking Away*; films include *Young Wives' Tale*, *Welcome to Womanhood* and *Schoolgirl Killer*). Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS at 17.30.
- 23 October            *Homecoming: African-American Explorers in West Africa* by Professor James Fairhead (social Anthropology, University of Sussex; Editor of *African-American Exploration in West Africa*). G51, SOAS at 17.30.
- 10 November        *The Challenge of Reporting Africa in a Deregulated Environment* by Joseph Warungu (Editor, Focus and Network Africa, BBC). Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS at 17.30.
- 19 November        *From War to Wealth: Ending Africa's Conflicts* by Professor Paul Collier (Director of CSAE, Oxford: author of *Breaking the Conflict Trap*). Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS at 17.30.

- 1 December *Many Happy Returns: Foreign Investment in Africa in the 1990s* by Dr Jonathan Leape (Director, Centre for Research into Economics and Finance in Southern Africa). Khalili Lecture Theatre at 17.30.
- 3 December *Experiencing Sharia Law in Nigeria Today* by Professor Murray Last (Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, UCL).  
*Modern Re-Adjustment in the Understanding of Sharia Law* by Dr Haifaa Khalafallah (Lecturer in Islam and Middle East History, Georgetown University). Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS at 17.30.
- 10 December *Developments in Democracy – Report Back on Mozambique’s Local Elections – 2003* by Dr Joseph Hanlon (Writer on Mozambique; Research Fellow, Open University) and HE Antonio Gumene (High Commissioner for Mozambique). Room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS from 18.00 to 20.00.

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

## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

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

**Anthropology Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)** held on **Wednesdays** between **15.00 to 17.00** in **G52**. Meetings of interest to Africanists.

- 22 October *Legacies of Slavery in NW Uganda: The Story of the One-Elevens* by Dr Mark Leopard (Department of Anthropology, Goldsmiths)
- 12 November *Praise of Politics: Mali Griots and the Sunjata Epic* by Dr Jan Jenson (Leiden University)
- 26 November *Our Women – They are Becoming Salted: Gendered Consequences of Protracted Mozambiquan Refugee Settlement in South Africa* by Dr Graeme Rodgers, Queen Elizabeth House, Refugee Studies Centre

Convenor: Dr John Campbell/e-mail: [jc58@soas.ac.uk](mailto:jc58@soas.ac.uk)

**History Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)**

**African History Research Seminar**

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

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

Enquiries to Ray Keilly/e-mail: [rk14@soas.ac.uk](mailto:rk14@soas.ac.uk)

**Department of Music (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)** will be holding various events covering a wide range of African and Asian cultures some of which will be open to all. Information on events may be obtained by e-mail: [music@soas.ac.uk](mailto:music@soas.ac.uk)/tel: 020 7898 4010.

**Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa (Faculty of Languages and Cultures)**

Enquiries to Dr Lutz Marten/e-mail: [lm5@soas.ac.uk](mailto:lm5@soas.ac.uk).

**AHRB Centre for Asian and African Literatures** will be holding 2 meetings of interest to Africanists at 17.30 (room to be confirmed by AHRBC)

5 November Issac Julien will give a presentation in association with the Centre's workshop on **Cities Across Time** (5-7 November).

1 December *Unruly Revolutionaries, Women Writing Mozambique* by Dr Hilary Owen (Spanish and Portuguese, University of Manchester)

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

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✂ At **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**, Department of Anthropology, Torrington Place, London WC1E (tel: 020 7387 7050)

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

3 October *Divine Kingdoms or Truculent Anarchies? Representations of Mandara Mountain Societies (Cameroon and Nigeria)* by Judy Sterner (University of Calgary, Canada)

10 October *Inventing Communities: Water and Politics in Anglophone Cameroon* by Ben Page (UCL, Geography)

17 October *The Tuareg: Crisis and Insecurity* by Jeremy Keenan (University of East Anglia)

24 October *Interethnic Relations and Identity Politics in North West Cameroon* by Michaela Pelican, (Max Planck Institute, Halle, Germany)

31 October *Forced Migration and Sedentarisation: Stability and Mobility in North-West Mali* by Alessandra Giuffrida (UCL, Anthropology)

7 November Reading Week

14 November *The Mahdist Movement in Northern Nigeria and its Persecution under British Rule* (provisional title) by Asma'u Saeed (Bayero University, Nigeria)

21 November *Managed Flood Releases and Livelihoods in the Senegal River Delta* by Stéphanie Duvail (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, France)

28 November *Fast-Growing Cities – Fast-Growing Waste: Rubbish Collection in Kano* (provisional title) by Sani Malumfashi (Bayero University, Nigeria)

5 December *On Creating a Church-Art that's Truly Nigerian* (provisional title) by Jacob Jari (Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria)

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

## EVENTS

### ⌘ LONDON

**Black History Month (October 2003).** **Black History Month** is held to promote knowledge of Black history and experience, disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British society, and heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people in their cultural heritage. Events held in and around Wandsworth. More information can be obtained from the African Caribbean Community Library at Battersea Library, Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB/tel: 020 8871 7466.

**Africa at the Pictures: Celebrating Africa Cinema (17-24 October)** at the Barbican, Institut Français, British Museum. **Africa at the Pictures** launches a festival of contemporary African Cinema, including recent films by the doyen of African Cinema, Ousmane Sembene whose film 'Faat Kine' opens the festival at the Barbican, and retrospectives of Abderhamane Sissako, Mauritania's inventive and feted director of Heremakon, winner of FESPACO'S Yennega Premiere Film Award, and Ethiopian artist filmmaker Theo Eshetu, creator of several award winning documentaries and video installations which have been exhibited throughout Europe. Further information from: Keith Shiri, Africa at the Pictures, 24 Inverness Terrace, London W2 3HU/tel: 020 7727 5052/e-mail: kshiri@boltblue.com/www.africaatthepictures.co.uk

**The October Gallery (23 October-6 December)** will be holding an exhibition of new works by some of Africa's most prominent artists, to celebrate Black History Month. The main gallery will feature major new pieces by El Anatsui, Rachid Korichi and Richard Jack.. The second gallery will host a further selection of African art, including new digital works by Twins Seven-Seven.

To find out more about the gallery and its exhibitions tel: 020 7242 7367/fax: 020 7405 1851/: www.theoctobergallery.com.

**Eastern African Visual Traditions: New Perspectives Colloquium (24 October)** (9.00-18.00) at the New Education Centre, Horniman Museum, 100 London Road. Tickets £10, free for students. For more information contact: Dr Hassan Arero, Keeper of Anthropology, Horniman Museum/tel: 020 8699 1872/4911, ext. 135/e-mail: harero@horniman.ac.uk

**AIDS in Africa: Fighting Western Apathy (Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA) Annual Conference 2003 (8 November)** at University of London Union, WC1. Speakers will include Stephen Lewis, UN envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa and Willy Madisha, President of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU). For more details e-mail: [actsa@actsa.org](mailto:actsa@actsa.org) or telephone: 020 7833 3133.

**Highlife Jamboree (15 November)** at The London Club, 56 Davies Street, London W1, organised by West Africa Business Association to raise funds for charity. Contact: WABA Secretariat, 2 Vincent Street, London SW1P/tel: 020 7828 5544/fax: 020 7828 5251.

**South Africa 2004: A Decade of Freedom....The Decade Ahead (24-26 October)** at Logan Hall, Institute for Education (University of London), Bedford Way, Bloomsbury hosted by the South African High Commission. 2004 will see the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Africa's first democratic and non-racial election. The inauguration of Nelson Mandela as President in May 1994 marked the end of apartheid and the birth of the new South Africa. The struggle against apartheid engaged and inspired people the world over and their support was a vital contribution towards its success. This conference will provide a unique opportunity for British and South African participants to assess South Africa's achievements and the immense challenges still facing the country as well as to hear at first hand from prominent South African government ministers and other important stakeholders through a series of plenary sessions, commissions and workshops. Contact: South Africa 2004, South African High Commission, South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DP/tel: 010 7451 7139/e-mail: [s.round@southafricahouse.com](mailto:s.round@southafricahouse.com)/[www.southafricahouse.com](http://www.southafricahouse.com)

**African Summer (7 November)** at The Garage on Highbury Corner. Organised by The Environmental Justice Foundation, you are invited to shake away the November rain at this world music event in aid of EJF's human rights and environmental projects in developing countries. The event features two acclaimed acts, Modeste (born in Madagascar) and Zuba, whose band's members hail from Liberia, Uganda, Scotland, France and Spain. Further information from the project co-ordinator, Dr Mike Shanahan/tel: 020 7359 0440/e-mail: [mike.shanahan@jffoundation.org](mailto:mike.shanahan@jffoundation.org)/webpage: [www.eifoundation.org](http://www.eifoundation.org)

**Access to World Markets: Tackling Poverty, Creating Equity (13 November)** jointly organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth at the Royal Commonwealth Society. An address by Hon Peter Sutherland (Chairman of BP and former Secretary-General of the WTO). For further information contact Susanna Darch at the RCS on 020 7766 9202/e-mail: [susanna.darch@rcsint.org](mailto:susanna.darch@rcsint.org). An address by Hon Peter Sutherland (Chairman of BP and former Secretary-General of the WTO).

**The End of Multiculturalism: Whither Global Governance? (13 November).** Dinner Meeting to be addressed by Chief Emeka Anyaoku TC GCVO CON (President of the Royal Commonwealth Society and former Commonwealth Secretary-General). Organised by The Royal Commonwealth Society and the Commonwealth Association. Tickets: £40 (to include reception, gourmet meal and wines). To book tickets contact Susanna Darch on 020 7766 9202/e-mail: [susanna.darch@rscint.org](mailto:susanna.darch@rscint.org).

**Postcolonialism: The New Comparison (28-29 November)**, Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies (formerly ASCALF), to be held at the French Institute. Contact: Dr David Murphy, French Section, School of Modern Languages, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA/e-mail: d.f.Murphy@stir.ac.uk.

**Wole Soyinka London Festival (March 2004)**. The first two weeks of March will witness a series of activities in celebration of one of Africa's literary giants. Professor Wole Soyinka who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986. The highlight of the two-week event will be the UK premiere of *King Baabu*, written and directed by Professor Soyinka, at the Hackney Empire (5-7 March). For further information contact Jamin Ohwovoriole/e-mail: wosofdt@yahoo.co.uk

**Call for Panels and Papers. Debating Africa. 2004 Biennial ASUK Conference (11-13 September 2004) at Goldsmiths College, University of London**. The overarching theme of this conference will be **Debating Africa**. However, the presence of a theme does not preclude contributions on other topics or themes. Anyone interested in running a panel on a theme or to volunteer an individual paper should contact the ASUK President, Dr Nici Nelson, Anthropology Department, Goldsmiths College, University of London, SE14 6NW/tel: 020 7919 7806/e-mail: n.nelson@gold.ac.uk.

## ⌘ UK

**University of Cambridge (African Studies Centre)** begin weekly research seminars on Monday 20 October. Contact: Dorian Addison/tel: 01223 334396/e-mail: da211@cam.ac.uk.

**University of Oxford (St Antony's College)** will be holding seminars during the Trinity Term. Contact: Ulli Parkinson/tel: 01865 274477/274470/e-mail: Ulli.Parkinson@sant.ox.ac.uk.

**Nationalist History, Patriotic History and the History of the Nation: Zimbabwe in 2003 (14 October)** (16.00) in Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower, George Square, Edinburgh. Speaker: Professor Terence Ranger (St Antony's College, Oxford). Organised by the Royal African Society, Scotland Branch. For further information and to book attendance contact Pravina King/tel: 0131 650 3878/e-mail: P.King@ed.ac.uk

**Education and Training in South Africa: The First Decade (30 October)** (17.00) in Raeburn Room, Old College (tbc). Speaker: Kader Asmal (Minister of Education, South Africa). Organised by the Royal African Society Scotland Branch as above.

**War, Violence and Identity in Ethiopia (4 November)** (16.00) in Faculty Room South. David Hume Tower, George Square, Edinburgh. Speaker: Alessandro Triulzi (Naples). Organised by Royal African Society Scotland Branch as above.

**A Medical Link with Tanzania (23 October)** (12.30 for 13.00) at Clifton Hill House, Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol. Speaker: Dr John Wood (Retired Consultant Physician; UK Governor of Commonwealth Foundation). Organised by Royal African Society, Bristol Branch. Contact Professor Alan Ryder for full details of subsequent autumn meetings and to book attendance/tel: 0117 973 3870.



**The Letters Home Festival. Exiles and Émigrés: South Africans Writing Abroad (5-6 March 2004)** at School of Pythagoras, St John's College, University of Cambridge. Throughout the colonial and postcolonial history of southern Africa; before and during and after the years of Apartheid, writers have been captivated and repelled, stifled and invigorated, enthralled and tortured by their unavoidably intimate association with this land of extremes. For many, a life of exile was both a political and emotional necessity, writing their poetry, plays and novels from abroad with energy and urgency born of passionate engagement. Many, too, left Africa in search of a space in which their creative agency could flow untrammelled by the restrictive forces of colonial and apartheid discourses. The Festival is conceived as a celebration of South African writing, with readings, critical papers, interviews and informal discussion – as well as a little film, music and art. The organisers would like to include a book table, with texts available for purchase, as well as author signings. The organisers also propose to compile an anthology of poems, short stories and literary essays, for publication at a later date. The Festival will host and support Starfish Greathearts Foundation, a charity formed in response to the unfolding tragedy of children orphaned or affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic in South Africa/[www.starfishcharity.org](http://www.starfishcharity.org)

**Conquests, Commodities, and Cultures (October 2003 to June 2004).** The Ferguson Research Centre at the Open University and the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum have collaboratively initiated an annual 'Open Museum' seminar series at the Museum in Station Approach, Temple Meads, Bristol/tel: 0117 925 4980/e-mail: [admin@empiremuseum.co.uk](mailto:admin@empiremuseum.co.uk)/[www.empiremuseum.co.uk](http://www.empiremuseum.co.uk)

## ⌘ EUROPE

**Imperial Culture in Countries Without Colonies: Africa and Switzerland (23-25 October)** at the University of Basel. Contact: [pascal.schmid@stud.unibas.ch](mailto:pascal.schmid@stud.unibas.ch) or browse [www.unibas.ch/afrika/nocolonies](http://www.unibas.ch/afrika/nocolonies)

**Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilization (18-21 June 2004)** Final announcement and call for papers. For further information contact Dmitri Bondarenko/e-mail: [dmitri.bondarenko@inafr.ru](mailto:dmitri.bondarenko@inafr.ru).

## ⌘ AFRICA

**Preservation of the African Documentary Heritage (27-31 October)**, Cape Town, South Africa.. Workshop organised by IFLA Africa Section and ICA, and sponsored by UNESCO will focus on the preservation of collections housed in libraries, archives and museums. Topics will range from the deterioration of paper-based materials, preventive conservation, collections care with respect to climate, storage as well as basic repair techniques. The development of a preservation programme, conducting a survey to assess preservation priorities and needs, emergency planning and response will be addressed. Special emphasis will focus on preservation technologies, including digitization. Presentations on UNESCO's Memory of the World, Slave Trade Project and the Blue Shield Programme will be given. No contact information available at time of publishing.

**Literary Manifestations of the African Diaspora (10-14 November)** at the University of the Cape Coast, Ghana, and sponsored by the University of Cape Coast and Harriet Tuhman Resource Centre on the African Diaspora, York University, in collaboration with the UNESCO Slave Route Project. Papers are invited from critics, scholars and researchers engaged in examining literary representations of the

African diaspora in historical and sociological perspectives. Contact: Dr J Opoku Agyemang/e-mail: diaspora@africaonline.com.gh

**Man and the Lake (2-10 December)** Mega Chad Conference 2003 at Maiduguri, Nigeria. Note: 'Lake' to be understood as Mega Chad Basin in the widest sense possible. Contact: mega.tchad@mae.u-paris10.fr; or Gisela Seidensticker-Brikay, Centre for Trans-Saharan Studies, University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria; e-mail: Gilliam22002@yahoo.co.uk

## ⌘ CANADA

**Q-Squared in Practice: A Conference on Experiences of Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Poverty Appraisal (15-16 May 2004)** at Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. The last ten years have seen recognition of the strong complementarities between qualitative and quantitative methods in poverty appraisal. There is a growing consensus that both approaches have much to contribute to understanding to policy formulation. The question is no longer if the two methods should be combined, but how. This conference aims to bring together the very best in recent efforts in the "Q-Squared" tradition. The conference organisers are Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University/e-mail: sk145@cornell.edu and Paul Shaffer, University of Toronto.

## ⌘ THE AMERICAS

**Towards and Africa Without Borders: Unification and Fundamental Change (24-26 October)** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Keynote speakers include Professors Ngugi Wa Thiong'o, Angela Davies and Maina Wa Kinyatti. Conference programme on website: <http://african.lss.wisc.edu/all/Studconference>.

**Youthful Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association) (30 October-2 November)** to be held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Contact: Annual Meetings Co-ordinator.e-mail: [callasa@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:callasa@rci.rutgers.edu)/[www.africanstudies.org](http://www.africanstudies.org)

**Collective Degradation: Slavery and the Construction of Race (7-8 November)** at Henry R Luce Hall, Yale University. Fifth conference of the The Gilder Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and the Abolition. For further information see website: [www.yale.edu/glc/events/race/schedule.htm](http://www.yale.edu/glc/events/race/schedule.htm)

**Breslaueer Graduate Student Symposium on Natural Resource Issues in Africa (5 March 2004)** at University of California, Berkeley. Contact information: <http://www.ias.berkeley.edu/africa/events/breslauer/>e-mail: Arielle Levine/e-mail: [alevine@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:alevine@nature.berkeley.edu) or Andy Lyons/e-mail: [alyons@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:alyons@nature.berkeley.edu)

**CALL FOR PAPERS: Perspectives on Yoruba History and Culture (26-28 March 2004)** at University of Texas at Austin. This conference will be centered on the Yoruba to review the state of knowledge, the various advances already made, the connections with comparative and diaspora history, the critique of old and new sources, and the identification of new areas worthy of investigation. Papers will be welcome that raise historical, cultural, methodological, and theoretical questions that address the strengths and voids by focusing on relevant issues and empty issues and empty spaces in Yoruba history

and culture, as well as its global spread in the African diaspora. It is intended that this will be an all-embracing conference on Yoruba, broadly defined in their geographic and cultural scope. The conference will encompass a wide range of disciplines and perspectives, with participants being drawn from the US, Canada, Brazil, the Caribbean, and elsewhere, including European and African countries. All enquiries and submissions via e-mail to Ms Ann Genova on [annabell@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:annabell@mail.utexas.edu) or by mail to: Toyin Falola, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Tx 78712.

**African Art: Roots and Routes (31 March-3 April).** 13<sup>th</sup> International Triennial Symposium on African Art, Cambridge, Boston, and Salem, Massachusetts, organised by the Art Council of the African Studies Association (ACASA) and hosted by the Department of African and African American Studies and the WEB Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research at Harvard University. The theme of the conference will encourage participants to explore how African visual practices moved across cultures, places and time and how the exchange of ideas has fostered vibrant new forms of expression and interpretations in a global world. **Deadline for paper proposals 15 December.** Proposals to: Christraud M Geary, Panels Chair, Curator of African and Oceanic Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston/e-mail: [cgeary@mfa.org](mailto:cgeary@mfa.org)

**The Black Body: Imagining, Writing, and (Re-Reading) (23-24 April 2004)** at DePaul University, Chicago. This conference will explore the ways in which the Black body has been constituted as a site for the construction and maintenance of social and political power. It will also explore the changing discourse on the Black body, its production, policing regulation, disfiguring, and how different disciplines have been deployed to map, project and inscribe different symbolic meanings. For further information contact: Center for Black Diaspora, De-Paul University, Conference on the Black Body, 2320 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614-3250/e-mail: [blkbody@depaul.edu](mailto:blkbody@depaul.edu)/ tel: 00-773 325 7512.

**CALL FOR PAPERS. African and African American Relations in US, Americas and Africa (29 April-1 May 2004)** at California State University, Sacramento, organised by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution in collaboration with The Pan African Studies Program. The convenors ask for papers/proposals that articulate new, innovative/creative and feasible options for resolution and relationship building among the Africans/diaspora-related to the conference. **Deadline for proposals 7 November.** Contact: Professor Ernest E Uwazie, Director, Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento CA 95819-6085/e-mail: [uwazie@csus.edu](mailto:uwazie@csus.edu)

**Youth in the Age of Development (1920-.....) (20-22 June 2004)** in Bahia, Brazil. The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), and the Centro d'Estudos Afro-Orientais of the Federal University of Bahia will organise a collaborative workshop on the changing perceptions and roles of 'Youth' in the age of development. This workshop will focus both on perceptions and self-representations of youth. Youth can be seen as both a new generation carving out a place in the world for itself as well as a broader societal representation of desired change. A variety of stakeholders (including governments, social movements, NGOs and multinational corporations) are trying to impose their representations of youth to further their own agendas. On the other hand, it is this same contentious field, which offers youth an opportunity to express its collective social agency. It is precisely these dialectics the workshop will discuss. Applications and requests for more information should be sent to: Sephis Programme, International Institute of Social History, Cruquiusweg 31, 1019 AT Amsterdam, The Netherlands/e-

mail: [sephis@iisg.nl](mailto:sephis@iisg.nl)/tel: ++31-20-463-63-95.

**CALL FOR PAPERS. Sin Fronteras: Women's Histories, Global Conversations. 13<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women (2-5 June 2005)** at Scripps College, Claremont, California. The Program Committee welcomes proposals that cross geographical, cultural, and disciplinary borders and especially those which address the plurality of histories of transnational encounters and empires. For more information, and the call for papers, visit [www.berksconference.org](http://www.berksconference.org).

## ⌘ CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

### ⌘ AEGIS

**From Violent Conflict to good Governance (27-28 May 2004)** at NAI, Uppsala, Sweden. For further information about AEGIS contact [www.aegis-eu.org](http://www.aegis-eu.org)

### ⌘ NEW MEMBERS OF CAS

**Dr James Brennan**, Lecturer of Eastern African History, SOAS. Urbanisation in East Africa, race and nationalism, South Asian diaspora, Islam in East Africa. • Tanzania, Kenya, Sudan, Somalia.

**Dr Wenzel Geissler**, Senior Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Relationship between change in time and practices of relatedness, with particular emphasis domestic everyday life and practices concerning illness and healing. •Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia.

**Dr Deborah Johnston**, Lecturer in Development Economics, SOAS. Operation of labour markets in rural areas, especially role of migration. Effect of access to wage employment on poor households. •Southern Africa: Lesotho, South Africa, Zimbabwe in particular.

**Dr Trevor Marchand**, Lecturer in Anthropology, SOAS. An interdisciplinary approach, including anthropology and architecture, to studies space, place and and architecture, and more specifically to the study of traditional building practices and the transmission of expert knowledge via systems of apprenticeship. •Mali (Djenne), Yemen (Sanaa), Nigeria (Zaria).

**Dr Harry West**, Lecturer in Social Anthropology, SOAS. Sorcery and healing, 'traditional authority', anthropology of violence, neo-liberalism. •Mozambique.

### ⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

**LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME** (Nigeria) scholars based at the Centre of African Studies (September to 6 December):

**Dr Asma'u Saeed** (Department of History, Bayero University) will be working on A Biographical Study of Sheikh Sa'id (1887-1978) and the British Policy Towards the Mahdiyya in Northern Nigeria (1900-1960).

**Mr Jacob Jari** (Department of Fine Arts, Ahmadu Bello University) will be carrying out research on **Image and Form of Indigenous Christian Art in Catholic Churches in Nigeria**

**Mr Sani Malumfashi (Department of Sociology, Bayero University)** will be carrying out a **Study of Waste Management and Public Health in Kano**

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 2004.** 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 2004):

**Dr Moges Yigezu** (Department of Linguistics, Institute of Language Studies, Addis Ababa University).  
Research topic: **Resolving the Issue of Stress Pattern in Amharic Phonology**

**Mr Everest Magoti Cornelli** (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Philosophy Unit, University of Dar es Salaam).

Research topic: **The Problem of Poverty in Nyerere's Epistemology: An Examination and Critical Appraisal of the Foundations of His Notion of Community and Progress in Africa.**

**Mr William M Musyoka** (Department of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi).

Research topic: **The Law, the Poor and Access to Justice in Kenya: A Case for the Revitalisation of African Customary Law.**

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 for a choice of either the Autumn term (mid-September to mid-December) 2004 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April 2005) is 30 April 2004.** 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.

<b>⌘ ACADEMIC VISITORS</b> (contactable through the Centre of African Studies)
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**Dr Rebecca M Nyonyintono** (Department of Sociology, Makerere University, Uganda)

Dr Nyonyintono has used her time at the Centre to prepare the first edition of a book entitled 'Changing African Families: The Effect of Affirmative Action on the Family in Africa'.

<b>☞ ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b> (contactable through the Centre of African Studies)
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**Dr Herman Batibo** (Professor of African Linguistics, University of Botswana) is currently spending 6 months (leaving 23 December) at SOAS under the Leverhulme Trust programme at the invitation of the Endangered Languages of the World Project. During his stay at SOAS he will be investigating the complex contact and dominance patterns of the languages of Africa and the resulting processes of language shift and death. He is also compiling an index of the nationally and areally dominant languages as well as the minority, highly endangered and extinct languages in each of the African countries. He can be reached by e-mail: hb17@soas.ac.uk or batiboherman@hotmail.com

**Dr Marion Wallace** (Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections, British Library) is currently working on a general history of Namibia, concentrating on the period 1750-2000 and relying mainly on secondary sources, but also looking at the arguments about the period before 1750. The book is primarily geared to an academic audience, but is also intended to be accessible to undergraduates.

**Dr Jeggan C Senghor.** During Dr Senghor's time at SOAS he will be undertaking two main types of activities. Firstly updating and finalising his research manuscript on 'The Politics of Senegambian Integration, 1950 to 1994', and secondly he will be developing undergraduate courses in three subject areas to be taught at the University of The Gambia.

<b>☞ RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES</b>
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Catherine Campbell/ *Letting Them Die: Why HIV/AIDS Prevention Programmes Fail* (James Currey: 2003)

Pat Caplan (ed) *The Ethics of Anthropology: Debates and Dilemmas* (Routledge: 2003)

Annie E Coombes. *History After Apartheid: Visual Culture and Public memory in a Democratic South Africa* (Duke University Press: November 2003)

Donal B Cruise O'Brien. *Symbolic Confrontations. Muslims Imagining the State in Africa* (London: Hurst Co. New York: Palgrave Macmillan: 2003)

D Potts and T A S Bowyer-Bower (eds). *Eastern and Southern Africa: Development Challenges in a Volatile Region* (Pearsons: 2003)

<p><b>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.</b></p>
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⌘ NGO INFO
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### **FIND YOUR FEET by Natalie Cade, Fundraising and Communications Manager**

**Find Your Feet** is committed to working with rural communities, using their own skills and knowledge to develop sustainable solutions to poverty. We do not provide emergency relief or short-term fixes, but instead concentrate on implementing long-term programmes that reduce poverty and empower the poor.

We concentrate our efforts in remote, marginalised or degraded areas of Malawi, Zambia, Swaziland, South Africa and Lesotho, targeting poverty with long-term solutions:

- working to reduce the food gap, enhance food security and promote alternative income generation schemes;
- improving natural resource management whilst conserving biological diversity;
- training farmers to propagate, multiply and distribute affordable seed;
- creating support systems to ensure that all available resources can be fairly shared;
- bringing poor and marginalised communities together to form strong organisations that represent their rights and interests;
- providing training which builds individual and organisational capacities.

In all of our programmes, we focus on enabling local communities to assert their ownership and take greater control over their own activities.

By implementing innovative programmes that successfully address local needs, FYF is helping poor and marginalised communities to reduce their vulnerability to malnutrition, disease and illness, whilst at the same time providing future opportunities for their children. At the heart of this success is partnership. FYF works with community-based organisations and other agencies that possess strong local knowledge and expertise. By sharing our skills and experience we are able to maximise the impact of our work.

For over forty years, FYF has been helping the most vulnerable members of society to achieve their full potential. We currently support 11 programmes across Southern Africa.

FYF also works with poor communities in South Asia and we have a development education project in the UK. For further information, please visit our website at [www.fyf.org.uk](http://www.fyf.org.uk) or contact us at Unit 316, Bon Marché Centre, 241 – 251 Ferndale Road, London SW9 8BJ. Tel: +44 (0)20 7326 4464 / Email: [fyf@fyf.org.uk](mailto:fyf@fyf.org.uk).

⌘ MISCELLANEOUS
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**The British Institute of Human Rights**, publishes a newsletter (BIHR Brief) four times a year. The BIHR has, for over thirty years, been educating people about the importance of human rights. Today it has a significant voice, advocating for the human rights of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable communities across the UK and striving to make human rights relevant of hall. For further information contact the BIHR, School of Law, King's College, London, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 75-79 York Road, London SE1/e-mail: [admin@bihr.org](mailto:admin@bihr.org)/website: [www.bihr.org](http://www.bihr.org)

**Nordiska Afrikainstitutet** (Sweden). **African Guest Researchers' Scholarship Programme**. This programme started in 1982 to establish and maintain relations with universities and research institutions

in Africa and to provide opportunities for those awarded the grants to pursue their own research, which should be related to current research themes at the Institute. The programme is directed at scholars in Africa engaged in research on the Africa continent. Female researchers are especially encouraged to apply for these scholarships. **Deadline for application: May 2004.** For further information browse: <http://www.nai.uu.se/>

**The Leverhulme Trust** administers a number of fellowships for residents of the UK. For full information browse the webpage: [www.leverhulme.org.uk](http://www.leverhulme.org.uk)

**Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships 2004-2005 Harvard University.** Fellowships are available for six graduate students from the UK to study in one of the Faculties at Harvard. Information about the fellowships can be found on [www.frankknox.harvard.edu](http://www.frankknox.harvard.edu).

**Nuffield Foundation** provides funding under many headings. Information can be obtained from [www.nuffieldfoundation.org](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org).

**University of Leipzig Papers on Africa (ULPA) Mission Archives**, edited by Adam Jones, have been appearing for five years predominantly in German. Newsletter readers might be interested to learn that numbers 22 and 23 under the titles *Transculturation: Mission and Modernity in Africa* (ISBN 3-935999-14-3) and *Guide to Basel Mission's Ghana Archive* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed) (ISBN 3-935999-17-8) are available in English. Send orders to [mgrosze@rz.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:mgrosze@rz.uni-leipzig.de)

*African Studies Abstracts Online* is now being published on line and can be consulted free of charge at the Afrika Studie Centrum Library (Leiden, The Netherlands) website: <http://asc.leidenuniv.nl/library/abstracts/asa-online>. If you would like to be kept informed via e-mail of when a new issue of *African Studies Abstracts Online* is available on the web, simply send an e-mail to Ms Marieke van Winden/e-mail: [winden@fsw.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:winden@fsw.leidenuniv.nl)

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

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