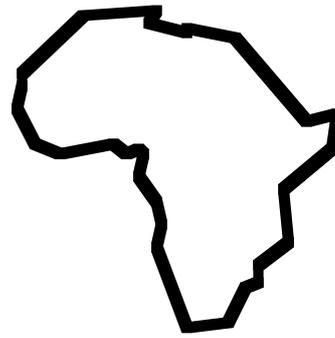


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## EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES MAY BE FOUND ON THE LAST PAGE OF AFRICAN NEWS. PREVIOUS VISITORS MAY LIKE TO NOTE THAT OUR OFFICE HAS MOVED ONE DOOR ALONG THE CORRIDOR TO ROOM 472

✂ The **Africa Business Group**, run by the Centre of African Studies in association with *Africa Confidential*, is holding three meetings this term:

• **Wednesday 9 October:**

**Africa's Debt: Burden or Opportunity?**

**Gregory Kronsten (Senior Economist (Africa and Middle East), West LB, London)**

There is a temptation to view the debt stocks of African governments as a burden. However, a government within the market economy has to borrow to access investment, both portfolio and direct. In any event, it cannot depend on donor inflows, since aid budgets are on the decline.

The speaker will seek to explain the opportunities for governments in the debt markets in local and foreign currency. He also hopes to give a flavour of debt issuance and trading in Africa from the standpoint of one of the few investment banks in this field in the region.

• **Wednesday 23 October:**

**The World in 2020: Implications for Africa**

**Xavier Delhaise (Senior Business Consultant, Shell) and Tim Harford (Economist, Shell Scenarios Team)**

Shell's "scenario" process has become famous as a way of investing for the long-term in an uncertain world. Scenarios are not projections or preferences, but plausible, challenging stories about the future. The speakers will present Shell's new twenty-year global scenarios, which explore themes of globalisation, economic diversity, energy and the sources of political power. They will discuss in detail the implications for Africa. •What will be Africa's biggest challenges? (AIDS? Water? The "resource" curse?). •What will be the most powerful circles of influence in Africa? (The IMF? African Governments? Entrepreneurs?). •What will Africa look like by 2020?

- **Wednesday 27 November:**

### **How France Does Business in Africa**

**Andrew Manley**

How does French trade and investment diplomacy in Africa actually work? Many people regard it as simply a matter of corruption and Masonic links. To an extent, it is. However, behind that, there is a relentless political and financial machine, which runs all the way from the now-privatised (but still politically powerful) credit guarantee agency Coface through to individual low-level officers in embassies as seemingly marginal as those in Conakry and Malabo.

Beyond the scandals and conspiracy theories – recently epitomised by ‘arms to Angola’ and the African dimension of French political corruption – the French footprint in Africa remains large. French diplomats have always prided themselves on ‘knowing’ the continent better than other non-Africans. To what extent is this true?

The Africa Business Group 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. The ABG meets at least six times each academic year (September to June) and presentations at those meetings focus upon matters of topical interest and direct relevance to business. If you would like further information about membership of the ABG, please contact the Centre of African Studies.

**Faith in Sudan, (18 October)** at 17.30 in Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (SOAS). Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities. At the launch in London by Paulines Publications Africa of Volume 12 in their series ‘Faith in Sudan’, (*Religion and Conflict in Sudan: Papers from a Yale Conference*, edited by Yusuf Fadl Hasan and Richard Gray, Nairobi, 2002), Paul Gifford will chair a discussion on the situation in Sudan and the possibilities of further research on religious conflict. Speakers will include Richard Gray (Professor Emeritus of African History), Andrew Wheeler (editor of the series, ‘Faith in Sudan’) and Lamin Sanneh, (Professor World Christianity, Yale). For further information contact Paul Gifford e-mail: [pg@soas.ac.uk](mailto:pg@soas.ac.uk)/tel: 020 7898 4773.

### **Chadic and Hausa Linguistics: Selected Papers of Paul Newman with Commentaries (30 November)** in Room 116 (SOAS) between 10.00 and 17.00

Paul Newman's celebratory book is now complete and is due to be published within the next few weeks. Paul and Roxana Ma Newman will be coming to London (SOAS) in the final week of November for the book presentation/launch. To mark this occasion a Hausa ‘Chadic Roundtable’ will be on Saturday 30 November. Details from Dr Philip Jaggard/e-mail: [pj@soas.ac.uk](mailto:pj@soas.ac.uk)/tel: 020 7898 4387.

**Return to Magdala – a Family Affair (19 November)** at 19.00 in room G3 (SOAS). An illustrated talk by John and Jean Broadbent who will describe their trek by mule and foot to reach the top of Magdala where, in 1868, the Battle of Magdala climaxed with a final assault on Emperor Theodore's mountaintop fortress. Family and military history research has uncovered a wealth of information about the campaign, with contemporary photographs and reports which will be included to recreate the event.

**Orality and Literacy in the Horn of Africa: Emerging Themes (16-18 July 2003).** This two-day workshop will explore the history and modern relevance of relations orality and literacy in the Horn of Africa. Discussions will be inclusive of all the cultures of the region. Participants will be drawn from Eritrea, Ethiopia and the Somali-lands, and from institutions in the UK, Europe, and the USA. Participants will include Professor Alessandro Triulzi. Dr Ali Jimale Ahmed (USA/Somalia). Professor Bahru Zewde Ethiopia), Professor Donal Crummey (USA), Professor Wendy James (UK), Professor Irma Taddia (Italy), Dr Ouldelu Chelati Dirar (Eritrea). For further information contact Dr Cedric Barnes (convener), e-mail: [cb62@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cb62@soas.ac.uk)/tel: 020 7898 4093 Participation by invitation.

## 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)**

#### **Position and Practice in Anthropology, Seminar held on Wednesdays at 15.00 in Room G52**

The speakers in this seminar reflect on the varied 'positionality' of anthropological practice today. What place does anthropological knowledge have in our globalising world? How do anthropologists locate themselves within our particular historical conditions, and what sort of meta-narratives can they provide? What is the social and political position of ethnographic research whether by insiders, outsiders, observers, participants? From where do anthropologists speak, to whom do they speak, and who wants to know what they have to say? The seminar's contributors speak from different positions – as cultural commentators, expert witnesses, as policy advisers – work across disciplines and interest with other professional audiences.

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| 2 October   | <i>Anthropology and the cultural Studies Wars: Matthew Arnold via Edward Said vs Edward Tylor via Bronislaw Malinowski</i> by Daniel Varisco (Hofstra University, New York)   |
| 9 October   | <i>Soothsayer, Truth-Teller or Spook? Inserting the Future into Anthropology</i> by Murray Last (UCL)   |
| 16 October  | <i>Undoubtedly an Expert? Anthropologists in the UK Asylum Courts</i> by Tony Good (Edinburgh)  |
| 23 October  | <i>The Predicament of Diaspora and Millennial Islam</i> by Pnina Werbner (Keele)  |
| 30 October  | <i>Anthropological Positionings and Policy Making in Planned Development: The Case of Italy's New Programme to Fight Against Desertification for the Reduction of Poverty in the Sahel</i> by Benedetta Rossi (LSE) |
| 6 November  | Reading Week  |
| 13 November | <i>Recent Theories of Transnational Civil War</i> by Paul Richards (Wageningen)   |
| 20 November | <i>Anthropology and Public Health: An Unequal Partnership</i> by Ian Harper (SOAS)  |
| 27 November | <i>The Practice of Ethnographic Research Among Untouchables in Bangladesh</i> by Cosimo Zene (SOAS)   |
| 4 December  | <i>The Brain and Culture: Culture and the Brain</i> by Robert Turner (UCL Institute of Neurology)   |

For further information contact David Mosse/e-mail: [dm21@soas.ac.uk](mailto:dm21@soas.ac.uk)/tel 020 7898 4426

## History Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

### African History Research Seminar held on Wednesdays at 17.00 in Room B102

Summaries of papers will usually be sent electronically to those who have signed up to attend the seminar. A few copies will be available from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities office approximately a week before the papers are read

- 2 October      *Honour in African History* by John Iliffe (Cambridge)
- 9 October      *The District Clerk and the 'Man-leopard Murders': Mediating Law and Authority in Colonial Nigeria* by David Pratten (SOAS)
- 16 October     *Teak Forest Exploitation Versus Conservation in Southern Rhodesia, 1890-1923* by Vimbai Kwashirai (Oxford)
- 23 October     *Roots of Conflict: Reflections on Writing and Reading the Sudan's Civil Wars* by Douglas Johnson (Oxford)
- 30 October     *Researching Contemporary African Christianity: Some Issues of Procedure* by Paul Gifford (SOAS)
- 6 November    READING WEEK
- 13 November   *Title to be announced* by Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch (Paris)
- 20 November   *Rainmen, Witchdoctors and Trance Dancers: Khoisan Healing Past and Present* by Chris Low (Oxford)
- 27 November   *Land, Community and Early Mission Activity in the Cederberg, c.1830* by Mark Bilbe (Cambridge)
- 4 December    **British Institute in Eastern Africa Annual Lecture at the British Academy**

Enquiries to Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, History Department, SOAS/tel: 020 7898 4027/e-mail: [jh10@soas.ac.uk](mailto:jh10@soas.ac.uk)

**Department of Economics and Development Studies (Faculty of Law and Social Sciences). Political Economy of Development Seminar, held on Tuesdays from 17.00 to 18.30 in Room G52.** A number of meetings are being held this term under the above heading, some of which may be of interest to Africanists. To obtain a full list contact Dr Jonathan Pincus on 020 7898 4548/e-mail: [jp28@soas.ac.uk](mailto:jp28@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. The first event is:

4 October *The Black Sidis of Gujarat: Africa in India.* The Sida Goma troupe will perform this rarely encountered devotional music and dance from India with contextualisation by Professor Amy Catlin (UCLA) in Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre at 18.00.

Information on further events may be obtained by e-mail: [music@soas.ac.uk](mailto:music@soas.ac.uk)/tel: 020 7898 4010.

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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**

- 11 October Film: *Sanmatenga – Gold Diggers in Burkina Faso* by Katja Werthmann (University of Mainz)
- 18 October *Are There Alternatives to International Aid?* by Douglas Rimmer (Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham)
- 25 October *Truth and Reconciliation in Nigeria? Reflections on the Oputa Commission of Enquiry* by Fr. Matthew Kukah (member of the Oputa Panel, St Antony's College, Oxford)
- 1 November *Urhobo and the Western Niger Delta: Art and Creativity, 1900-2000* by Perkins Foss
- 8 November Reading Week
- 15 November *From Lagos Island to the Picasso Bar* by John Picton (SOAS)
- 22 November *Borderlands Compared: Ghana-Togo and the Senegambia* by Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh)
- 29 November *The Endangered Languages Issue: A West African Perspective* by Paul Newman (Indiana University)
- 6 December *What Lies Beneath: Yoruba Surfaces – A Problem in Aesthetics* by William Rea (University of Leeds)

Enquiries and suggestions to Professor Murray Last, Department of Anthropology/tel: 020 7679 2446/fax: 020 7380 7728/e-mail: [m.last@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.last@ucl.ac.uk)

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

- 2 October *Conflict Resolution in the Great Lakes Region – from Lusaka to Luanda via Sun City and Pretoria. Is Peace Finally in Sight?* Speakers: Richard Dowden (Executive Director, Royal African Society (formerly of the Economist)), at 18.00 at Royal Commonwealth Society, Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2/tel: 020 7766 9202. (jointly with/organised by RCS).
- 10 October *British Colonial Officials and the Creation of Botswana.* Speakers include Professor Neil Parsons (University of Botswana) and Dr Kevin Shillington (Editor of the forthcoming 'Encyclopaedia of African History') at Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 28 Russell Square, London WC1 from 11.00 to 16.30 (jointly with ICS). Details and bookings tel: ICS 020 7862 8844
- 22 October *Vigilantes, Violence, and the Politics of Public Order in Kenya* by Dr David M Anderson (St Antony's College, Oxford) in room G3 (SOAS) at 18.00 (jointly with CAS)
- 28 October *Ashanti Today: Tourism and History* by Professor Tom McCaskie, (Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham; Author of 'Ashanti Identities') in room G2 (SOAS) at 17.30 (jointly with CAS)
- 6 November *How HIV/AIDS Will Transform Governance in Africa* by Alex de Waal (Director of Justice Africa) in Room G2 (SOAS) (jointly with CAS)
- 7 November *Sexual Violence in the Congo War* by Juliane Kippenberg (Africa Division, Human Rights Watch) in room G2 (SOAS) at 17.30 (jointly with CAS). **Please confirm this meeting.**
- 11 November *Developments in Rwanda* by HE Mrs Rosemary Museminali (Ambassador of Rwanda) in room G2 (SOAS) at 17.30(jointly with CAS)
- 14 November *The Root Causes of Sudan's Civil Wars and the Prospects for Peace* by Dr Douglas H Johnson (Author of 'The Root Causes of Sudan's Civil Wars') in room G2 (SOAS) at 17.30 (jointly with CAS)
- 20 November *The Trafficking of African Children.* Chairman: Mary Kanu (Afruca, Africans Unite Against Child Abuse). Speakers include: Lynne Chitty (Head, Child Asylum Team, W Sussex county Council, and Commander Andre Baker (Head, Serious Murder Squad, New Scotland Yard) in room G2 (SOAS) from 17.30-20.00 (held in conjunction with Afruca on the Universal Day of the Child and CAS)
- 28 November *Congo's War: Who's Looting What? The world's biggest and worst war is being driven by the pursuit of mineral riches* by Patrick Smith (Editor, *Africa Confidential*) in room G2 (SOAS) at 17.30 (jointly with CAS)
- 2 December *Angola: Looting the War – Looting the Peace* by Simon Taylor (Global Witness) and possibly an additional speaker from Global Witness to address the problem in Liberia in room G2 (SOAS) at 17.30

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.

**Royal African Society (Scotland Branch)** meetings are held in Faculty Room South, David Hulme Tower, George Square, Edinburgh. To obtain a list of meetings contact Pravina King/tel: 0131 650 3878/e-mail: P.King@ed.ac.uk

**Royal African Society (Bristol Branch)** meetings are held at Clifton Hill House, Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol. For details contact Professor Alan Ryder/tel: 0117 973 3870

## EVENTS

### ⌘ LONDON

**The Transition of Bechuanaland to Botswana: The Role of the British Colonial Service (10 October)** at Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS from 11.00 to 16.30. For further information and to book contact Dr Michael Twaddle 020 7862 8844.

**The Institute of Commonwealth Studies** organises seminar series covering **Black and Asian Studies, Canadian Studies, Caribbean Societies, Commonwealth History, Human Rights**. For further information contact tel: 020 7862 8844/fax: 020 7862 8820/e-mail: [ics@sas.ac.uk](mailto:ics@sas.ac.uk)/[website: http://www.sas.ac.uk/commonwealthstudies](http://www.sas.ac.uk/commonwealthstudies)

**The Overseas Development Institute** will be holding a series of lunchtime discussions on Wednesdays from 13.00 to 14.15, on 'Stimulating a Step-change in the Development Performance of Corporations' at ODI, 111 Westminster Development Institute, 111 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JD. To obtain the full programme contact Peter Gee tel: 020 7922 0354/fax: 020 7922 0399/e-mail [p.gee@odi.org.uk](mailto:p.gee@odi.org.uk)/[website: www.odi.org.uk](http://www.odi.org.uk)

**The Institute of Archaeology, University College London. African Peoples and Past Discussion Group Seminar** will be organising a full autumn term programme. For information contact Cornelia Kleinitz at the Institute/e-mail: [cornelia.kleinitz@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:cornelia.kleinitz@ucl.ac.uk)/tel: 020 7679 1536.

**El Anatsui (10 October – 9 November)** at October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL. Open Tuesday to Saturday 12.00 to 17.30. The Ghanaian sculptor El Anatsui is recognised today as one of the foremost contemporary African artists of his generation. He has worked and lectured around the world, and exhibited widely throughout Europe, West Africa, South America, Asia and the United States. This exhibition will contain many previously unseen works, including recently completed wall-reliefs and mixed media installations, continuing the tradition of innovative and exceptional work for which El Anatsui is best known.

To find out more about the gallery and its exhibitions tel: 020 7242 7367/fax: 020 7405 1851/e-mail: [octobergallery@compuserve.com](mailto:octobergallery@compuserve.com)/[website: www.theoctobergallery.com](http://www.theoctobergallery.com).

**Globalisation, Anti-Globalisation and the Commonwealth (22 October)** at Institute of Commonwealth Studies. Inaugural lecture by Professor Tim Shaw (ICS). For further information contact the Institute.

**Global Development Forum (October)** presents a biannual cycle of high profile public debates around the general issues of international development. They cover themes such as human rights, women's issues, the environment, ethical investment, fair trade, the civil society, conflict resolution, children, health. Debates will be held each Wednesday in October from 19.00 to 20.30 at St James's Church, Piccadilly, For further information contact e-mail: [enquiries@global-development-forum.org](mailto:enquiries@global-development-forum.org)/website: [www.global-development-forum.org](http://www.global-development-forum.org)

**Roundtable Discussion: Angola: The Role of the Opposition (24 October)** (17.00–18.30) organised by the British-Angola Forum at Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y. Speaker: Dr Paulino Pinto Joao, President of the Angola National Democratic Party, chair: Dr Steve Kibble, CIIR. For further information contact Manuel Paulo/e-mail: [Manuel.Paulo@riia.org](mailto:Manuel.Paulo@riia.org)

**Towards Sustainable Peace: Challenges for Angola and the International Community (12–13 November)** at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE. This conference, organised by the British-Angola Forum will hold the following sessions over the two-day period on: Challenges Towards a Sustainable Peace in Angola; the Crisis of Internally Displaced Persons; Land; Democratisation; Angolan Government's Peace-Building Efforts; Elections; Angola's Economy; Way Ahead. For further information telephone: 020 7957 5733/020 7959 5718/e-mail: [Manuel.Paulo@riia.org](mailto:Manuel.Paulo@riia.org) or [Liz.Horn@riia.org](mailto:Liz.Horn@riia.org).

**Britain Zimbabwe Society Annual General Meeting (23 November)** at Quaker International Centre, 1 Byng Place, London WC1. This meeting will be followed by guest speakers. For further information contact [margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk](mailto:margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk)

**Sources for the Study of the Work of the British Colonial Service (27 November)** organised jointly by The Royal African Society and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the Public Record Office, Kew from 11.00 to 16.30. To book contact OSPA Research Project, ICS/tel: 020 7862 8844

**Call for Papers: International Academy of African Business and Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. African Business and Development in the Global Economy (9–12 April 2003)** at the University of Westminster Business School. This conference will feature competitive paper sessions, plenary presentations, case studies, research-in programmes and panel discussions. The primary goal will be to provide a unique international forum to facilitate the exchange of leading-edge ideas for effective advancement of knowledge in African business and development. For further information on 'conference tracks' and the conference in full consult website: [www.iaabd.org](http://www.iaabd.org)

## ⌘ UK

**Evans Pritchard Lectures 2002. Histories of the Hanged: Testimony from the Mau Mau Rebellion, 1952-60** (17.00) at All Souls College, Oxford. Dr David M Anderson will be giving the following lectures:

- 29 October: **'Parasites in Paradise': race, violence and Mau Mau**
- 30 October: **Death at Lari: the story of an African massacre**
- 5 November: **Struggles in the city: Mau Mau in Nairobi, 1952-56**
- 6 November: **General China's war: freedom fighters in the forest**
- 12 November: **Rebels and informers: interrogation, torture and the state**
- 13 November: **'War is not porridge': memorialising Mau Mau**

For further information e-mail: [ulli.parkinson@st-antony.oxford.ac.uk](mailto:ulli.parkinson@st-antony.oxford.ac.uk)

**Rhodes: His Networks, and Their Legacies (30 November-1 December)** at St Antony's College, Oxford. 2002 is the centenary of Cecil John Rhode's death. Rhode's legacy is a difficult one, but remains important in many respects and is still the subject of important scholarly output. Some continue to live in the shadow of his name, at least, or his fortune, on a daily basis. The conference aims to assess this legacy critically. About twenty papers have been offered, including contributions from key biographers, by those who have studied his relationships with Afrikaners and Africans, and by those interested in the history of monuments, scholarships and other legacies. If you would like to offer a paper, or to attend contact Karen Brown, Wadham College Oxford or e-mail: [Karen@oxfordwebwise.com](mailto:Karen@oxfordwebwise.com)

**University of Cambridge.** The Centre of African Studies runs a seminar series throughout the year. For further details please see [www.african.cam.ac.uk](http://www.african.cam.ac.uk) or telephone 01223 334396.

**Remaking Law in Africa: Transnationalism, Persons, and Rights (21-22 May 2003)** organised by the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh. This interdisciplinary conference will examine the ways law is embedded in and shaped by processes that have an impact upon political, economic, and social development in Africa. It will aim to explore the ways in which law operates in different places at different levels and at different moments in the historical record, in order to gain a more informed view of the processes that underpin continuity, transformation, and change. For further discussions of conference themes, write to Dr Anne Griffiths at e-mail: [eusl18@srv0.law.ed.ac.uk](mailto:eusl18@srv0.law.ed.ac.uk) or write to Dr Griffiths at Law/Social and Political Studies, Old College, University of Edinburgh, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL.

## ⌘ EUROPE

**The African Studies Centre**, Leiden, The Netherlands, invites you to attend its seminars which are open to everyone. For further information contact the African Studies Centre secretariat tel: +(0)71 5273372/2276/e-mail: [asc@fsw.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:asc@fsw.leidenuniv.nl)/website: [www.asc.leidenuniv.nl](http://www.asc.leidenuniv.nl).

**The Horn of Africa between History, Politics and Law (13–14 December).** An international conference organised by University of Bologna; University of Rome (Tor Vergata); University of Rome (Roma Tre); Dalarna University, Sweden; Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Internationales (CERI), Paris; Istituto Italliano per l'Africa l'Oriente (ISIAO) Rome. Venue: Sala dei Gonzaga, Piazza della Consolazione, Rome. Further information from [taddia\\_j@mail.cib.unibo.it](mailto:taddia_j@mail.cib.unibo.it)

**Parties, Party Systems and Elections in Africa (AEGIS Conference) (2003)** at the Institut für Afrika-Kunde, Hamburg, Germany. Subjects: Parties and Party Systems; Parties and Elections; Elections and Party Systems; Election Observation and Democracy Assistance. For further information contact: Andreas Mehler, Director, Institute of African Affairs, Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg/tel: +49.40.42825.523/525/e-mail: [andreas-m-iak@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:andreas-m-iak@uni-hamburg.de)

**Urban Governance in Africa (AEGIS Conference) (October 2003)** organised by CEAN, University of Bordeaux. For further information contact Dominique Darbon by e-mail: [d.darbon@cean.u-bordeaux.fr](mailto:d.darbon@cean.u-bordeaux.fr)

**Call for Papers: Corruption and States of Illegality (5-12 July).** 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), Florence. Panel Proposal: Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism, organised by Gerhard Anders, Faculty of Law, University of Rotterdam/e-mail: [g.anders@frg.eur.nl](mailto:g.anders@frg.eur.nl)/tel: +31-10-4082265 and Dr Monique Nuijten, Rural Development Sociology, Wageningen University/e-mail: [Monique.nuijten@alg.asnw.wau.nl](mailto:Monique.nuijten@alg.asnw.wau.nl)/tel: +31-317-484714 or +31-30-2321097

**15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (14-18 July 2003)** organized by the University of Hamburg, Germany. The thematic focus will be on the humanities, with several sessions devoted to various aspects of archaeology, history, religion, languages, literature, arts, anthropology and social sciences (including law and politics). For further information contact: 15<sup>th</sup> ICES Organising Committee, Hamburg University, Asia-Africa Institute, Edmund-Siemers-allee 1, D-20146, Hamburg, Germany/fax: +49-40-42838-5675/e-mail: [ices2003@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:ices2003@uni-hamburg.de)/website: [www.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/ICES2003](http://www.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/ICES2003)

## ⌘ AFRICA

**AfricAvenir International Conferences** – Foundation for Development, International Co-operation and Peace based in Doula, Cameroon, is launching a series of international conferences starting in October. Contributions to the following topics are welcomed:

**Mongo Béti – His Work and its Reception (4–5 October)** in Cameroon, France, Great Britain and Canada (in co-operation with Goethe Institute, Yaoundé).

**Putting the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) into Practice. Which Challenges for National and International Policies? (24–25 October)** (in co-operation with Goethe Institute, Yaoundé).

**Scientific African Electronic Content Management and Development for an African Renaissance (18–20 November)** (in co-operation with the Institute of Political Science, Free University of Berlin).

**German Colonial Past in Cameroon (5-7 March 2003)** (in co-operation with Goethe Institute, Yaoundé).

For information on any of these initiatives contact Julius Essoka,/e-mail: [douala@africavenir.org](mailto:douala@africavenir.org) or see <http://www.africavenir.org/africavenir/ConferenceNEPAD.pdf>

**Rules of Engagement: How Business Can be a Force for Peace (13 November)** This conference, which will be held at the Netherlands Congress Centre, The Hague, is being organised by Amnesty International Netherlands, Pax Christi Netherlands and the Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa-Fatal Transaction. Speakers will include: Mr Bennett Freeman (former United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour); Mr Richard Howitt (European Parliament's Reporters on Corporate Social Responsibility) and Professor Mr G J H van Hoof (Member of the UN Sub-Commissions on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights). For further information contact [FT@niza.nl](mailto:FT@niza.nl)/[Judith@niza.nl](mailto:Judith@niza.nl)

**Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) (November)** (Arusha, Tanzania). For further information contact Martin Alilo, MIM Secretariat, Multilateral Initiative on Malaria, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2220, Building 31, Room B2C39, BETHESA, MD 20892, USA/e-mail: [Alilio@mail.nih.gov](mailto:Alilio@mail.nih.gov)

**The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) (8–12 December)** is holding its 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Kampala, Uganda at the Nile International Conference Centre. The Assembly, Africa's biggest triennial gathering of scholars actively involved in social research, will be held under the broad theme 'Africa in the New Millennium'. Among the sub-themes around which scientific

sessions will be organized are: Higher Education in Africa; crises, reform and transformation, academic freedom in Africa; the Kampala Declaration Revisited: health, politics and society in contemporary Africa; Reforming the African Public Sector; retrospect and prospect; The changing political economy of land in Africa: colonialism, customary law and post-colonial state and society. For further information contact The Secretary, CODESRIA 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, BP 3004, Dakar, Senegal/e-mail: [general.assembly@codesria.sn](mailto:general.assembly@codesria.sn)/fax: +221-824 5795.

**CODESRIA-IFS. Agricultural Sustainability in Africa (14-15 December)**, Kampala, Uganda. The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) based in Dakar, Senegal and the International Foundation for Science (IFS) based in Stockholm, Sweden, are pleased to announce their partnership to promote a dialogue that shifts the parameters and practice of multidisciplinary research on the conservation, production and renewable utilisation of natural resources beyond the confines of the social or the natural sciences, to enable a deeper interaction between social scientists, natural scientists, policy makers and resource users.

The first joint activity is a three stage initiative on **Agricultural Sustainability in Africa**. the first being held in Kampala, Uganda and bringing together up to 12 participants.

For further information contact Mr Abdou Ndao, Programme Assistant, CODESRIA.fax: +221-8244289/e-mail: [abdou.ndao@codesria.sn](mailto:abdou.ndao@codesria.sn) or Mr Eren Zink, Project Secretary for Social Sciences, IFS/fax: +46-8-54581801/e-mail: [eren.zink@ifs.se](mailto:eren.zink@ifs.se)

**The Quest for Social Peace in Africa: Transformations, Democracy and Public Policy (December)** at Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Khartoum, Sudan. For further information contact: OSSREA, PO Box 31971, Addis Abba, Ethiopia/e-mail: [ossrea@telecom.net.et](mailto:ossrea@telecom.net.et) or [pub.ossrea@telecom.net.et](mailto:pub.ossrea@telecom.net.et)

**Chieftaincy in Africa: Culture, Governance, and Development (6-10 January 2003)** to be held in Accra. The Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, in association with the African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge is pleased to announce the above conference that will bring together invited Africanist scholars to explore the various dimensions of chieftaincy on the continent. For further information contact Dr Irene Odotei, University of Ghana/e-mail: [asofo@ghana.com](mailto:asofo@ghana.com) or Dr Ato Quayson e-mail: [laq10@cam.ac.uk](mailto:laq10@cam.ac.uk)

**Migration and Health in Southern Africa (27-29 January 2003)** at Breakwater Lodge, University of Cape Town, Waterfront Campus, Cape Town. A conference for researchers and policy makers jointly organised by the Southern African Migration project, Queens University, the Transnational Communities Programme, University of Oxford, and the Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town. Cross-border and within country migration have generated complex and challenging difficulties for the provision of health care. Not only do migrant populations often require specialist treatment for unfamiliar conditions, the numbers involved and the distances traversed often change long-held epidemiological assumptions made about the local population.

For further information contact the Conference organisers as follows: *participants from outside Southern Africa*: Emma Newcombe, Transnational Communities Programme, University of Oxford/tel: +44 (0) 1865 274711/e-mail: [emma.newcombe@anthropology.oxford.ac.uk](mailto:emma.newcombe@anthropology.oxford.ac.uk); *participants from Southern African Region*: Carla Owen, Executive Assistant to Dean of Humanities, University of Cape Town/tel: +27 (0) 21 650 3059/fax: +27 (0) 21 686 9840/e-mail: [Owen@humanities.uct.ac.za](mailto:Owen@humanities.uct.ac.za); *participants from North America*: Christina Decarie, Project Administrator, Southern African Migration Project/tel: 613 533 6963/fax: 613 533 2171/e-mail: [samp@post.queensu.ca](mailto:samp@post.queensu.ca)

**African Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Conference: Prosperity Through Empowerment (4–7 February 2003)** in Johannesburg, South Africa organised by AMANITARE.

AMANITARE, the African Partnership for Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights of Women and Girls, is a Pan-African ten-year initiative of RAINBO (Research, Action, and Information Network for the Bodily Integrity of Women). Its main aim is to build an influential social movement to institutionalise the recognition of African women and girls' sexual and reproductive health and rights as fundamental to their civil and human rights.

The aim of the conference is to create a unique forum for debate and creative strategising around gender and health in Africa by bringing together African Women's health and Rights movement activists with policy makers, researchers, health care providers, youth representatives, and the media from all sub-regions of the African continent. For information visit <http://www.amanitare.org>/e-mail: [conference@amanitare.org](mailto:conference@amanitare.org)

**Images of 'Motherhood' – African and Nordic Perspectives (February 2003)** in Dakar, Senegal.

Issues of reproduction range from issues of 'motherhood' to 'sexual and reproductive rights' and 'population policies'. This important area of social and personal life has been conceptualised by moral philosophers, demographers and development theorists – but only sporadically in contexts of gender and feminist theory. For further information contact Signe Arnfred, The Nordic Africa Institute/tel: 46 18 56 22 00/46 18 56 22 41 (direct)/e-mail: [signe.arnfred@nai.uu.se](mailto:signe.arnfred@nai.uu.se)

**International Summer Study Programme on Southern Africa (23 June–25 July 2003)** is being

launched by the University of North West, South Africa. This programme is aimed at students involved in international studies, especially African studies, to live, learn and study in South Africa. **Deadline for applications 15 February.** For information and details on how to apply: <http://www.uniwest.ac.za/iss/index.html> or contact Professor H O Kaya, Head, Department of Applied Social Studies, Faculty of Human and Sciences, University of North West, Private Bag X2046, Mmabatho 2735, South Africa/ e-mail: [kayah@unw001.uniwest.ac.za](mailto:kayah@unw001.uniwest.ac.za)/tel: +27-18 3892453/fax: +27-183815817

⌘ USA

**Africa in the Information and Technology Age (5-8 December)** is the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association USA. Venue: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington DC. Further information may be obtained from [Idjones@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:Idjones@rci.rutgers.edu).

**OTHER NEWS**

**The Lisbet Rausing Charitable Trust** is providing £20,000,000 over 10 years to fund the description and documentation of endangered languages around the world. An academic research and training programme based at the **School of Oriental and African Studies** will receive £2.5,000,000 over an 8 year period to take forward this work. The remainder of the funding, administered from the **School of Oriental and African Studies**, will be allocated by an international panel of experts who carry out similar work at universities and institutions around the world. SOAS has a long and distinguished track record in the description of African languages, with recent contributions to the description of African endangered languages having been made by Professor Dick Hayward, Dr David Appleyard, and Dr Philip Jaggar, along with a number of doctoral students both in the Linguistics Department and in the Department of African Languages and Cultures. A new Professor of Field Linguistics is being appointed, and a further Lecturer in Linguistics Documentation, two post-doctoral Fellows and a number of PhD bursary holders will be joining SOAS in the next two years under the terms of the Rausing agreement. For further information contact Dr David Appleyard at SOAS/e-mail: [da3@soas.ac.uk](mailto:da3@soas.ac.uk)

### Deno Leventis (1938-2002)

The Centre of African Studies and the wider community of Nigerianists lost a genuine and generous friend when Deno Leventis died on the 11th July after a very private struggle against illness for nearly eighteen months. He will be remembered at a service in the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Aghia Sophia in Moscow Road, in Bayswater, London W.2. on Saturday October 12th at 11.30 am; the service will be preceded by a holy liturgy at 10.30 am.

Deno Leventis was born in the Cypriot town of Larnaca, the son of C.P.Leventis and nephew of A.G.Leventis (1902-78) who had founded the family firm in 1936 after working for G.B.Ollivant in the then Gold Coast. The firm specialised in textiles and in produce-buying (both highly competitive markets dominated by UAC, its subsidiaries and allies in the Association of West African Merchants) and, to fight against the colonial cartel, A.G.Leventis at Danquah's request from 1948 befriended the young Kwame Nkrumah in his rise to power, finally selling the main business in downtown Accra to the State in the early 1960s. Deno, straight after leaving Clare College, Cambridge (where he had read classics specialising in ancient philosophy), in 1959 went to work with his uncle in Accra. In 1963, he moved to Lagos where his father C.P.Leventis since 1942 had been running a fast-expanding branch of the company. They had, for example, the Mercedes franchise for both cars and trucks, and were building up a retail business to rival Kingsway. In Nigeria, C.P.Leventis was a close friend of several politicians both northern (such as Ribado) and southern. He kept open his links with Ojukwu in Biafra until the actual start of hostilities in the civil war, seeking to mediate a way out of the impending conflict. Once war started, it was in the Leventis house in Cyprus that Aminu Kano stayed when he had discreetly to negotiate with Soviet government envoys the purchase of MiG fighters. And Leventis contributions helped later to fund the campaigns of political figures, once civilian rule replaced the military. Many of the company's employees were to become important figures in their own right, a notable example being the current Oni of Ife. Deno was part of this commercial and political scene from 1963 to 1977, when he finally moved to London. He was never, I think, a prime player like his father had been in the circles of power - I am not sure he enjoyed it, though he was of course knowledgeable (but very discreet) about the personalities and strategies involved. He took over the direction of the company through the difficult, ever-shifting conditions of oil-boom, inflation and Nigeria's version of structural adjustment. The company not only bottled Coca-Cola, but developed their own sugar plantations (on the Niger) and their own plant for manufacturing glass bottles, to eliminate the need for imports; in the end they were exporting bottles to the rest of ECOWAS. The firm has since developed the Coca Cola bottling business also in the Balkans and Russia, becoming apparently the world's second largest Coke bottler and distributor.

The firm's success made it possible to establish in 1979 the A.G.Leventis Foundation, which Deno ran from London. It was the Foundation that supported the Leventis Research Co-operation Scheme, negotiated by Graham Furniss as chairman of the Centre in 1990/1. Each year since then the scheme has financed two Leventis Fellows to come for three months to the Centre of African Studies to work on their own research alongside a collaborating scholar of the University of London. Deno was also ready to help, quite spontaneously, with funds for any worthwhile project: it was not a matter of elaborate paperwork. Thus he helped out on the publication of "Studies in Hausa Language and Linguistics" (edited by Graham Furniss and Philip Jaggard), and contributed substantially to the refurbishment of the Oral Documentation Archive at Ahmadu Bello University. He contributed enormously to Nigerian conservation projects (in which his brother was greatly interested). He also contributed the funds for establishing and running four, very practical 'farm schools' in Nigeria and Ghana. The one I visited was way out in an old road camp on the Birnin Gwari road, and brought in young farmers (men and women) from the Hausa countryside who had missed out on secondary schooling but were to be taught basic mechanics and farm sciences. Education, rather than politics, was the way forward for Deno in an oil-rich Nigeria in which expatriate firms like his were largely confined to manufacturing. That the company has survived where almost all other old-style firms have failed is a tribute to the Leventis commercial and diplomatic acumen.

But Deno had another life quite outside West Africa. From 1979 on, he focused much of his work on Cyprus. He was appointed Cyprus' ambassador to UNESCO, and became a formidable champion of Cypriot art and antiquities, especially of those pieces that were looted from the north of Cyprus after the Turkish invasion of the island in 1974. He fought and won a crucial legal case in the USA that helped destroy the growing market value of looted property. But the orange groves he had lost to the Turkish occupation he couldn't recover; instead he used sometimes to go up into the mountains to look over to the family's lands beyond the dividing line. Deno helped set up the Hellenic Centre in London, where in 1998 he oversaw a remarkable exhibition of Byzantine icons from Athens, and another one in 2000 of Cypriot icons; he was the driving force too behind a number of permanent displays of Cypriot art in the British Museum and in the Fitzwilliam in Cambridge, as well as helping with the restoration of Cypriot pieces in museums in Paris, Vienna, Oxford, Dublin, Moscow and New York. As an undergraduate in Cambridge he had always been interested in art; the last twenty years of his life enabled him to turn that interest to practical use.

Throughout all this work, Deno remained largely out of the limelight. Typically he refused an entry in Who's Who. He was a ready listener, never pompous or over-bearing in discussion, and unfailingly interested in ideas and projects (and in the students who would carry them out), whether in Nigeria or in Europe. In the Centre of African Studies he will be much missed, but we, like all the Leventis Fellows and very many others, will remember him with great warmth.

Murray Last

September marks the beginning of the joint sponsorship of African visiting scholars with Goodenough College during the current academic year. The first recipient is Mr Jackson Mukasa Kizza visiting CAS under the East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme. Our Leventis Fellows will be arriving in January.

Goodenough College also offers excellent facilities to academics visiting London. For further information contact Goodenough Club by e-mail: [club@goodenough.ac.uk](mailto:club@goodenough.ac.uk) or webpage: [www.goodenough.ac.uk](http://www.goodenough.ac.uk)

## ⌘ AEGIS

Patrick Chabal, AEGIS President writes:

AEGIS held its annual Plenary meeting in Lisbon on 28 September. This followed the AEGIS Thematic conference on 'Changing Patterns of Politics in Africa', organised by the Lisbon Centro de Estudos Africanos in association with the London CAS, the Bordeaux CEAN and the Brussels CAS. The conference, which lasted two and a half days, included one keynote paper by Adebayo Olukoshi, the CODESRIA Secretary General, and about twenty papers presented by members of AEGIS centres and a few other invited scholars.

The Plenary meeting endorsed the admission of two new centres, the Hamburg Institute of African Studies and the Basel Centre of African Studies. It reviewed the activities of the AEGIS network, which include (1) the preparation for an AEGIS European Conference of African Studies to be held in 2005; (2) a number of thematic conferences to be organised in 2003 and 2004; (3) the preparation of a Summer School on the State and the Great Lakes in Brussels in 2004, with others to follow every other year; (4) the editing of the first AEGIS volume – on conflict and conflict prevention – to be submitted for publication in 2003; and (4) discussions about the possibility of establishing an AEGIS Fellowship funded by some of the AEGIS centres that currently have a Fellowship programme.

Further information on AEGIS can be obtained from its website <http://aegis.eu.org>

## ⌘ NEW MEMBERS OF CAS

**Dr Jennifer Law**, Millennium Research Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Humanities (SOAS). The role of contemporary art in civil society in South Africa, focusing on the ways in which visual artists have historically responded and contributed to the debates surrounding political 'responsibility' and social activism, the role of artists in effecting social transformation, and the processes inherent in post-colonial democratic nation-building. Development of 'intellectualism' in South Africa, concentrating on ways in which arts have historically defined their role as 'intellectuals' in shaping and responding to public discourse, and the often competing influences of Marxism and liberalism in contemporary art practice. Production of art as a mediating form of instrumental agency in shaping and influencing cultural perception and social transformation. •South Africa.

**Dr Cedric Barnes**, British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Africa, Faculty of Languages and Cultures of Africa (SOAS). The evolution of state and identity in the Horn of Africa, with an emphasis on frontiers, the interaction between culture and politics and modernity. •Ethiopia, Somalia/Somaliland, Eritrea

**Professor Stephen Chan**, Dean, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences (SOAS). The movement towards democracy in Commonwealth Africa and other selected states. Theoretical interest in the conceptual underpinnings of Africanist thought and forms of Afro-essentialism. •Zambia, Zimbabwe, Eritrea

**Dr Joanna Lewis**, Lecturer in History, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Humanities (SOAS). Colonial rule, developmentalism, cultural imperialism and African politics. •Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Angola, Uganda, Ethiopia.

**Dr Lutz Marten**, Lecturer in South African Languages, Department of Africa, Faculty of Languages and Cultures (SOAS). Comparative Bantu, theoretical and African linguistics, syntax, semantics, pragmatics. •Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, SADEC.

**Professor Tim Shaw**, Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies. State and non-state foreign policy/international relations, development/international political economy, conflict/peace building, new regionalisms, civil society/NGOs/think-tanks, human rights/security. •Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe

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

(contactable through the Centre office)

The following **Leventis Research Co-operation Programme** scholars will be based at the Centre of African Studies (January to March):

**Dr Onokome Okome** (Department of Theatre Arts, University of Calabar, Nigeria). Transforming his PhD thesis, 'The Rise of Folkloric Cinema in Nigeria' into the book 'the Rise of the Video Film in Nigeria'.

**Dr George Tasie** (Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria) will be carrying out research on the traditional heritage of beliefs and practices relating to death, burial and the after-life in the Isiokpo village-group.

**East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme** scholar based at the Centre of African Studies (September to December):

**Mr Jackson Kizza Mukasa** (Institute of Languages, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda) 'The Study of Luganda proverbs: A Philosophical Perspective'.

### EASTERN AFRICAN VISITING SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The East African Visiting Scholarship has been extended to include scholars from the Horn of Africa (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia). This scheme is now aimed at academics from Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia. 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) 2003 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April 2004) is 30 April 2003.

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

### ⌘ RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

*Modernity on a Shoestring* edited by Fardon, van Binsbergen & van Dijk is available through the Centre of African Studies. This collection of 22 essays, predominantly concerned with issues of consumption, development and identity in sub-Saharan Africa, is published by EIDOS and distributed through the African Studies Centre, Leiden, and the Centre of African Studies, London. The cost of the publication in the UK (including postage and packing) is £25 (cheque made payable to SOAS and sent to the Centre of African Studies or by credit card giving

the number, expiry date, authorised signatory and address)/US is £30 (including postage and packing) payment must be made in sterling and by credit card only. Orders from continental Europe should be placed with the Afrika Studiecentrum, PO Box 9555, 2300 RB Leiden, The Netherlands.

P J. Jaggar and H. Ekkehard Wolff (eds) *Chadic and Hausa Linguistics: Selected Papers of Paul Newman with Commentaries*, (Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, pp. xvii, 338 2002)

**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

**AMREF: Africa's Own Development Organisation** by Diana Shaw, AMREF UK Communications.

Many things make AMREF, the African Medical and Research Foundation, unique. Africa's largest indigenous health organisation, AMREF is based in Nairobi, Kenya with offices in nine other African countries. Our 500 staff are 97% African, most being members of the communities in which they work.

Recognising that they provide the bulk of medical care in Africa, AMREF runs the continent's only Diploma course for mid-level health care workers. Students, researchers and health care practitioners may also call on AMREF's Mahler health library, the largest in East Africa.

The legendary Flying Doctors Service brings a team of 250 specialists from large urban teaching hospitals to remote rural hospitals. Visiting 70 hospitals six times a year, they and our in-house surgical team treat over 3,000 patients. Training rural hospital staff is a large part of the programme, which in turn helps thousands more people.

However we believe AMREF is unique in our long-term commitment to and work within African communities. To prevent malaria, for example, AMREF has helped many communities learn to make and use insecticide impregnated bed nets. The nets not only protect people from the disease, but also provide livelihoods for tailors. In Kenya, AMREF then took the project one step further and joined forces with major employers to promote and support making and re-dipping the nets.

We have a similar approach to problems such as HIV/AIDS prevention, safe motherhood and clean drinking water. The process is to recognise the problem, then help people develop their own solutions to it. We next adjust those ideas for other communities and finally help build the tested practices into local or national institutions.

AMREF's research is also based within communities and focuses on which interventions work best and why. In early 2003, AMREF, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the National Institute of Medical Research will announce the results of a joint study. Based in Tanzania, the study is the first in the world testing which methods of school health education best prevent teenage pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

AMREF UK is one of 12 international offices raising funds for and awareness of AMREF's work in Africa. To learn more, please contact us at AMREF UK, 4 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7HJ. Phone: 44 (0)20 7201 6070; E-mail [amref.uk@amref.org](mailto:amref.uk@amref.org); websites: [www.amref.org](http://www.amref.org) and [www.amref-flyingdoctors.org.uk](http://www.amref-flyingdoctors.org.uk)

## **The Omari Project, PO Box 438, Watamu, Kenya, by Susan Beckerleg, Project Leader**

As a response to the problem of heroin use in Kenyan coastal towns, The Omari Project (TOP) was established in 1995. TOP aims to test and adapt approaches to the rehabilitation of heroin users which have met with success elsewhere.

In 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 the British Council in Nairobi supported this local initiative. By 1998 54 volunteers, drawn from the local community had completed training. With funding from the UNDCP, a part-time Youth Drugs Prevention Worker was appointed in early 1998 for the period of one year. He developed a programme of drugs education in schools within the District. In 1998 a UNDCP funded Work Placement Officer assisted heroin users in finding gainful employment and achieving a drug free lifestyle.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME**

The Omari Project acquired a plot of land located in a peaceful, rural setting - an ideal location for the residential centre. The British High Commission in Nairobi, under the DFID Small Grants Scheme, awarded the Omari project KSH 2.2 million (£20,000) for the construction of the centre, which comprises two blocks of rooms, toilets, showers, kitchen and dining/meeting area. The centre is designed to accommodate 20 residents and three workers in a simple style that is in keeping with the local surroundings.

About KSH 7 million (£73,000) running costs, over three years, was granted by the UK National Lottery Charities Board. This grant is managed by the Bristol Drugs Project, the UK partners of the Omari Project. The residential centre opened in June 2000. Residents participate in a programme that includes initial withdrawal from heroin, group and individual counselling, exercise and planning employment. Senior residents who have completed at least three months of the programme take much of the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the centre. The residential centre is the only free residential service offered to heroin users in East Africa, and possibly in Sub-Saharan Africa. There has been a strong demand for places in the centre and there is now a waiting list.

### **HIV PREVENTION AND HARM REDUCTION**

From late 1999 the main source of heroin has switched from 'brown sugar' to 'white crest', a substance that is suitable for injecting. Currently, an estimated 50% of all heroin users in Malindi are injecting the drug. TOP currently advises heroin users on safer sex and encourages safer injecting practices. However, it is hoped that harm reduction services can be developed in Malindi and other Kenyan towns. Users would be encouraged to stop injecting, but those who are not prepared to make such changes would be given information about how to reduce the risks to their health and slow the spread of HIV.

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## **⌘ SUBMISSIONS TO PUBLICATIONS**

*Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* is a biannual journal of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism. It contains fully refereed short articles on these and related topics. It also contains information on forthcoming conferences, seminars, courses and general information for society members and other scholars in the field.

The editors welcome the submission from established academics, professionals, and postgraduate students of high quality, 4,000-5,000 word articles, particularly those which represent new ideas, work in progress or analysis of key debates and issues. The deadline for the current issue under preparation was 1 October.

For further information contact SEN Editors, Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, Government Department, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE/tel: 020 7955 6801/fax: 020 7955 6218/e-mail: [sen@lse.ac.uk](mailto:sen@lse.ac.uk)

**Call for Papers.** *Journal of African Law* Special Issue: 'Africa and the WTO'. The launch of the Doha round of multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organisation's ministerial meeting in Qatar has serious implications for Africa's participation in the multilateral trading system. The new round of trade talks are to

focus on a wide range of issues including antidumping, dispute settlement, electronic commerce, subsidies, technology transfer, and regional trading arrangements. The outcome of the negotiations will affect considerably the future growth and development of Africa's economies. It is for this reason that the *Journal of African Law* invites papers to be considered for publication in a special issue on 'Africa and the WTO' to be published in 2003. **Deadline 31 January 2003.**

Papers should be original and should cover any of the items being negotiated by the parties. Specifically, the *Journal* would like to receive papers that deal with the broader organisational issues such as the dispute settlement mechanism, the participation of African countries in the Committees established under the various agreements, the relationship between African regional organisations and the WTO, and the implementation of WTO obligations at the national level.

Proposed papers should be sent to The Editors, *Journal of African Law*, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Department of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies (address below). Full instructions are available on [www.cambridge.org/journals/jal](http://www.cambridge.org/journals/jal)

**Africa:** having edited the 2002 volume jointly with Richard Fardon, Murray Last has now transferred sole editorship after fifteen years service. Simultaneously, and after an only slightly shorter period, Tom Young has been succeeded as reviews editor by Paul Nugent. Henceforth, papers should be submitted for publication to Professor Richard Fardon (at the SOAS address, below) and books for review sent to Dr Paul Nugent, Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh University, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD/e-mail: [paul.nugent@ed.ac.uk](mailto:paul.nugent@ed.ac.uk)

#### ⌘ MISCELLANEOUS

**Fulbright Scholar Programme.** This programme offers lecturing/research awards in 140 countries. Opportunities are available not only for college and university faculty and administrators, but also for professionals from business and government, as well as artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars, and many others. For further information e-mail: [apprequest@cies.iie.org](mailto:apprequest@cies.iie.org) website: [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org)

**CODESRIA Policy Dialogue Series.** Conscious of the paucity of sustained interaction among researchers, practitioners and policy makers, and determined to redress this as part of its contribution to reviving a culture of public policy discussions in Africa, the council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) has decided to initiate a Policy Dialogue Series designed to serve as a forum for addressing specific questions that are central to Africa's development. The immediate aim of the Policy Dialogue Series is to encourage social scientists to play a greater role in disseminating the outcome of their research to the African policy community and to expose the policy community to the rich output of African scholars. Over the long-term it is hoped that this interaction will also deepen the content and relevance of policy discourses and practices in Africa.

It is proposed that the first meeting in the dialogue series should be held on the theme of **Productivity, Market and Agricultural Financing in Africa**. The proposed dialogue will involve the participation of researchers, farmers, farmers' organizations, agricultural traders and processors, agricultural policy makers, officials of public agricultural agencies, NGO representatives active in the agricultural sector, and development practitioners, among others. For further information about the dialogue programme contact: The Policy Dialogue Series (Attn: Virginie Niang) CODESRIA, BP 3304, Dakar, Senegal/tel: +221-825 9822/23/fax: +221 824 1289/e-mail: [virginie.niang@codesria.sn](mailto:virginie.niang@codesria.sn)

**The Conrad N Hilton Foundation** invites nominations for the 2003 Conrad N Hilton Humanitarian Prize. The prize –1,000,000 US dollars – will be awarded to an established charitable or non-governmental group. The prize is not a grant based on future goals, it is an award for accomplishment as determined by a distinguished, independent panel of international jurors. **Deadline for nominations: 1 November.** Call for a nomination packet or obtain one from the Hilton foundation website. Conrad N Hilton Humanitarian Prize, 100100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 1000, Los Angeles, California, 90067-4011, USA/tel: (310) 556-4694/fax: (310) 556-8130/e-mail: [prize@hiltonfoundation.org](mailto:prize@hiltonfoundation.org) website: [www.hiltonfoundation.org](http://www.hiltonfoundation.org)

**Five Scholars African Scholars Programme.** Five and ten month residence fellowship at Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The programme invites junior or mid-level African university scholars, currently teaching in African universities, to apply. While the programme supports projects with a focus on Africa in any discipline, preference will be given to those with a distinctly humanistic or social dimension. Further information may be obtained by browsing [http://www.fivecolleges.edu/asp/e-mail: asp@fivecolleges.edu](http://www.fivecolleges.edu/asp/e-mail:asp@fivecolleges.edu). Or write to Five College African Scholars Program, 706 Herter Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 01003, USA.

**SEPHIS (The South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development)** Grants Programme. Information about this and various other SEPHIS programmes can be obtained on website: <http://www.sephis.org>

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