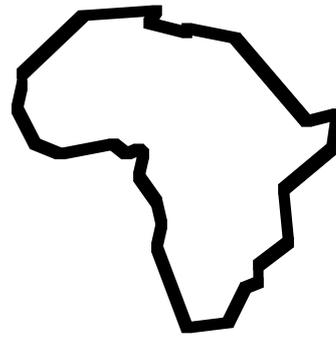


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Fifty of anything prompts reflection and so, while celebrating the fiftieth issue of *African News*, the Centre of African Studies' newsletter, it seemed opportune to ask Jackie Collis - who has taken some part in all the issues since 1990 - to search out copies of our earliest numbers. The first issue of *African News*, dated January 1986, took up five pages, three of them devoted to introducing the new initiative itself. Richard Rathbone, then Chairman of the Centre, was able to refer back to the Hayter Committee's 1961 recommendation to the University Grants Committee for support of Area Studies, a quarter of a century earlier, with some sense of still inhabiting the same world. Certainly, the 1981 cuts had begun to bite - Issue 2 carried an editorial devoted to Roland Oliver's retirement - but the establishment of the Centre in 1966 was seen as a consequence of the Hayter Committee's recommendation, and the 1986 launch of *African News* could be represented as an extension of the founding ambition of the Centre to act as a University of London based network.

By then, the Centre of African Studies had been in existence for twenty years and its present shape is readily discernible. The newsletter that Marion Swiny produced carries some familiar names and events: Murray Last was convening a West Africa seminar at UCL (but fortnightly in those days), Kaye Whiteman was about to address the Centre on 'The struggle for power in Liberia', and Issue 2 carried advance notice of a seminar on West African states to be convened by Donal Cruise O'Brien, John Dunn and Richard Rathbone which would produce the edited volume *Contemporary African States* (Cambridge 1989). Institutional linkages are prominent too: the *Centre d'Etudes Africaines* in Bordeaux, referred to as a 'sister institution', was collaborating on the study of Islam in Africa, and this relation would become one of the founding axes of the current AEGIS network.

What was yet to come? Richard Rathbone would launch the Africa Business Group that has helped the Centre reach beyond the university, while also materially contributing to our ability to fund Visiting African Scholars. Graham Furniss's chairmanship (1989-93) saw the launch of the Oppenheimer Fellowships which brought South African visitors to the Centre for a decade; Graham's overtures towards the A.G. Leventis Foundation came to fruition under my previous Chairmanship (1993-97), and Murray Last has presided over the visits to London of two Nigerian academics a year ever since. Around the same time, our own resources and various British Council offices allowed us to inaugurate East African Visiting Scholarships under a committee which Farouk Topan has chaired since then.

Recent years, under Tanya Bowyer-Bower's and David Anderson's chairmanship (1997-2001) have seen the Centre launch its website, and continue to work closely with the Royal African Society, African Studies Association of the United Kingdom and International African Institute all now accommodated along what locals know as the 'Africa alley' on SOAS's fourth floor. Like other parts of the university, the Centre has taken its share of cuts. Thanks to a dozen years experience in the post, Jackie Collis keeps afloat activities that used to occupy two administrative positions, and the Centre remains a hub of Africanist activities in the University of London. Comparing our first and fiftieth issues, I am struck by how much greater is our range of activities now than then: in the interim have been numerous conferences with resulting publications, scores of African scholars supported to visit the university, and thanks in part to new technology we circulate more information, produce more copies of the newsletter, and of course maintain a website. Our collaborations along 'Africa alley' are closer than ever and allow us to make best use of what resources the several Africanist institutions housed at SOAS have between us.

The longer term serves to put recent travails in perspective. As we await the outcome of SOAS's review of African Studies provision headed by the new Director, Colin Bundy, I think we can look with cautious optimism towards the first decade of the twenty-first century; an optimism I hope that a successor introducing our hundredth issue around 2020 will not find to have been misplaced.

Richard Fardon

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CAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES MEMBERS ONLY

CAS will be holding its Annual General Meeting of members on **Tuesday 11 June at 12.30** in the Brunei Gallery at SOAS (Room BG04/05). Please advise Jackie Collis if you will be attending since a sandwich lunch will be catered.

AFRICA BUSINESS GROUP

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

• **Thursday 9 May**

TONY BLAIR'S AFRICA PROJECT

Speaker: Patrick Smith, Editor, *Africa Confidential*

Will Premier Blair's Africa project work? This June the leaders of the Group of 8 industrialised countries will discuss Africa policy at summit level for the first time. Can Blair persuade them to back fairer trade and more aid for Africa?

• **Wednesday 12 June:**

POLITICS AND MINERALS: THE PROSPECTS FOR POST-WAR PROGRESS IN SIERRA LEONE

Speaker: Dr Caspar Fithen, Editor for Sub-Saharan Africa, *Africa Analytica*

With disarmament largely complete, and multi-party elections scheduled for the end of May, the speaker will be examining the prospects for Sierra Leone in the short to mid-term. With continued interest in the diamond sector, and potential for the development of an offshore oil sector, will resource revenues be used widely for the national good, or will it simply be a case of *plus ça change*?

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.

Learning From Past Experiences to Inform Future Efforts: The Conflict in Northern Uganda (7 May) (Brunei Gallery, SOAS). The Accord team at Conciliation Resources, in association with CAS and Kacoke Madit, is holding a seminar to launch the publication of *Accord* issue 11, **Protracted Conflict, Elusive Peace: Efforts to End the Violence in Northern Uganda**. HE Professor George Kirya (High Commissioner of Uganda) has agreed to sit on a proposed expert panel of speakers. The seminar will examine the violent conflict in northern Uganda which, since 1986, has inflicted massive suffering on the civilian population. Characterised by child-abductions and forced displacement, the conflict between the government of Uganda and successive rebel groups (notably the Lord's Resistance Army) has become entangled with wider geopolitical agendas in the region. Neither military nor political efforts to end the conflict have prevented the violence from continuing. Conciliation Resources can be contacted by telephone: 020 7359 7728/fax: 020 7359 4081/e-mail: accord@c-r.org/website: www.c-r.org/accord. **Attendance by prior invitation only.**

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

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

African History Research Seminar held on **Wednesdays** at **17.00** in **Room 116**.

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 History Department Office approximately a week before the papers are read.

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| 24 April | (Project Paper) <i>Education for Development? Post-Colonial Education in Iringa, Tanzania</i> by Tom Cadogan (SOAS) |
| 1 May | (Project Paper) Title tbc by Arianna Lissoni (SOAS) |
| 8 May | <i>Studying Poverty, Nutrition and Health in East African History</i> by Dr Jan Kuhanen (Helsinki) |
| 15 May | (Project Paper) <i>Intra-district Politics and Nationalism in Uganda, 1949-1967</i> by Stuart McConnell (SOAS) |
| 22 May | (Project Paper) <i>Equatorial Guinea, 1926-1979: A New African Tradition</i> by Enrique Okenue |
| 29 May | Dr George Deutsch (Berlin) will give a paper on his recent research in Zanzibar |

For further information please contact Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the History Department (SOAS)/ tel: 020 7898 4610/e-mail: jh10@soas.ac.uk

❖ At the **INSTITUTE OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES**, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS (tel: 020 7862 8844/fax: 020 7255 2160): The ICS holds seminars **Multiculturalism and the State**; **Caribbean Societies**; **Human Rights, Sport in the Commonwealth** are regularly organised. For further information on these and other seminars please contact the ICS Events and Publicity Officer, ICS (tel: 020 7862 8844/fax: 020 7862 8820/e-mail: Stephanie.Kearins@sas.ac.uk/website: www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/)

❖ **The Royal African Society** (Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2H 0XG/tel: 020 7898 4390). Confirmed meetings so far:

- 24 April *Culture and Power in the Work of Ousamane Sembene* (illustrated with clips of Sembene's films) by Dr David Murphy (Lecturer in French, University of Stirling and author of 'Sembene: Imagining Alternatives in Film and Fiction') at 17.30 in Room G2 SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 7 May **Ending War in Africa: Africa and The West's Responsibilities* by Kayode Fayemi (Executive Director, Centre for Democracy and Development) at 18.00 in Room G2, SOAS (meeting hosted by RAS and CAS)
- 16 May *Fortress Conservation: The Preservation of the Mkomazi Game Reserve, Tanzania* by Dr Dan Brockington (Department of Geography, New Hall University of Cambridge, and author of a book of that title due to be published on 16 May) at 17.30 in the Main School Lecture Theatre, SOAS (held jointly with Britain-Tanzania Society and CAS)
- 21 May *The Crisis in Madagascar* by Sir Mervyn Brown (Former Ambassador in Madagascar, and author of 'A History of Madagascar') at 17.30 in the Main School Lecture Theatre, SOAS (held jointly with the Anglo-Malagasy Society and CAS)
- 30 May The Annual General Meeting for members of the RAS at 16.00 will be followed by a lecture entitled *Kenyatta, Kikuyu, and Kenya* by Dr John Lonsdale (Reader in African History, University of Cambridge) 17.30 in the Main School Lecture Theatre (SOAS)

*The talk entitled *Ending War in Africa: Africa and the West's Responsibilities* by Kayode Fayemi being held on 7 May is one of a series of talks under the generic title **Africa Series** being organised jointly with the Africa Centre, the Overseas Development Institute, and the Royal Institute of International Affairs. The series will include a discussion on New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) in the run up to the G8 meeting in June. For information on talks organised by the other institutions contact Diana Evans/tel: 020 7922 0394/e-mail: d.evans@odi.org.uk.

Please confirm 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 (round the clock) on the answerphone.

SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG
Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 27/28 Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG
RIIA, Chatham House, 10 St James Square, London SW1

OCCASIONAL TALKS; SEMINARS; WORKSHOPS; SYMPOSIA; CONFERENCES; EVENTS

❖ **LONDON**

Putting Politics Back in Development: Are We Getting There? Overseas Development Institute/DESTIN (London School of Economics) Joint Meeting Series. Meetings held weekly at Wednesday lunchtime beginning 1 May at either ODI or LSE. For further information e-mail: meetings@odi.org.uk

History and Economic Development Group Annual One-Day Workshop (7 May) at London School of Economics. Amongst the papers given will be one by Jerome Destombes on poverty and nutrition in 20th Century Ghana, and another by Gareth Austin (LSE) entitled 'The Limits to Growth in a "Peasant Colony"? African Rural Capitalism and Cocoa Farming in Colonial Ghana'. A final programme will be available closer to the date. Registration is free. For further information contact Dr Kent Deng by e-mail: k.g.deng@lse.ac.uk or Professor Clarence-Smith e-mail: wc2@soas.ac.uk

A Military Helmet and a Mailshirt at Debra Worq (8 May) at 19.00. Stephen Bell will be talking to The Anglo-Ethiopian Society in Room G2, SOAS. Meeting held in association with the Centre of Near and Middle Eastern Studies (SOAS). All welcome. For further information contact CNMES/e-mail: cnmes@soas.ac.uk

New Research on Lusophone Africa (16-17 May) at King's College (University of London) organised by the Department of Politics (University of Dundee) and the Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies (King's College). The occasion of this conference is the publication of a book edited by Patrick Chabal entitled 'Lusophone Africa since Independence: a History' (published by Hurst). The organisers wish this conference to provide an opportunity for a group of young scholars who either already have their doctorates or who are nearing completion to present their new research work. Although the conference will raise issues in the new historiography of Lusophone Africa, it is primarily designed to focus on regional and local studies in the five Portuguese-speaking African states: Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde and São Tomé Príncipe, bringing out important regional differences in the colonial and post-colonial developments which underlie the more generally understood national evolution of these countries. The conference will be an occasion to discuss the work done by a new generation of scholars and to bring together all those interested in the history of this part of the African continent. To register please contact Professor Malyn Newitt, Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies, King's College, Strand, London WC2R 2LS/tel: 020 7848 1827/
e-mail: malyn.newitt@kcl.ac.uk

Jimoh Buraimoh and Chief Z O Oloruntoba, Tradition and Transformation – Two Contemporary Artists from Nigeria (to 18 May). This exhibition (at October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL) will examine the work of two of Nigeria's leading artists, both of whom have adapted specific attributes of Yoruba culture to contemporary artistic practices and have cultivated an increasingly international audience, that includes Yoruba people in Europe and the US as well as in Africa. Jimoh Buraimoh's work developed out of the so-called 'Oshogbo School' and is important as the first artist to begin to use beads to compose the vibrant colour blocks of his work. Chief Z. O. Oloruntoba, whose highly-coloured thread on canvas works provide the perfect complement to Buraimoh's work, showing fascinating similarities and differences by turns. To find out more about the gallery and its exhibitions tel: 020 7242 7367/fax: 020 7405 1851/e-mail: octobergallery@compuserve.com/website: www.theoctobergallery.com

The Development of the Commonwealth (16-17 May) at Institute of Commonwealth Studies. Association of Commonwealth Studies conference. For further information contact Institute of Commonwealth Studies/
e-mail: ics@sas.ac.uk /website: <http://www.sas.ac.uk/commonwealthstudies>

Memories of Colonial Service in Uganda (24 May) at Institute of Commonwealth Studies. This one-day conference (held jointly with the Royal African Society) will include a paper by Andrew Stuart CMG CPM (author of a recent autobiography on his colonial and diplomatic service with HMG). For further information contact Dr Michael Twaddle/tel: 020 7862 8844

Africa Alive (25 June), a fund raising and promotional event to celebrate 30 years of BESO's work in Africa, will be held in the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. There will be a variety of stalls offering information about BESO's work in health, education, enterprise development, agriculture, governance, water and sanitation projects, amongst many others. African foods, dancing, music and drummers will form part of the evening. For information about BESO and its work in Africa and overseas please visit website:

www.beso.org/e-mail: Fiona Fraser (Media Officer) f Fraser@beso.org

What Can We Learn from Zimbabwe? – People Planning and Working for a Positive Future (14 September) Dayschool at Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL. For further information contact Margaret Ling/e-mail: margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk

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.

Britain Tanzania 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

❖ UK

African Studies Seminar Series and **Southern African Texts and Contexts Seminars** will be held during Trinity Term at St Antony's College, Oxford. For further information contact Janet Pearson on 01865 274470/e-mail: janet.pearson@sant.ox.ac.uk

Peasants, Liberation and Socialism in Africa (3-4 May) at Weetwood Hall and Conference Centre, Leeds. This international conference organised by the Leeds University Centre for African Studies (LUCAS) will examine key issues in Africa's contemporary development as well as reflect on the work of Professor Lionel Cliffe. It will explore issues relating to Professor Cliffe's contribution to African Studies over a career of more than 40 years working in and on Africa. Key themes will include taking stock of issues of agrarian reform, nation building and liberation struggles. Confirmed speakers include: John Saul (Canada); Henry Bernstein (SOAS, London); Bjorn Beckman (Sweden); Lloyd Sachikonye (Harare, Zimbabwe); Alemseged Tsefai (Eritrea); John Markakis (University of Crete); John Loxley (University of Manitoba, Canada); Peter Lawrence (University of Keele); Martin Doornbos (ISS, The Hague); Mulugetta Bezabeth (Ethiopia); Morris Szeftel (University of Leeds); Mark Duffield (University of Leeds); Phil White (University of Leeds); Donna Pankhurst (Peace Studies, University of Bradford). For further information contact Yvonne Gye/tel: 0113 233 5069/e-mail: ipiyjg@lucs-02.novell.leeds.ac.uk

A New Approach to African Development? Internal and External Visions (22-23 May). The Edinburgh International Conference on African Studies 2002 at the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh. Forty years on from the start of African political liberation, the pursuit of economic development remains a major challenge across the continent. The beginning of the millennium, however, has seen attempts to construct a new vision and strategy for African development from within Africa, most closely linked to the New Partnership for Africa's Development. Concurrently, Northern agencies for development co-operation have also begun to co-operate on a new strategy for African development, centred on the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers. This conference will examine both approaches and their intended interactions. It will also address current thinking on issues of partnership, conditionality and the role of knowledge in development. Conference themes: Assessing African development 40 years after independence; New approaches to African development: initiatives of African states; New approaches to African development: initiatives of donors; Beyond the state: civil society and private sector; Ownership, partnership or domination: the future of African development. The conference will also include a keynote Royal African Society lecture by Kwesi Botchwey (Harvard). For further information and registration contact P.King@ed.ac.uk/tel: +44 (0)131 650 3878/fax: +44 (0)131 650 6535

Zimbabwe's Future (15 June) Research Day at St Antony's College, Oxford. Further information from Professor Terry Ranger, St Antony's College/e-mail: terence.ranger@st-antony's.oxford.ac.uk

African Research and Documentation in the New Millennium (25-26 June) at University of Oxford. A two-day conference to mark the 40th anniversary of the Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA). Keynote speaker: Professor Colin Bundy (Director, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London). For further information and final programme check website: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/scolma>

Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Development Research (1-2 July) Organised by The Centre for Development Studies and The School of Social Science and International Development, University of Wales, Swansea. Proposed papers should focus explicitly on the methodological issues involved in combining different qualitative and quantitative research methods (eg issues of research design, data collection and data analysis, and triangulation), and address the issue of researcher claims of validity/reliability (ie or research for policy makers and the research community). The organisers would be particularly interested in papers that examine the use of combined methods in: monitoring and evaluation; participatory research; poverty analysis; and the contribution of research based on combined methods to development policy. For further information contact Sandra Kramcha on S.kramcha@swansea.ac.uk / website: www.swan.ac.uk/cds/research/SDRC/conference_on_combining_qualitat.htm

Towards a New Political Economy of Development: Globalisation and Governance (4-6 July). Organised by Political Economy Research Centre (University of Sheffield) with support from the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (University of Warwick). Plenary speakers: Ben Fine (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London); Frans Schuurman (University of Nijmegen); Mick Moore (IDS) and Robert Wade (London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London). Themes: *Global governance and development* – how does political and institutional power work to shape, promote, or restrict development? *Enduring states and globalised development*: towards a reconciliation – how can we conceive of states as enduring and significant international actors within a broader expansion of global economic forces? *Top-down development, and societies' responses* – how have non-state collective actors defined development against the agendas of powerful states and international organisations? *Regions, states and global order* – how has globalisation changed the structuring of the First World? These themes are not exhaustive. If you wish to discuss your ideas before submitting an abstract please contact Graham Harrison at 0114 222 1686/e-mail: g.Harrison@sheffield.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 still important in many respects and still the subject of important scholarly output. Some still live in the shadow of his name, at least, or his fortune, on a daily basis. The conference aims to critically assess this legacy. 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

Training for International Development. The Overseas Development Group of the University of East Anglia (UK) is organising three workshops during 2002: Disasters and Development: Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability (how to become a risk manager); Integrated approaches to Climate Change; Social Analysis. Further information may be found on <http://www.odg.uea.ac.uk>

❖ EUROPE

African Studies Centre, University of Leiden, The Netherlands will be holding a series of seminars during May and June. Information about the series and the Centre generally may be obtained by contacting e-mail: asc@fsw.LeidenUniv.nl or website: <http://asc.leidenuniv.nl/events/>

Africa in the Context of North South Relations (9th Conference of Africanists) (21–23 May) to be held in Moscow and convened by The Academic Council on Problems of African Countries, and the Institute of African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences. Major themes will include the whole and intertwined world; causes and prospects of internal differentiation; Africa in a contemporary system of world order; problems and economy; currency and financial problems; sustainable development, social progress and ecological problems; problems of integration; African Union; interstate and intrastate conflicts; problems of political modernisation. A collection of abstracts will be published before the conference and a collection of selected papers afterwards. For further information contact the Conference Organising Committee, Institute for African Studies, 103001, 30/1 Spiridonovka Street, Moscow, Russia/tel: 290 27 52, 290 63 85/ fax: 202 07 86/e-mail: inter@inafr.ru with a copy to vladimir.shubin@inafr.ru

The Governance of Daily Life in Africa. Public and Collective Services and their Users (22-25 May). Conference, organised jointly by the Euro-African Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD) and the Afrika Studiecentrum, Leiden, The Netherlands, will take place in Leiden. The aim is to assemble highly empirical studies of how Africans manage the practical aspects of their daily lives in such mundane matters as power supply, water provision and sewerage arrangements, transport etc., in a situation where the welfare functions of states are often deficient. For further information contact website: <http://asc.leidenuniv.nl>

Horn of Africa between History and Politics (25-27 May) (Rome) sponsored by the University of Bologna, the University of Roma Tor Vergata, the University of Rome Tre, the University of Dalarna (Sweden) and the Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Internationales (CERI) Paris. This conference aims to look at: historical and political analyses of the Italian presence in the Horn of Africa; the humanistic disciplines in the historical relationships between Italy and Africa; the role of NGOs and the main operative projects; critical analysis of past and future perspectives. For further information contact Irma Taddia, Dipartimento di Discipline Storiche, Piazza S Giovanni in Monte 2, 40124 Bologna, Italy/tel: 051 209 76 74/fax: 051 209 76 20/ e-mail: tadia_I@mail.cib.unibo.it

New Threats to Global Security: Challenges for the United Nations and Multilateralism (21-23 June). The Academic Council on the United National System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting (Lisbon). For further information see <http://www.yale.edu/acuns/>

Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations (4-7 July) St Petersburg, Russia. Organised by the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St Petersburg Branch) in co-operation with the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Russian Academy. Working languages will be Russian, English and French. For further information contact the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies by telephone on: +(7 095) 291 41 19/fax: + (7 095) 202 07/e-mail: dmitri.bondarenko@inafr.ru or dbondar@hotmail.com or Institute of Oriental Studies/tel: + (7 812) 315 84 90/fax: + (7 812) 312 14 65/e-mail: invost@mail.convey.ru

Call for Papers: Chewing the West: Occidental Narratives as Nation-Building Nutrition Selected and Digested by Asian and African Literatures in Indigenous Languages (5-7 December) at University of Leiden, The Netherlands. This international workshop on Asian and African literatures is being organized by the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS). The organizers wish to bring together experts of and from multifarious cultural regions. Proposals for individual papers and round tables discussions should be received no later than 15 May. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words. For further formation contact Dr Doris Jedamskin (IIAS)/e-mail: D.Jedamski@let.leidenuniv.nl

15th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (14-18 July 2003) to be held at the Asia-Africa Institute of Hamburg University. This conference will focus on the humanities. For further information contact Ethiopian Studies, ICES Office, Hamburg University, Asia-Africa Institute, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, D-201 46 Hamburg, Germany/tel: +49-40-42838-7474/fax: +49-40-42838-5675/e-mail: ices2003@uni-hamburg.de/website: www.rz.uni-hamburg.de/ICES2003

❖ AFRICA

Extended Workshops for Young Historians (15 April–15 May, 16 September to 6 October) (Dakar, Senegal). The workshops are aimed at young PhD students in the field of social history and are organised by CODESRIA in collaboration with SEPHIS. The focus will be on Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. For further information contact <http://www.iisg.nl/~sephis> or [http://www.sas.upenn.edu/AfricanStudies/codesria/codes Menu.html](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/AfricanStudies/codesria/codesMenu.html)

Marketing in the Developing World (Financial Mail's AdFocus Conference 2002) (21-22 May) at the Standton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. A range of speakers will provide perspectives on marketing and advertising in South Africa, the rest of Africa, and other developing countries. The keynote speaker (Trevor Manuel, South African Finance Minister) will be talking on why advertising matters to the South African economy. For further information contact Marcia Minnaar e-mail: marcia@netactive.co.za

Fieldwork in Africa (12-15 June) (Dakar, Senegal). The West African Research Association (WARA) seeks to bring together scholars and practitioners for an interdisciplinary symposium on fieldwork in Africa at the West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar, Senegal. Papers especially welcome from African scholars and practitioners, and others who have been involved in the fieldwork process in diverse ways, such as research assistants and associates. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: the production of knowledge; the ethics of fieldwork in Africa; economic disparity in fieldwork; intellectual property; the languages of fieldwork; the role of the research assistant; doing fieldwork in one's own community; the dissemination of research results in Africa; the fieldworker's responsibility to a community, and the literature of field accounts. For further information contact (in Africa): Wendy Wison Fall, Director, West African Research Center, Rue E X Leon G Damas, Fann Residence, BP 5456, Dakar, Senegal/tel: (221) 8-24-20-62/fax: (221) 8-24-20-58/e-mail: assist@ucad.sn / webpage: www.warc-croa.org

Narrative, Trauma and Memory – Working through the Southern African Armed Conflicts of the 20th Century (2-5 July) at University of Cape Town, South Africa. This multi-disciplinary conference is being organised by the Faculty of Humanities (University of Cape Town). Contributions from various disciplines, such as psychiatry, psychology, literature, history, fine arts, and music. The conference will focus on the following armed conflicts and their impact on Southern Africa: the Anglo-Boer (South African) War of 1899-1902, the First and Second World Wars, and the 'Border Wars' and Liberation Struggle of 1960-1990. Papers on other conflicts of a violent nature may be considered if they focus on the central theme of the conferences: narratives (historical, autobiographical, literary, etc.) as a means of dealing with a traumatic past. For further information contact Deborah McTeer, Conference Management Centre, University of Cape Town, Faculty of Health Sciences, Observatory 7925, Cape Town, South Africa/tel: +27 21 4066348/fax: +27 21 4486263/e-mail: Deborah@curie.uct.ac.za / webpage www.uct.ac.za/depts.pgc

The 8th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Woman: Gendered Worlds, Gains and Challenges (21-26 July) at Makerere University, Uganda. The congress offers an opportunity for critical reflection on experiences regarding women and gender issues globally, and more specifically on the African continent. It will also create momentum for more concerted cross-disciplinary research, teaching and information gathering regarding women and gender issues. To contact the Congress e-mail: Sandra.Hook@britishcouncil.or.ug. Information on the above conference can be found on <http://www.makerere.ac.ug/womenstudies/>

Crime in Eastern Africa: Past and Present Perspectives (July) (Naivasha, Kenya). Organised by the French Institute for Research in Africa (Nairobi) and the British Institute in Eastern Africa. Core geographical focus will be on East Africa although contributions on countries in the wider eastern African region (from Zimbabwe in the south to Sudan in the north) are also welcome.

The aim of the conference is to cover diverse aspects relating to contemporary and historical criminality in the region. Themes will include interpretations of criminality; state and civil responses to crime; the criminalisation of politics. For further information contact Dr Andrew Burton on arb@insightkenya.com or Dr Hervé Maupeu at ifra2@connect.co.ke

Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) (November) (Arusha, Tanzania). For further information contact Martin Alilio, 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

World council for Psychotherapy (African Chapter) 4th African Conference on Psychotherapy (2-8 December) at University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Organised by the World Council for Psychotherapy (African Chapter) and the Nigerian Society for Psychotherapy. Theme: Stress, Societies and Psychotherapy. For further information contact Dr Sunday Idemudia by e-mail: sundayidemudia@hotmail.com

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 or pub.ossrea@telecom.net.et

Call for Papers: 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. Among the topics that participants may wish to consider for discussion are the following: Discourse and terminologies; chieftaincy in historical perspective; chieftaincy, politics and governance; chieftaincy and the modern state; chieftaincy and political boundaries; chieftaincy and development; chieftaincy and the arts; chieftaincy and religion; chieftaincy and gender; chieftaincy, the traditional medicine and natural sciences; challenges and prospects. Deadline for submission of 500 word abstracts 30 May; Deadline for submission of 5-6000 word essays for pre-circulation 30 September. For further information contact Dr Irene Odotei, University of Ghana, e-mail: asofo@ghana.com or Dr Ato Quayson e-mail: laq10@cam.ac.uk

❖ **COMMONWEALTH** (outside Africa)

The Global and the Local: Africa in the World and the World in Africa (29 May-1 June). Canadian Association of African Studies 2002 Annual Conference to be held at the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario Canada. Further information can be obtained from website: www.caas.umontreal.ca

Call for Papers. Africa Challenging Globalisation (2-5 October) The 25th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) (convened by Dr Geoffrey Hawker) will be held at Macquarie University, Sydney, New South Wales. The conference theme will reflect the broad and diverse interests of AFSAAP members and others concerned with Africa while at the same time highlighting key contemporary issues relating to Africa's role in the global community through the last quarter of the twentieth century. Africa was the primary test case for conflicting theses of globalisation long before 11 September 2001, but the current period of international war exposes the peoples and governments of the continent to new military and economic risks. These however are manifestations also of the underlying questions of political, cultural and social identity raised by globalisation. Contributions that address current dilemmas not least with an historical framework of reference or a focus on particular regions, or specific issues and bilateral relations including Africa-Australian relations in, for example, economic aid, health and migration will be particularly welcome. Regular updates on the conference including information on accommodation will be posted during the next few months on the AFSAAP website: www.flinders.edu.au/global/afsaap

❖ USA

Blackness in a Globalized World (Dialogues on the Diaspora), International Conference organised by the Association of Black Anthropologists) (17-21 June). For further information contact Cheryl Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Africana Studies Department, University of South Florida/e-mail: crodrigue@chumal.cas.usf.edu

The Global Legacy and application of the vision of Booker T Washington: Science, Technology and Education (19-21 June) at Campus of West Virginia State College, Institute, WV. Featuring the Booker T Washington Family Reunion and the African Zion Church. For further information contact Dr Stuart McGehee, Dean, School of Social Sciences, West Virginia State College/e-mail: mcgehest@mail.wvsc.edu

OTHER NEWS

❖ CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

The Centre is delighted to announce that Goodenough College is to become a co-sponsor of our African Visiting Scholarships by offering the Centre concessionary rates to accommodate our scholars. Their generosity will allow our visitors to occupy safe, well-appointed accommodation in an academic environment close-by the Bloomsbury campus of the University of London. Finding appropriate, affordable accommodation within central London had become a waking nightmare for the Centre administrator. Our gratitude is heartfelt.

I hasten to assure readers that Goodenough College have not asked for a 'plug', but we wanted to volunteer one anyway because the information may be useful. Jackie Collis and I were most impressed by the redeveloped facilities of the Goodenough Club and would recommend it strongly to short term visitors to London seeking comfortable accommodation that is close to the University, British Library and Museum. Prices and facilities compare favourably with hotels in the area, and academic visitors are likely to find the atmosphere most conducive. We are often asked by overseas visitors to recommend somewhere to them, and in this case feel happy to do so. For bookings e-mail club@goodenough.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)20 7769 4727/fax: +44 (0)20 7837 9321. More information is available at www.club.goodenough.ac.uk

Richard Fardon

❖ AEGIS

Changing Patterns of Politics in Africa. (25-27 September) (Lisbon, Portugal). Key papers will be given on *Changing Patterns of Politics in Africa: What are the Shifts Occurring at this Stage?* by Mahmood Mamdani; *Beyond Leviathan: Informal Politics* by Rainer Tetzlaff (Hamburg); *Economy and Politics in Africa Today* by Thandika Mkandawire (Malawi). There will be panels on: Political Structures and Institutions; Social Actors in Politics; Social Thinking on Politics. (Programme subject to confirmation) Enquiries to Franz-Wilhelm Heimer/e-mail: franz.heimer@iscte.pt

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

❖ NEW MEMBERS OF CAS

Professor Michael Bourdillon , Associate Member, CAS/Department of Sociology, University of Zimbabwe
Following Professor Bourdillon's recent research and publications on working children, he is currently working with the Save the Children Alliance (Norway), and with trade unions in Zimbabwe and other non-government organizations, on improving the situation for working children. The main means is by helping children develop their own organizations, working through union officers who have been appointed to attend to working children. The situation of working children is critical in the light of the collapsed national economy, the large number of orphans resulting from the AIDS epidemic, and the international discrimination against the produce of children under the guise of a campaign against child labour. Professor Bourdillon has also been conducting research on agriculture in resettlement schemes, particularly paying attention to perceptions and knowledge of maize.

Dr Ernestina Coast, Lecturer in Population Studies, Department of Social Policy and Administration (LSE)

Research: African demography; Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania; media representation of HIV/aids; anthropological demography. •Kenya, Tanzania

Dr Philippe Cullet, Lecturer in Law (SOAS)

Research: Implementation of international environmental agreements at the national level, in particular concerning the biodiversity convention; biotechnology and intellectual property rights with a focus on plant variety protection (farmers' and breeders' rights). •Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania

Ms Catherine Jenkins, Lecturer in Law (SOAS)

Research: Issues of prosecutions and amnesties for gross violations of human rights, reflecting research carried out in South Africa on the work of the TRC, and generally on human rights in post-conflict situations. •South Africa, Rwanda, Sierra Leone

Dr David Pratten, British Academy Post-doctoral Research Fellow (SOAS)

Research: History and anthropology; local communities and the state; vigilantism; masquerades; youth culture in south-eastern Nigeria. •West Africa, Nigeria, Mali, Sudan, Ethiopia

Dr Marion Sinclair, Research Associate, CAS (SOAS)

Research: Movement of people, both voluntary and forced, particularly across international borders; the policy response to migration as well as the public response to incomers, and processes of adaptation by foreigners in host societies. •Southern Africa

Dr Benjamin Soares, Associate Member, CAS/Lecturer in Social Anthropology, University of Sussex.

Dr Soares has also taught anthropology and history at Northwestern University and human development at the University of Chicago. His research interests include religion and modernity, Islam and interreligious encounters, and medicine and culture in West Africa. He is also investigating postcolonial identities among some of the many West African Muslims living in France who have migrated from the area of his initial research in Mali. He has published articles in *Economy and Society*, *Culture & Religion*, and *Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines* and is currently revising a book manuscript entitled 'The Prayer Economy in a Malian Town'.

❖ VISITING SCHOLAR TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES
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(contactable through the Centre office)

ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES scholar based at the Centre of African Studies (October 2001 to September 2002 inclusive):

Dr Hebron Ndlovu (Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Swaziland, Swaluseni, Swaziland). Dr Ndlovu's research focuses on the meaning and role of sacred monarchies in modern African societies. He is examining both the tension between indigenous beliefs associated with sacred kingship and modern political values, and the process of the invention of new royal 'traditions' by the political elites in response to the continuing criticism of absolute monarchy.

For further information on the above scholarship scheme contact the Association of Commonwealth Universities, John Foster House, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF/website: www.acu.ac.uk

❖ SCHOLARSHIPS

EAST AFRICAN VISITING SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

This scheme is aimed at academics from Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. 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. For further information see the CAS website.

LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

The Leventis Foundation supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies (University of London) and colleagues in Nigerian universities. Successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, based at SOAS, for a period of three months. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, a 1000 word statement of current research interests and aims to be achieved during the research period in London. This programme is particularly suitable for younger academics, perhaps working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. For further information see the CAS website.

❖ VISITING ACADEMIC TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

(contactable through the Centre office)

Dr Paivi Hasu (Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland) is carrying out research on the work of the Leipzig Mission in Kilimanjaro 1893-1940 by examining the cultural, philosophical and theological background of that particular missionary society, the conversion of the Chagga people to Christianity during the first decades of the 20th century, and the impact of conversion on their socio-cultural order and life cycle rituals in particular.

❖ 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 Europe should be placed with the Afrika Studiecentrum, PO Box 9555, 2300 RB Leiden, The Netherlands.

McCracken, D Potts and H Englund (eds) *Malawi*, special issue of *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 28, 1 (2002),

Jaggar P J, *Hausa London Oriental and African Language Library* (Amsterdam & Philadelphia: Benjamins, pp.754, 2001)

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

Our regular feature presenting an Africa-focussed NGO. Please contact Jackie Collis if you wish to be considered to feature here.

STREET CHILD AFRICA

Founded in 1998 by Fr Patrick J Shanahan, Street Child Africa is a UK agency currently partnering nine NGOs in seven African countries, all of whom work with children living on the streets of urban Africa in conditions of appalling poverty. The philosophy is “street based” – prioritising the employment of dedicated street workers who work with children on the streets, establishing long-term dialogue which provides them with an option to choose the education, training and babycare facilities which are made available through their long-established partners Catholic Action for Street Children and Street Girls Aid. A vital element of their work is the provision of a unique babycare programme based in Accra, Ghana – currently the only programme of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa. This comprises nine crèches, employing local “grannies” (childminders) and training them to care for street babies, which allows street mothers to leave their children in safety so that they can work. The employment of local people ensures that funds are siphoned into the local economy, and encourages mothers to leave their babies with a local community figure they know and trust - hence more mothers are inclined to make use of the scheme. The two sides of this approach are inextricably linked – the street workers communicate with street children to inform them of their options for sponsorship and babycare. They work to develop a bond of trust, which allows children to investigate the choices available to them without suspicion and, if they wish, to request babycare, refuge, educational and vocational training facilities. They have had many success stories with this approach over the years.

2002 sees Street Child Africa making enormous progress in several ways. One is the forging of new links with new partners in Mozambique, Senegal, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa – aimed at improving links between different NGOs who work to similar philosophies, and hence strengthening the voice and highlighting the cause of the street child. Street Child Africa campaigns for advocacy for street children through close involvement with the Consortium for Street Children. This year they are implementing an innovative new street workers training programme – designed to provide the most talented of African street workers with the ability to locate and train their own staff. By the end of the three year programme the ideal result is to have created a totally self sufficient programme of training whereby African workers are responsible for developing and extending their own network of staff.

As a growing charity, Street Child Africa is grateful to all of its funders who make this possible. Street Child Africa looks to a future where street children are no longer marginalized, where urban poverty no longer clutches a critical mass of young children in its grasp in all African countries, and where African governments possess the ability to establish their own self sufficient solutions to the terrible injustice that surrounds the world of the street child.

For more information please contact Street Child Africa, The Priory, 58 High Street, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0TT/tel: 020 8972 9820/fax: 020 8972 9821/e-mail: info@streetchildafrica.co.uk/web: www.streetchildafrican.org.uk

❖ MISCELLANEOUS

University of Western Cape (South Africa) (Law Faculty) has been invited to take part in the Eleventh All Africa Human Rights Moot Court competition due to be held at the American University of Cairo, Egypt (7-12 August). The successful students (2) will be chosen after taking part in local rounds during May when they will have to argue hypothetical cases in front of a selection of judges. A team of two students, together with a faculty representative (Ms Dorothy Moila, Lecturer and Chairperson, Department of Academic Teaching and Development, University of Western Cape, South Africa) will travel to Cairo to take part in the competition.

The National Museum of African Art at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA holds meetings and exhibitions through the year. For details please contact the Museum directly (Tel: 00 (202) 357 4600).

❖ CALL FOR ARTICLES

Ethical Issues in Southern African Archives and Libraries (Special issue, no 24 of the Journal, *Innovation–Pietermaritzburg*). Themes: various ethical issues surrounding the handling of, and access to archives and intellectual property; a practical approach to library issues of general interest; original, controversial or even provocative viewpoints; critical understanding of the socio-political, educational and economic realities of contemporary South and Southern African commitment to library and information work in a post-apartheid South Africa. Article length: either 3,000-4,000 words or up to 1,000. Articles should be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 100 words. Further information from: Dr Peter Limb, Africana Bibliographer, MSU Libraries/tel: USA (517) 432 4983/e-mail: limb@msu.edu or plimb@mail.h-net.msu.edu

Tourism in Africa (Special issue). Theme: Focus on tourism in Africa, especially as it relates to development and the African Renaissance. Article length: 4,000-6000 words (including notes and references). Deadline: 31 May. Further information from Elizabeth le Roux, Editor, Africa Insight, Africa Institute of South Africa/e-mail: beth@ai.org.za

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