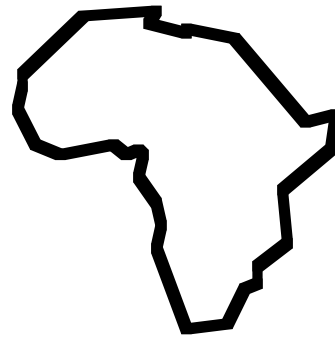


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**EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

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

• **Thursday 28 February :**

**CATTLE, SLAVES, AID, GUNS AND OIL – WHO GETS WHAT OUT OF WAR IN SUDAN?**

**Speaker: John Ryle** (Anthropology, Ecology and Africa Editor of the Times Literary Supplement and author of 'Warriors of the White Nile' (1984), a popular ethnography of the Agar Dinka of Southern Sudan, Research Associate, Centre of African Studies). John Ryle has worked as a social anthropologist in Sudan. He is Chair of the Rift Valley Institute, an association of specialists in the countries of the Great African Rift Valley. With Bapiny Tim Chol, he directed 'The Price of Survival' (1994), a TV documentary about the civil war in Sudan.

• **Wednesday 6 March:**

**CAN NIGERIA CHANGE?**

**Speaker: Kaye Whiteman:** (Research Associate, Centre of African Studies) will be taking an insider's view of the Nigerian politico-economic jungle. Kaye Whiteman's West African expertise derives from several decades of work as a journalist and editor as well as a member of governmental and international institutions – both European and Commonwealth.

📍 **ACTION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA (ACTSA) IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES AND THE ROYAL AFRICAN SOCIETY**

**The Crisis in Zimbabwe** (to be confirmed) (**30 January**) (18.00-19.30) in the Main School Lecture Theatre(SOAS). Members of Zimbabwean civil society groups will be visiting London at the end of January to hold press and parliamentary meetings. As part of this programme the group will be holding a meeting at SOAS where a delegation from the group will talk about and discuss the current situation. Led by: Brian Raftopolous (Chair, Zimbabwe Crisis Committee). For further information contact ACTSA/tel: 020 7833 3133/webpage: [www.actsa.org](http://www.actsa.org) or RAS on tel: tel: 020 7898 4390/[ras@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras@soas.ac.uk) or CAS.

📍 **BRITAIN TANZANIA SOCIETY IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

**Development – Does it Benefit Ordinary People?** (**23 February**) Room B102 (Brunei Gallery opposite SOAS). The speakers Mr M P Kaducha, Acting High commissioner for Tanzania); Mr Ron Fennell (former World Bank representative in Tanzania); Mr D J Potts (Lecturer in Development and Project Planning, University of Bradford), and Dr Tony O'Connor (Reader in Geography, University College, London) will comment on a critique (copies available on day) of the current course of development in Tanzania produced by Trevor Jaggar (recently retired Executive Secretary). There will be a summing up by Dr Jaggar followed by general discussion. £7 (including lunch)/students £5 (including lunch) or £1.50 (lunch not included). For further information or to register contact Roy Galbraith on [Roygal@aol.com](mailto:Roygal@aol.com)

**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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| 9 January   | <i>Black Critics of African Colonial Rule at the Heart of Empire</i> by Professor David Killingray (Goldsmiths)                           |
| 16 January  | Inaugural lecture by Professor W G Clarence Smith (SOAS)  |
| 23 January  | <i>The Battle of Dundora Swamp: Reconstructing Mau Mau's Land Freedom Army, October 1954</i> by Dr David M Anderson (SOAS)                |
| 30 January  | <i>The Invention of Sorcery in Gabon</i> by Professor Florence Bernault (Wisconsin)   |
| 6 February  | <i>The Power of the Government; Patrols and Courts in the Nuba Mountains of Condominium Sudan</i> by Dr Justin Willis (Durham University) |
| 13 February | READING WEEK  |
| 20 February | <i>Title to be confirmed</i> by Jody Sarich (SOAS)  |

- 27 February *Earth History, Natural History and Prehistory at the Cape, 1860-75: The Origins of African Studies* by Dr Saul Dubow (University of Sussex)
- 6 March *Title to be announced* by Professor Tom McCaskie (CWAS, Birmingham University)
- 13 March Comparative seminar: *Age and ageing in history* by Professor Pat Thane (IHR)
- 20 March *Title to be announced* by Francesca Locatelli (SOAS)

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

## Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa

- 17 January *Richardson's Unpublished Vocabularies: Bornu Arabic-Script Documents Deposited in the Public Record Office (The National Archive)* by Dmitry Bondarev (University of St Petersburg, Russia)
- 7 February *Listening Again: Finding Ways to Host the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Oral Auto/Biographical Space* by Ashlee Nasser (University of Natal)
- 21 March *The Languages of Kenya* by Dr Chege Githiora (SOAS) (to be confirmed)

For further information on times, rooms, and **additional seminars** check the Departmental noticeboard or contact Mrs Wangari Muoria-Sal, Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa/  
tel: 020 7898 4361/e-mail:wm@soas.ac.uk

**Department of Anthropology and Sociology** is holding a seminar series entitled **New Directions in Medical Anthropology on Wednesdays at 15.00 in Room B202, Brunei Gallery**. One meeting might be of interest to Africanists

- 13 March *Social Obligation and Health Services: The Imagination of Health and Development in Rural Tanzania* by Maia Green (Manchester)

For further information on this and other meetings held by the Department/e-mail: anthropology@soas.ac.uk

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❖ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AR (tel: 020 7405 7686).

**Comparative Economic History of Africa, Asia and Latin America** (financially supported by STICERD) The theme will be **Economic Imperialism Re-Visited: British Economic Interests and**

**Regional Economic Change, c.1880-1950** (5.15-19.00) at **LSE, Room S.421**. Five fortnightly meetings will be held during this term, the final being a roundtable meeting. The one of greatest interest to Africanists is:

5 February *Empire, Imperialism and the Partition of Africa* by Ian Phimister (Sheffield University)

For further information contact Dr Gareth Austin e-mail: [G.M.Austin@lse.ac.uk](mailto:G.M.Austin@lse.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 Studies; Human Rights** 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](mailto:Stephanie.Kearins@sas.ac.uk)/website: [www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/](http://www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/))

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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**

- 18 January *African Women Writers: A New Generation?* by Monica Bungaro (Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham)
- 25 January *Islam and the Public Sphere in Mali* by Ben Soares (University of Sussex)
- 1 February *Reconsidering "Sustainability"* by Priscilla Stone (Washington University)
- 8 February *Local Histories and Paths to Conversion: Religious and Social Change in West Cameroon* by Guy Thomas (SOAS)
- 15 February READING WEEK
- 22 February *Informal Manufacturing and Social Networks in South-Eastern Nigeria* by Kate Meagher (University of Oxford)
- 1 March *First-comers and Late-comers: Mobility, Land and Belonging in West Africa* by Carola Lentz (University of Frankfurt)
- 8 March *The Politics of Identity Negotiation in Cameroon* by Yvette Monga (EHSS, Paris)
- 15 March TBA

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)

❖ At **KING'S COLLEGE**, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 75-79 York Road, London SE1 (tel: 020 401 2695). The British Institute of Human Rights hold talks throughout the year. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 020 7401 2712/e-mail: [bihr@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:bihr@kcl.ac.uk)

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❖ **The Royal African Society** (Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG) (tel: 020 7898 4390) is planning a full programme of meetings from February which will be available by the last week of January. Confirmed meetings so far:

- 30 January *The Crisis in Zimbabwe*. A delegation from Zimbabwe Crisis Group will talk about and discuss the current situation in Zimbabwe. Led by: Brian Raftopolous (Chair, Zimbabwe Crisis Committee). Other members: Andrew Ngongo (Director, Transparency International), Brian Kagoro (Human Rights Lawyer), Perpetua Bganya (Co-ordinator of National Constitutional Assembly), Lydia Zigomo (Chair, Women Lawyers Association), Wellington Chibebe (General Secretary, Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions) in Main School Lecture Theatre, SOAS at 18.00 (held jointly with CAS)
- 7 February *An Introduction to the New Sainsbury African Gallery, British Museum* by Christopher Spring (Curator, North East, East and Southern Africa), meet at Information Desk, Great Court, British Museum at 13.00.
- 28 February *The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in South Africa: Multiple Strategies for Disease Control and Management* by Dr Maureen Malowany (Senior Research Fellow, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford) in the Assembly Room (G2) SOAS, at 17.30 (held jointly with CAS)
- February *Uganda's National Resistance Movement: Past, Present and future* by Anna Borzello (BBC Correspondent, Uganda) in the Assembly Hall (G2) SOAS, at 17.30 (held jointly with CAS **(date to be confirmed)**)
- March *90 Years of the ANC and the New South Africa: Challenges and Prospects* by HE Ms Lindiwe Mabuza (High Commissioner, South African High Commission) at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (held jointly with RCS) **(date and time to be confirmed)**
- 14 March *Oxfam and Development in Tanzania in the 1960s and 1970s* by Dr Michael Jennings (Wellcome Unit for History of Medicine, Oxford; joint editor with Ondine Barrow of 'The Charitable Impulse: NGOs and Development in East and North East Africa') in the Assembly Hall (G2) SOAS at 17.30
- 18 March *Are Diamonds Traceable* by Alex Yearsley (Global Witness) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (see above) (held jointly with the RCS)

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.

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

❖ **LONDON**

**Global Warming and Extinctions: Can we Sustain Biodiversity. Speaker: Dr Richard Leakey (7 March)** at **19.00** organised by the Friends of Conservation. Tickets £15 and £25 with reception. For further information contact Nathalie Nickson on tel: 020 7592 0110/e-mail: [focint@compuserve.com](mailto:focint@compuserve.com)

**Global Education and Health Exhibition and workshop (29 January) (12.30-17.00)** at Jeffrey Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 organised by the Centre of International Child Health, Institute of Child Health, Institute of Education, International Health Exchange and Voluntary Service Overseas. Exhibits will include demonstrations on the latest technology in tropical health care and information on topics such as primary health care, refugee health care and community-based rehabilitation; information on postgraduate training programmes in education and health. There will also be a workshop organised by the International Health Exchange and Voluntary Service Overseas on 'Education for Health or Health in Education – is there a difference?' from 14.00-15.00 and at 17.00 there will be a keynote lecture by Professor Peter Aggleton, Director of the Thomas Coram Research Institute at the Institute of Education 'Getting it right – priorities for HIV and AIDS education'. All welcome. Admission free. For further information contact Madeleine Green tel: 020 7905 2122

**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 co-authors of the book will be giving papers and 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 5 Portuguese-speaking African states: Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde and São Tomé e 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 offer a paper or 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](mailto:malyn.newitt@kcl.ac.uk)

❖ **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 a leading African academic. For further information and registration contact [P.King@ed.ac.uk](mailto:P.King@ed.ac.uk)/tel: +44 (0)131 650 3878/fax: +44 (0)131 650 6535

**Call for Papers: 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](mailto:S.kramcha@swansea.ac.uk)/website: [www.swan.ac.uk/cds/research/SDRC/conference\\_on\\_combining\\_qualitat.htm](http://www.swan.ac.uk/cds/research/SDRC/conference_on_combining_qualitat.htm)

**Call for Papers: 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?, and, 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](mailto:g.Harrison@sheffield.ac.uk)

**University of Cambridge.** The Centre of African Studies runs a seminar series on Mondays at 17.00. For further details please see [www.african.cam.ac.uk](http://www.african.cam.ac.uk)/telephone 01223 334396.

**University of Oxford, St Antony's College** runs a seminar series on Thursdays at 17.00. For further details please contact Janet Pearson on tel: 01865 274470/e-mail: [janet.pearson@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:janet.pearson@sant.ox.ac.uk)

**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

**Afrika Studiecentrum**, The Netherlands, invite you to attend its seminars which are open to everyone. For further information contact the ASC 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).

**Brussels Centre of African Studies** is running a seminar series during the 2001/2002 academic year on the topic **War Economy and War Financing in Africa**. For further information contact the BCAS secretariat e-mail: [bcas@vub.ac.be](mailto:bcas@vub.ac.be) or consult website: [www.vub.ac.be/BACS/](http://www.vub.ac.be/BACS/)

**Images of Africa in Europe (19-29 April (new date))** sponsored by the University of Trieste, University of Genoa, ILUM of Milan, the French Cultural Centre (Milan), the WWF Lombardia. The conference aims to create awareness of Africa in Europe; to highlight Italy's role as a geographical and intellectual 'bridge' between Europe and Africa and to contribute positively to the current debate on North-South relations and globalisation. For further information contact Dr El Hadj Alioune N'Diaye, African-Asian Studies, University of Siena, Italy/e-mail: [Baye.Ndiaye@elvia.it](mailto:Baye.Ndiaye@elvia.it)

**Call for Papers: 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](mailto:inter@inafr.ru) with a copy to [vladimir.shubin@inafr.ru](mailto: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 and so on, 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, Dipartimental 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](mailto:tadia_I@mail.cib.unibo.it)

**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](mailto:dmitri.bondarenko@inafr.ru) or [dbondar@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:invost@mail.convey.ru)

**15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ices2003@uni-hamburg.de)/website: [www.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/ICES2003](http://www.rrz.uni-hamburg.de/ICES2003)



## ❖ AFRICA

**Call for Papers: Extended Workshop for Young Historians (15 April–15 May)** to be held in Dakar, Senegal. The workshop is aimed at young PhD students in the field of social history and is 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)

**Call for Papers: The Role of Applied Anthropology in Human Organisations: Challenges and Prospects in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** (First conference of Applied Anthropologists) (**May**) organised by the Nigerian Society for Applied Anthropology of Social change and Development (NASAD) in collaboration with the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan. The conference will focus on Third World Countries' human organisations. Sub-themes include: What does applied anthropology entail today? The collapse of societal norms: are the anthropologists culpable? Early childhood: culture-education as the foundation of human development; Culture and community health care delivery systems; Religion, law and politics in Nigeria; Science and technology: capability building from material culture; Language, multiculturalism and the state; Beyond modern nation state political systems in Africa; Policing, conflicts and the patterns of warfare.. For further information contact the conference organising committee at Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, UIPO Box 19582, Ibadan/e-mail: [solomadubuik@yahoo.com/Institute](mailto:solomadubuik@yahoo.com/Institute)

**Fieldwork in Africa (12-15 June)** in 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 Wilson 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](mailto:assist@ucad.sn) / webpage: [www.warc-croa.org](http://www.warc-croa.org)

**Narrative, Trauma and Memory – Working through the Southern African Armed Conflicts of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Deborah@curie.uct.ac.za) / webpage [www.uct.ac.za/depts.pgc](http://www.uct.ac.za/depts.pgc)

**Call for Papers: Crime in Eastern Africa: past and present perspectives (July)** to be held in Naivasha, Kenya and 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](mailto:arb@insightkenya.com) or Dr Hervé Maupeu at [ifra2@connect.co.ke](mailto:ifra2@connect.co.ke)

**World Council for Psychotherapy (African Chapter) 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sundayidemudia@hotmail.com)

❖ USA

**Call for Papers. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Graduate Student conference in African Studies (22-24 March)** at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Abstract deadline (200 words) **11 February**, For further information contact e-mail: [LuongoKA@aol.com](mailto:LuongoKA@aol.com)

**HIV/AIDS and the African Child: Health Challenges, Educational Possibilities (11-13 April)** at Institute for the African Child, Ohio University, Athens, OH 46701. Conference convenor: Dr Diane Ciekaway, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University). For further information contact Mr Abdul Lamin, Conference Co-ordinator/e-mail: [lamin@oio.edu/Toguna](mailto:lamin@oio.edu/Toguna).

**Call for Papers: Portuguese/African Encounters – An Interdisciplinary Congress (26-29 April)** at Brown University, Providence RI. This conference is organised by the Thomas J Watson Jr Institute for International Studies (Brown University) with the Luso-African Studies Organization of the ASA, the Center for African Studies (Eduardo Mondaleno University, Mozambique) and the Center for African Studies at the Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa (Lisbon, Portugal). The organisers invite submissions that explore the last 150 years of Portuguese-African Encounters and their ramifying global effects. The conference will be organised into five interdisciplinary workshops that assess the state of scholarship and consider the direction of future research on the following themes: colonial practices: Portugal in Africa; contemporary legacies and relationships; Africa in Portugal/Portugal in Africa; beyond Africa and Portugal, and the encounter in today's global context.

For further information contact Stephen Lubkemann/e-mail: [Stephen\\_Lubkemann@Brown.edu](mailto:Stephen_Lubkemann@Brown.edu)/ website: [www.brown.edu/Departments/Watson\\_Institute/programs/gs/news/portafricaconf04\\_02.html](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Watson_Institute/programs/gs/news/portafricaconf04_02.html)

**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](mailto:crodrigue@chumal.cas.usf.edu)

<b>OTHER NEWS</b>
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❖ **CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

❖ <b>AEGIS</b>
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A thematic conference will be held in Lisbon (**25-27 September**) under the title **Changing Patterns of Politics in Africa**. The provisional programme anticipates panels on: Political structures and institutions; social actors in politics; social thinking in politics. A final programme will be circulated through the AEGIS network towards the end of February. 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>

❖ <b>NEW MEMBERS OF CAS</b>
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**Dr Chris Alden, Lecturer, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science.** Research: Political transitions; post-conflict reconstruction: South African foreign policy; role of external actions in African politics. •South Africa, Mozambique, Angola

**Professor Colin Bundy, Director and Principal, SOAS.** Research: Completing a biography on Govan Mbeki; member of a research group into the role of higher education in societal transformation (with case studies of South Africa, a Latin American and an E. European country). •South Africa

**Dr John Campbell, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology of Development, Department of Anthropology, SOAS.** Research: Development policy and projects, social and economic history of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the role of research methods in development research. •Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya

**Dr Tania Kaiser, Lecturer in Refugee Studies, SOAS.** Research: Humanitarian assistance to the displaced and others affected by conflict. The role of UNHCR and NGOs. Anthropological analysis of refugee situations including social dynamics, political activity and transformations, identity. •Uganda, Sudan, Guinea

**John Ryle, Research Associate (CAS).** John Ryle is Anthropology, Ecology and Africa Editor of the Times Literary Supplement and author of the Times Literary Supplement and author of 'Warriors of the White Nile' (1984), a popular ethnography on the Agar Dinka of South Sudan. He has worked as a social anthropologist in Sudan and Brazil and as a regional specialist in Africa for aid agencies and human rights organisations. He has been a research fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford (1996-97) and is a member of the Council of the Humanities Centre at the Central European University in Budapest. He is Chair of the Rift Valley Institute, an association of specialists in the countries of the Great African Rift Valley. With Bapiny Tim Chol, he directed 'The Price of Survival' (1994), a TV documentary about the civil war in Sudan. He is a contributor to the human rights handbook, 'Crimes of War' (1999), and author or co-author of numerous technical reports on relief and development. He writes frequently for newspapers and magazines in Britain and North America.

❖ <b>VISITING SCHOLAR TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES</b>
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(contactable through the Centre office)
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**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](http://www.acu.ac.uk)

❖ <b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>
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**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. **The closing date for applications for a choice of either the Autumn term (mid-September to mid-December) 2002 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April 2003) is 30 April 2002.**

**LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME**

The Leventis Foundation supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies (University of London) and colleagues in Nigerian universities. Successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, based at SOAS, for a period of three months. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, a 1000 word statement of current research interests and aims to be achieved during the research period in London. This programme is particularly suitable for younger academics, perhaps working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. **The deadline for the next round of applications is 1 May 2002.** Further information may be obtained from the CAS office.

❖ <b>VISITING ACADEMIC TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES</b>
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**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.

❖ <b>LINKS</b>
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The British Council Higher Education Link between Dr Oga S Abah (Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria) and Dr Frances Harding (Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa, SOAS) is in its third year. Dr Harding made an exchange visit in November and visits from ABU are anticipated

**Makerere University, Uganda:** Dr Harding and Mr Austin Bukenya, *Orality in Applied Performance: a Technique of Communication for Addressing Contemporary Social Issues*. This link focuses on how existing forms of oral performance can be used as the basis for Theatre for Development.

Mr Aaron Mushengezi made the first visit of this LINK exchange to the Africa Department in December 2001. Mr Mushengezi assisted in teaching, carried out research in post-colonial literature theories and presented a paper to the Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa (SOAS). In March, Kwadwo Osei-Nyame is to be the exchange visitor to Makerere University.

**Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone:** Dr Akin Oyetade and Mr Victor Fashole-Luke, *Washing as Killing, Language and the Culture of Violence in Sierra Leone*. This link focuses on how language in drama and everyday life has absorbed violent meanings during the conflict and how this can be redressed.

Mr Victor Fashole-Luke made the first visit of this LINK exchange to the Department in December 2001. Mr Fashole-Luke assisted in teaching, carried out research in language and violence, and presented a paper to the Department. Dr Akin Oyetade will make a return exchange visit to Fourah Bay College.

❖ <b>RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES</b>
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*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.

P Chabal with D Birmingham, J Forrest, M Newitt, G Seiberet and E Silva, *Lusophone Africa Since Independence: A History* (London/Indianapolis: Hurst/Indiana University Press, 2002)

C Alden, *Mozambique and the Construction of the New African State: From Negotiations to Nation Building* (Palgrave, 2001)

C Alden and K Hirano (eds), *Distant Mirror: Japan and South Africa in a Globalising World* (Ashgate, 2002)

D Simon, *Dilemmas of Development and the Environment in a Globalising World: Theory, Policy and Praxis* (Royal Holloway, Inaugural Lecture Series, 2001)

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

Leonard Cheshire International (LCI) is the international arm of Leonard Cheshire, the UK's leading independent sector provider of care and support for disabled people. LCI supports more than 250 services for disabled people and their families in over 50 countries outside the UK. All are autonomous and have been set up, and are managed, by local people. Activities include rehabilitation, outreach, employment training, day centres, education, residential care and independent living. Running costs are usually raised locally but LCI support with information, advice co-ordination, training and grants. The overall aim is to expand the choices available to disabled people, and to increase their freedom to decide how they wish to live their lives, so that they may take their rightful place in the community and society.

LCI's International Self Reliance Programme provides support to individuals quest for economic independence through a range of measures including micro-finance arrangements for small group business to grants to training and education establishments to make them accessible to disabled people.

In Africa Leonard Cheshire International works, and supports Cheshire services in the East and North Africana Region (Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda); the Southern African Region (Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe); and in the West African Region (Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone). LCI is interested in the possibility of working in other countries, particularly Mozambique.

Leonard Cheshire International can be contacted at 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4QD/tel: 020 7802 8200/e-mail: [international@london.leonard-cheshire.org.uk](mailto:international@london.leonard-cheshire.org.uk)

## ❖ MISCELLANEOUS

**Overseas Development Institute (new Working Papers).** Studies on Extension, Poverty and Vulnerability conducted under the auspices of Neuchâtel Group of donor organisations, an informal group established to consider options for support to agricultural extension. Available free of charge at [www.odi.org.uk/publications/working.html](http://www.odi.org.uk/publications/working.html).

**Call for Papers: Media in Africa.** There will be a special edition of the *Journal of African Cultural Studies* on 'Media in Africa'. Articles on any aspects of media in or about Africa should be sent to Dr Frances Harding, Department of the Languages and Cultures of Africa, SOAS. **Deadline 12 April.**

**HIV AIDS and African Children: Health Challenges and Education Possibilities** (an edited book) by Arvind Singhal and W Stephen Howard (Ohio University). Submissions are invited for an edited volume entitled 'HIV/AIDS and African Children: Health Challenges and Education Possibilities'. For substantive information contact Arvind Singhal/e-mail: [singhal@ohio.edu](mailto:singhal@ohio.edu) or W Stephen Howard/e-mail: [howard@ohio.edu](mailto:howard@ohio.edu).

**Sino–African Collaboration.** In November 2001 5 research fellows from the Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academic of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, visited the African Institute of South Africa, Pretoria to attend a methodological workshop on Sino-African Co-operation. This collaboration is part of a 4-year bilateral co-operative programme with ‘African Renaissance and China’s Role’ as its core. For further information contact the Deputy Director of CASS on [yanglh@isc./cass.net.cn](mailto:yanglh@isc./cass.net.cn)

**The Adrian Hasting Africa Scholarship** for the advancement and education of African students through doctoral studies in the School of Theology at the University of Leeds. This scholarship was recently established by the School of Theology and Religious Studies. Though only at the beginning of their efforts to raise funds, many of Adrian Hastings colleagues and friends have already contributed. For further information on the scholarship please contact [ahas@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:ahas@leeds.ac.uk) / [website: www.leeds.ac.uk/trs/hastings](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/trs/hastings)

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