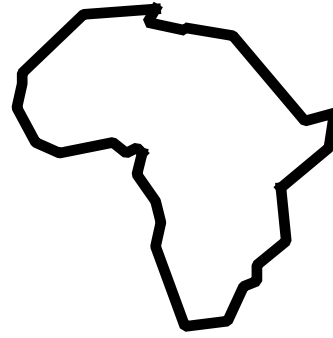


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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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

- **Wednesday 3 October:**

Tim Craddock (Head of Africa, Greater Horn DFID):

Making a Difference – British Aid in a Zone of Conflict.

Tim Craddock, former Ambassador to Estonia who has been in the FCO twenty years, is currently on a three year loan to DFID. He previously worked as acting Head of the Aid Policy Department in the then ODA.

- **Thursday 22 November:**

Mr Kuniyasu Kobayashi (Senior trade analyst attached to Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), currently assigned as JICA expert on trade promotion in Kenya) will be speaking on:

Japan/Africa Economic and Trade Relations (tbc)

- **Wednesday 28 November**

Roger Murray, (Freelance economic analyst and consultant specialising in Southern Africa especially Botswana and Namibia with particular reference to natural resources, transport, tourism and industry) will be speaking on:

Economic Prospects for Namibia and Botswana: small markets, big opportunities.

Roger Murray, for the EIU, authored the *Namibia Country Report* and the Botswana and Namibia sections of *Mining Annual Review* as well as the *Mineral Investment Handbook* for the Namibian Ministry of Mines.

If you would like to attend Africa Business Group meetings, or wish to be sent information about the ABG generally, please contact Jackie Collis in the Centre office.

Frantz Fanon: healing the psyche of the wretched (1 December) from **09.30–18.00** in the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (SOAS). The Centre of African Studies, in association with the Africa Centre (Covent Garden), are pleased to announce this one-day conference which will look at 'Fanon the Man'; 'Fanon and Psychoanalysis'; 'Fanon and Revolution'; 'Fanon and Culture'. Speakers will include academics, writers and cultural critics. For further information contact Stella Orakwue by e-mail: sorakwue@yahoo.com or Kwadwo Osei-Nyama on ko9@soas.ac.uk. Admission £5/students £2

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES
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v 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

- 3 October *Medicine murder in colonial Lesotho. The anatomy of moral crisis* by Professor Colin Murray (University of Manchester)
- 10 October *'Wie es eigentlich gewesen?'* *British abolitionist policy on the ground in West Africa, 1840-1867* by Silke Stickrodt (Stirling University)
- 17 October Project Paper: *History, representation and popular discourse. A case study of political events in Zanzibar from the 1950s to the present* by Angelica Baschiera (SOAS)
- 24 October *tbc* by Dr Marie Miran (SOAS)
- 31 October Project Paper: *Yohannis IV and the process of unification of the Ethiopian Empire in the second half of the 19th century* by Izabella Orolowska (SOAS)
- 7 November READING WEEK
- 14 November *Hot meetings and hard kraals: African biblewomen in Transvaal methodism, 1924-60* by Dr Deborah Gaitskell (SOAS)
- 21 November *Settling an Unsettled Land: 'squatters', veterans and the state in Zimbabwe* by Dr Jocelyn Alexander (Bristol University)
- 28 November *Traditional rulers, party politics and Obafemi Awolowo in Ijebu-Remo Nigeria, 1948-1966* by Dr Inse Nolte (Oxford and CWAS, Birmingham)
- 5 December **British Institute in Eastern Africa Annual Lecture**
Iron smelting soil Erosion and environmental change: recent archaeological research in central Tanzania by Dr Paul Lane (Director, BIEA, Nairobi)
- 12 December Departmental inter-regional seminar: title and speaker to be announced

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Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa is holding a series of seminars on **Thursdays** at **17.00 in Room FG01.**

- 18 October *Language in Senegal* by Dr Abdoulaye Barry (British Academy Visiting Fellow/University of St Louis, Senegal)

- 25 October *From martial display to political act: an examination of hegemony and policy in 'Durbar' performances in Nigeria and India* by Umar Buratai (Leventis Research Co-operation Programme Visiting Scholar, CAS/Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria)
- 1 November *Language use in Kabras conflict resolution: formal courts and the informal 'Omuse' in comparative perspective* by Vicky Khasandi (East African Visiting Scholar, CAS/Egerton University, Kenya)
- 8 November *Zanzibar and Mombasa compared: trends in the development of Islamic societies in East Africa* by Roman Loimeier and Ruediger Seesemann (University of Bayreuth)

Additional seminars (titles to be confirmed) will be held on 15, 22, 29 November and 6 December.

For further information contact Mrs Wangari Muoria-Sal, Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa/tel: 010 7898 4361/e-mail:wm@soas.ac.uk

Department of Anthropology and Sociology is holding a seminar series entitled **Contact and Comparison between Religions on Wednesdays at 15.00 in Room B202, Brunei Gallery**

- 10 October *The identity of the enemy in Islamic and Christian media in SW Nigeria* by Professor Karin Barber and Dr Paulo Farias (CWAS, Birmingham)
- 17 October Special Lecture: *Acculturation: an idea whose time has come* by Professor James W Fernandez (University of Chicago)*
- 24 October *Models of religion in medieval China* by Professor Tim Barrett (History of Study of Religions, SOAS)
- 31 October *Memory and motivation in religion: some causes and consequences of alternative modalities of transmission* by Dr Harvey Whitehouse (Queens University, Belfast)
- 7 November READING WEEK
- 14 November *Making an Islamic identity: the media and the Taliban, 2001* by Professor Richard Tapper, SOAS)
- 21 November *Inter-religious dialogue and the fear of the other* by Dr Cosimo Zene (Study of Religions, SOAS)
- 28 November *Portuguese Catholics and Sinhalese Buddhists in C.16 Sri Lanka* by Mr Alan Strathern (Trinity College, Oxford)
- 5 December *'Different but equal' or 'The same but better': changing Buddhist-Hindu relations in Nepal* by Dr David Gellner (Human Sciences, Brunel University)
- 12 December *Authenticity and identity: Shin Buddhism in Europe* by Dr Louelle Matsunaga (Anthropology, Oxford Brookes University)

*NB Professor Fernandez will be giving the Radcliffe-Brown Lecture in Social Anthropology at the British Academy on Thursday, 18 October at 17.30 Title: *The disease of language: is there any cure?*

Organiser: Professor J D Y Peel, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS/e-mail:jp2@soas.ac.uk. Enquiries to Departmental Office/tel 020 7898 4410

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) Seminar Series at 13.00 in Room E11, in Library (SOAS)

30 October *Information Infrastructure for Public Policy-making in Botswana* by Batlang Serema (School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, UCL)

Details of future lunchtime seminars will be posted on the SCOLMA website: www.soas.ac.uk/scolma/
Further information may be obtained from Dr Mandy Banton (Public Record Office/tel: 020 8392 5247/
e-mail: mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk)

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v At the **INSTITUTE OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES**, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS (tel: 020 7862 8844/fax: 020 7255 2160):

Multiculturalism and the State held on **Tuesdays** at **17.00** in the **Menzies Room**

23 October *Globalisation and linguistic diversity* by Jagdish Gundara (Institute of Education)

30 October *Black talk, white talk in Britain* by Roger Hewitt (Goldsmiths College) (NB. held in Room 21)

6 November *Language issues in Canada* by Itesh Sachdev (Birkbeck College)

20 November *tbc*

4 December *Language, Religion and Politics in Uganda* by Michael Twaddle (ICS)

For further information contact Michael Twaddle, Institute of Commonwealth Studies/tel: 020 7862 8839/
e-mail: mtwaddle@sas.ac.uk or Professor Jagdish Gundara, Institute of Education/tel: 020 7580 1122/
e-mail: henfield@ioc.ac.uk

Research Methods Seminar: This seminar for research fellows and students at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies will be held in Dr Twaddle's room (room 38) between 13.00 and 14.00 on alternate Mondays. The first meeting will be held on 22 October when Dr Linus Okerere will present a paper on *Foreign Policy and the Press in Nigeria: assessing newspapers in research sources*. Please contact Michael Twaddle/direct line: 020 7862 8839, if you wish to attend this series or present a paper.

The ICS also holds seminar on: **Caribbean Societies; Commonwealth History and Canadian Studies; Gender in Empire and Commonwealth; The Commonwealth, the Environment and Sustainable Development; Human Rights; Contemporary Global Issues**, and the **Modern Commonwealth**. For further information 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/)

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v 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**

- 12 October *Terrorism? Lessons from West Africa* by Paul Richards (Wageningen University)
- 19 October *Cathedrals and Marbles: cultural transmission and religious change among Baga in Guinée* by Ramon Sarró (St Anne's College, Oxford)
- 26 October *Curing or converting them?: a mission leprosarium in Sokoto* by Mukhtar Bunza (CAS Leventis Research Co-operation Fellow/Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto)
- 2 November *Post-War Reconstruction in Sierra Leone: what political structures may prove viable?* by Richard Fanthorpe (UCL)
- 9 November **READING WEEK**
- 16 November *Public Crossings: youth masquerade, Muslim carnival Bedu and Sakaraboutou in Bondoukou (Côte d'Ivoire)* by Karel Arnaut (University of Ghent)
- 23 November *The moral economy of small-scale gold-mining Northern Benin today* by Tilo Grätz (University of Halle)
- 30 November *Centralising power and changing territory: Mamprusi kingship* by Susan Drucker-Brown (University of Cambridge)
- 7 December *The Shari'a in Northern Nigeria and the politics of enforcement* by Murray Last (UCL)

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

- 10 October *Africa and foreign investment: how the world sees Africa* (Panel Talk) Peter Enti (Africa Desk, Standard Chartered Bank) and Justice Malala (London Correspondent, Sunday Times of South Africa) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (held jointly with the RCS)
- 17 October *The war in the Congo: conflict for natural resources* by Juliana Ruhfus (journalist) at 17.30 in the Assembly Hall (Room G2) SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 23 October *African wildlife and livelihoods: can community conservation work?* by Professor David Hulme (Professor of Development Studies, Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester: Director of the Chronic Poverty Research Centre and author of 'African Wildlife and Livelihoods: The Promise and Performance of Community of Conservation') at 18.00 in the Main School Lecture Theatre, SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 30 October *The role of soap operas on educational/community awareness in conflict situations* by Said Warsame (UNESCO Civil Education Project) at 18.00 in the Main School Lecture Theatre, SOAS (held jointly with CAS)

- 5 November *Conflict in Africa: what can the West do?* by Tom Porteus (Conflict Management Adviser for sub-Saharan Africa FCO) 13.00-14.00 at the Commonwealth Club (address on previous page) (held jointly with the RCS)
- 6 November *Life in Northern Uganda's protected villages* by Chris Dolan (Research and Policy Officer, Conflict, ACORD) at 17.30 in the Assembly Hall (Room G2) SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 12 November *Arts and cultural policy in Southern Africa: 1993 to the present* by Dr Robin Chandler (Chair, Department of Africa American Studies, Northeastern University, Boston; author of *Amazing Grace: an African American Sojourn in South Africa*) at 17.30 in the Assembly Hall (Room G2), SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 21 November *Do northern donors determine policy in NGOs?* (Panel Talk) by Dr Tina Wallace (Part-time Senior Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University) and Dr Neil Thin (Lecturer, School of Social and Political Studies, University of Edinburgh) at 17.30 at Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1 (held jointly with Chatham House)
- 22 November *A Search for Peace in Sudan* (Panel Talk) by Abdel Mahmoud Alkoronky (Sudan Embassy) and Deng Deng Yai (National Democratic Alliance) at 18.00 in the Main School Lecture Theatre, SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 26 November *Will the telecommunications revolution help Africa bridge the development gap?* by Miles Moreland (Chief Executive/Managing Director, Blakeney Management) at 13.00 at Chatham House (address above) (held jointly with Chatham House)
- 28 November *Hausa popular literature and video film* (a talk with video extracts) by Professor Graham Furniss (Professor of African Language Literature, SOAS) at 17.30 in the Assembly Hall (Room G2) SOAS (held jointly with CAS)
- 5 December *The Gathering Storm? After the war with Eritrea, Ethiopia has seen some of the worst social unrest for a decade. What lies behind it?* by Nita Bhalla (BBC Ethiopia Correspondent) at 17.30 in the Assembly Hall (Room G2) SOAS (held jointly with CAS)

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

<p>OCCASIONAL TALKS; SEMINARS; WORKSHOPS; SYMPOSIA; CONFERENCES; EVENTS</p>
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v LONDON

Zimbabwe: Which Way Forward? (22 October) at Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1. This one-day conference is being organised by the Chatham House Southern Africa Study Group and will address the political and economic prospects for Zimbabwe, the land issue and the international dimensions of the crisis and will include a substantial contingent of high-level speakers from Zimbabwe representing a wide cross-section of interests, allegiances and opinions. For further information contact Rosa Weeks by telephone on: 01273 678033/fax: 01273 673563/e-mail: r.l.weeks@sussex.ac.uk

African Visions In October, **Black History Month**, the Africa Centre will be celebrating the writing of four prize winning authors, Zakes Mda, Helon Habila, Ivan Vladislavic, Ama Ata Aidoo. **African Visions** will tour a number of literary festivals giving audiences the chance to experience the best of contemporary African literature. On **Monday 22 October** at **19.00** the tour arrives at The Africa Centre, 38 King Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8JT. For further information contact Bridget Keehan/Peter Jenkins on 020 7836 1973/e-mail: rts@afriacentre.org.uk

West African Ties As part of the celebrations of **Black History Month in October**, Wandsworth Museum (11 Garratt Lane, London SW18 4AQ) is mounting an exhibition from **2 October–2 December**. This exhibition will explore the relationship between West Africa and the local area across more than 300 years of history. African life before widespread European influence is illustrated by beautiful metalwork from the old Kingdom of Benin, including pieces from important national collections specially loaned to the Museum. The exhibition examines contemporary ties by using the views of local residents, personal items and artworks to give an impression of life in the area for modern West Africans. For further information tel: (020) 8871 7075/e-mail: museumeducational@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parallel Developments: History, Literature and the Nation (second workshop in ‘Narrating and Imaging the Nation’ Project) (**7–10 November**) at the Brunei Gallery (Room BG04/05), SOAS. The workshop (organised by the AHRB Centre for Asian and African Literatures, SOAS and UCL) intends to bring the different strands of nationalism into scrutiny: the politico-historical, the cultural, the ideological, and the literary. This is an interdisciplinary project, which aims to relate theoretical discourses about nationalism to both historical practices and political manifestations of nationalism on the one hand, and the literary narrating and imaging. For further information telephone: 020 7898 4277/e-mail: hrblit@soas.ac.uk/webpage: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/literatures/>

Cultural Diversity in Music Education (8–11 November) at SOAS and the Institute of Education. For further information contact Dr Keith Howard (SOAS) tel: 020 7898 4699/e-mail: kh@soas.ac.uk. Abstracts available on www.soas.ac.uk/CDIME

Rural-Urban Encounters: managing the environment of the peri-urban interface (The Development Planning Unit, University College London International Conference) (**9-10 November**). This one-and-a-half-day conference will draw together academics, practitioners, and donor agency representatives who are striving to integrate local environmental management, which has been traditionally separated into ‘urban’ and ‘rural’. The event aims to take stock of progress in what is a new field of investigation and action and to set directions for the future. It will seek to attach priorities to common issues, to give structure to what is currently ad hoc environmental management of the peri-urban interface, and to mark out the current limits in understanding the environmental problems and opportunities created when activities of the city and countryside meet. In short, the conference will bring together many of those currently engaged with the peri-urban interface in developing countries and explore what they are thinking and doing about it. For further information contact Patrick McAlpine, Conference Secretary, Development Planning Unit, University College London, 9 Endsleigh Gardens, London WC1H 0ED/tel: +44 (0)20 7388 7581/fax: +44 (0)20 7387/e-mail: p.mcalpine@ucl.ac.uk/website: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/dpu/pui/index/htm>

Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London. THE CREIGHTON LECTURE. Class, Culture and Consciousness: the experience of Black South Africans c.1870-1920 (12 November) by Professor Shula Marks (SOAS) at 17.30 in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London, London WC1E 7HU. For further information contact Dr Garreth Prosser (Institute of Historical Research) e-mail: mauviel@al.sas.ac.uk

Encounters between Western and Indigenous Medicine in South Africa, circa 1830-1950 (15 January 2002) at 17.30 by Professor Anne Digby (School of Humanities, Oxford Brookes University) in the Lecture Theatre, 2nd Floor, Euston House, 24 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1AD. For information on this and other meetings organised by The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine (UCL) contact Miss S M Bragg on tel: 020 7679 8103/e-mail: s.bragg@ucl.ac.uk

v **UK**

University of Cambridge. The Centre of African Studies runs a seminar series throughout the year. For further details please see www.african.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 334396.

University of Oxford. African Studies Seminars, St Antony's College at 17.00 beginning on **Thursday 11 October** with Muron Echenberg (McGill) speaking on *A Tale of Two Cities: Bubonic Plague in Alexandria and Cape Town in the Early Twentieth Century* followed by two extra seminars on **12 October**, one at 13.00 entitled *Peace-Making and Development Policy in the Eastern Cape* by Jeff Peires (Director, Eastern Cape Administration) and the other at 17.00 entitled *Higher Education in South Africa: Prospects and Problems* by Colin Bundy (Director and Principal, SOAS). For further information on these meetings and the series please contact Janet Pearson by telephone: 01865 274470/e-mail: janet-pearson@sant.ox.ac.uk

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

v **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 /website: www.asc.leidenuniv.nl.

Dutch-Ghanaian Relations: past and present (7 November). Conference organised by the Afrika Studiecentrum, (Leiden) with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University of Groningen. This conference on three centuries of Dutch-Ghanaian relations will be held in the Museon, Stadhouderslaan 41, The Hague, The Netherlands. For further information contact the Leids Congres Burea BV, Postbus 16065, 2301 GB Leiden/tel: +31 (0) 71-514 82 -3/fax +31 (0) 712-512 80 95/e-mail: info@leidscongresburea.nl

Religion and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa (28-30 November) a conference organised by the Institute of Social Studies in the Hague and University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. For further information tel: + (0)20 4652377/e-mail: vantil@fsw.leidenuniv.nl

Images of Africa in Europe (May 2002) 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

Call for Papers: Africa in the Context of North South Relations (9th Conference of Africanists) (21–23 May 2002) 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. **Deadline for abstracts 15 November 2001/for full papers 15 January 2002.** 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: in+ter@inafr.ru with a copy to vladimir.shubi@inafr.ru

Horn of Africa between History and Politics (25-27 May 2002) (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

The Governance of Daily Life in Africa. Public and Collective Services and their Users (22-25 May 2002). This 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>

Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations (4-7 July 2002) 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/ telephone +(7 812) 315 84 90/fax: +(7 812) 312 14 65/e-mail: invost@mail.convey.ru

Dreaming of Pictures (paintings by Jak Kararikawe Uganda) at Museum der Weltkulturen, Schaumainkai 29-37, 60594 Frankfurt a.M, Germany. For further information contact Dr Johanna Agthe on johanna.agthe@stadt-frankfurt.de

v AFRICA

4th African Conference on Psychotherapy (2-8 December) hosted by the University of Ibadan. For further information please contact Dr S E Idemudia by e-mail: sundayidemudia@yahoo.com

Call for Papers: Extended Workshop for Young Historians (15 April-15 May 2002) 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)

v USA

The New African Diaspora (9th Annual African Studies Consortium Workshop) (**26 October**) at the University of Pennsylvania. This workshop will focus on the growth of new African immigrant communities, especially North America, and will examine their experiences in relation both to their host communities and to their countries of origin. For further information contact Dr Paul J Kaiser on e-mail: pkaiser@sas.upenn.edu

Challenges to Health and Society in Africa (4 October-4 December). The Africa Health Group will be holding a series of meetings. For further information and to receive the ASC bulletin newsletter contact e-mail: africa@sas.upenn.edu

OTHER NEWS

v CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

v AEGIS

Patrick Chabal, AEGIS President writes:

'AEGIS held its Annual General Meeting on 26 May in Bayreuth. Following a year-long discussion, the Plenary adopted an AEGIS Policy Paper, outlining the network's general objectives and the specific aim it set for itself for the next five years. Although the Policy Paper confirms that AEGIS sees itself primarily as an 'enabling' organisation, bringing together those who are interested in African Studies and encouraging research or other joint activities, it outlines some important core activities – of which the most significant are:

1. Biennial European Conference on African Studies, to be held in rotation in the member countries;
2. Biennial Summer Schools (in both Europe and Africa) – that is advanced teaching and research meetings for post graduate students and junior faculty;
3. offer guidance and expertise towards the development of joint graduate teaching and research supervision in African Studies;
4. assist member centres to organise ad hoc methodological, theoretical or subject-based state-of-the-art workshops/conferences, and,
5. create and co-ordinate AEGIS Fellowships for African scholars (through bringing together existing Member Centre fellowship schemes into a joint programme), with the aim, eventually to seek funding for the establishment of an AEGIS Chair in African Studies – to be held in rotation for one year by a distinguished African scholar.'

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

v NEW MEMBER OF CAS

John Ryle (Research Associate, 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 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. John 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, John Ryle 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. Mr Ryle will be speaking to the Africa Business Group in February 2002.

v VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

(contactable through the Centre office)

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

Dr Mukhtar Bunza (Department of History, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria) is carrying out research on the study of Christian Missionary activities in the now defunct Sokoto province. Special attention will be given to the impact of the missionary activities as well as the Muslim-Christian relationship in the region, since the colonial period.

Mr Umar Buratai (Department of English and Drama, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria) is carrying out research on public spectating and political undertones in Durbar display. Mr Buratai is particularly interested in how local performance forms have historically addressed political issues.

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.

The following **East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme** scholars will be based at the Centre of African Studies (September to December):

Mrs Vicky Khasandi (Department of Languages and Linguistics, Egerton University, Nakuru, Kenya) is carrying out research on language use in Kabras conflict resolution: formal courts and the informal omuse in comparative perspective.

Dr Grace Wamue (Department of Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya). Whilst based at CAS Dr Wamue aims to establish a critical religio-political analysis of the Mungiki in order to throw light on this feared movement.

Ms Violet Wawire (Tutorial Fellow and Educational Researcher, Educational Foundations Department, Kenyatta University, Nairobi) (funded by the British Council, Kenya) is carrying out research on the participation of pastoral communities in educational initiatives: an evaluation of government primary boarding and mobile schools in the North Eastern Province of Kenya.

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.

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 is 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

<p>v VISITING ACADEMIC TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES (contactable through the Centre office)</p>
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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.

v LINKS

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.

Two further Links have now been established:

(a) **Makerere University, Uganda:** Dr Harding and Mr Austin Bukenya, *Orality in Applied Performance: a technique of communication for addressing contemporary social issues*. This link will focus on how existing forms of oral performance can be used as the basis for Theatre for Development.

(b) **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 will focus on how language in drama and every day life has absorbed violent meanings during the conflict and how the benign meanings might be reclaimed.

Over the year, there will be visitors from the universities to the Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa, SOAS, contributing to departmental teaching and carrying out their own research. Members of staff from the department will make exchange visits to the respective universities for teaching and research. Dr Kwadwo Osei-Nyame (African Literatures) will travel to Makerere University, and Dr Oyetade to Fourah Bay College. Dr Harding will visit Ahmadu Bello University.

v RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES
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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.

J Agthe and E Court, *Bilder su Traumen: Dreaming in Pictures Jak Karatikawe* (Museum der Weltkulturen: Frankfurt, Germany, September 2001)

W Beinart, S Dubow, D Gaitskell and Isabel Hofmeyr (eds), (Special Issue for Shula Marks) *Journal of Southern African Studies* (September 2001)

C. Sumata, *L'Economie Parallele de la RDC: Taux de change et dynamique de l'hyperinflation au Congo* (L'Harmattan: Paris, June, 2001)

<p>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.</p>

V MISCELLANEOUS

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