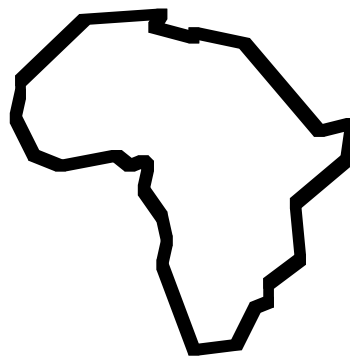


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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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❖ The **Africa Business Group**, run by the **Centre of African Studies** in association with *Africa Confidential*, has organised one meeting this term and hopes to arrange a further meeting in June

Tuesday 1 May

Andrew Manley, (Consultant and Writer). "Mining in West Africa: economic springboard or false dawn?. The past six years have been fast moving in West African mining circles. On one hand, the francophone Sahelian economies have been the subject of ever-growing interest in gold and associated minerals, resulting in deepening contact between: junior mining houses; South African majors; and national mining directorates, with a variety of political and economic knock-ons at national and regional level.

On the other, the collapsed and criminal economies of Sierra Leone, Liberia and, to an extent, Guinea, have seen the emergence of networks of operators capable simultaneously of presenting respectable investor profiles on the world's key mining bourses, and dealing with money-launderers, mercenaries and warlords on the spot. In the middle are the key downstream players, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, who face their own, largely energy-related problems where metallurgical value-added is concerned.

Rather than discuss the intricacies of heap-leach technology or how to decipher often completely meaningless shareholder announcements, this talk will aim to provide a politico-economic overview of what West African mining is currently about, and what is likely to happen in the next five years. It stems from the speaker's fascination with penny-share markets in Canadian juniors, but also from his eye-witness experience of mining operations in various parts of the region.

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.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES
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❖ 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**. (with the exception of 30 May) Short summaries of each paper will be available from the Departmental Office before the meetings.

- 25 April *Maternity and modernity in the Gold Coast, 1920s–1950s* by Dr Ann Hugon (Grenoble)
- 2 May Project Paper: *France, Africa and South Africa after 1944* by Ed Stanley (SOAS)
- 9 May "*This mysterious and intangible enemy*": *health and disease amongst the early UMCA missionaries, 1860–1918* by Dr Mike Jennings (Oxford)
- 16 May Project Paper: *Collaborators and quislings: African auxiliaries in the Rhodesian War* by Luke Wilkins (SOAS)
- 23 May Project Paper: *The rise of northern identity during Nigeria's nationalist epoch* by Mark Smith (SOAS)
- 30 May *Hard Times or Great Expectations?: African Studies in the 21st century* by Professor Colin Bundy (SOAS), in association with The Royal African Society and The Centre of African Studies to be held in the Main School Lecture Theatre.
- 6 June Project Paper: *A history of development in Mtwara-Lindi, Tanzania, since 1945* by Matteo Rizzo (SOAS)

Enquiries to Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the History Department, SOAS (tel: 020 7898 4610).

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

Societies of Southern Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries (three double meetings) on **Fridays** from **16.00 to 18.30** and one joint session with the **Labour History Seminar** from **17.00 until 18.30**

- 4 May *The History of the South African Intelligence Services* by James Sanders and William Gutteridge
- 18 May Roundtable discussion on *The future of comparative and transnational history* with James Campbell, Dal Lago, Donna Gabaccia, and Rick Halpern (from 17.00 to 18.30)
- 1 June *The 1949 Durban Riots* with Paru Raman (SOAS) by James Badcock (Cambridge)
- 15 June *Poverty, Inequality and Governance in Contemporary Johannesburg* with Jo Beall (LSE) and Sue Parnell (UCT)

Enquiries to Professor Shula Marks (SOAS) (tel: 020 8693 6611/e-mail: smarks10@aol.com)

The ICS also holds seminars including those dealing with **Gender in Empire and Commonwealth, Caribbean Societies, Commonwealth History, Commonwealth Studies, Human Rights, Multiculturalism and the State**. 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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❖ 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 at LSE) is **New Perspectives on Colonialism** from **17.00 to 19.00**. There will be 6 weekly meetings, starting on 8 May. Speakers include two distinguished Africanists, both of whom will be addressing African material in broader contexts.

8 May *Globalization with and without Empires: from Bali to Labrador* by A G Hopkins
Room G211 (Cambridge)

24 May *Colonial Peasantries in Africa, India and the Caribbean: political economy, moral economy, postcolonial consequences* by Ralph Ausen (Chicago)
Room S421

For further information contact Gareth Austin (LSE) g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk

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

9 May *Debt and Markets: What is the Trade Off?* Panel Debate including Paul Barbour (Debt Section, International Financial Institutions, DfID) and Kwesi Owusu (Jubilee Plus) from 18.00–19.30 (held jointly with RCS).

24 May *The Trauma of War and its Legacy: rebuilding civil society in Angola* by Anna Richardson (Department of International Relations, Cambridge: former freelance journalist in Luanda) at 13.00 (held jointly with Royal Institute of International Affairs)
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29 May *Masculinity and its Malcontents: the confrontation between 'struggle masculinity' and 'post-struggle masculinity' in South Africa (1993-1997)* by Dr Thokozani Xaba (Centre for Social and Development Studies, Durban) at 17.00 and held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (held jointly with CAS; Institute of Commonwealth Studies, and the International African Institute (ICS)

30 May *Hard Times or Great Expectations? African Studies in the 21st Century* by Professor Colin Bundy (Director, SOAS, University of London) at 17.00 in the Main School Lecture Theatre (held jointly with CAS)

Meetings held jointly with the Centre of African Studies will be at SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG; meetings held jointly with the Royal Commonwealth Society will be at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2; meetings held jointly with the Royal Institute of International Affairs will be at Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1; meetings held jointly with Institute of Commonwealth Studies will be at 27-28 Russell Square, London WC1.

Please confirm with RAS by telephone before attending meetings 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**

Princess Salme – Behind the Veil: The Life and Writings of Sayyida Salme, Writer and Teacher (1844-1924) (12 April–25 July) at Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, presented by the Princess Salme Institute. 'Behind the Veil' is an exhibition of the life and writings of Sayyida Salme, daughter of the first Omani Sultan of Zanzibar and gives a glimpse behind the veil of the rich cultural heritage of Zanzibar and the life of a pioneering woman, writer, and teacher. A collection of her personal possessions, writings and photographs, along with readings in English, Swahili and German brings to life the unique cultural and historical milieu in which she lived, and the achievements of this pioneering woman. Her ideas and commitment to appropriate health care, literacy and education, especially for women were visionary and ahead of her time. Admission free. For information about the Princess Salme Institute tel: 020 7240 0199/fax: 020 7836 4049/e-mail: sayyidasalme@hotmail.com or said.el-gheithy@virgin.net. For further information (recorded) tel: 020 7898 4046/fax: 020 7898 4949/e-mail: gallery@soas.ac.uk/website: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/gallery>

Rural Development and Food Security: towards a new agenda. For further information about this Overseas Development Institute series of meetings, being held on Wednesday lunchtimes from **9 May–11 July** at the Overseas Development Institute, please contact Peter Gee by e-mail: p.gee@odi.org.uk

Siyafunda: Partners in learning. Education in South Africa – 1994 and Beyond (9 May) from 09.30 to 17.15 (supported by Chevening) organised by the South Africa Education Group. c/o Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa, at Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1. Workshop themes include: HIV/AIDS and the impact on education; Curriculum 2005; Privatisation; Skills Development; Quality Reform in Schools/Anti-Racism; Gender Issues; Redesigning Schools; Globalisation; Teachers and Learning. For further information contact the Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa by tel: 020 7354 1462/fax: 020 7359 4875/e-mail: ccetsa@gn.apc.org/web: www.canoncollins.org.uk

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa, Annual Conference 2001 entitled **Officially Africa: libraries and government information on Africa (4 June)** at the Conference Centre, British Library, Euston Road, London. Final agenda on SCOLMA website: www.soas.ac.uk/scolma. For further information contact: David Blake, Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX.

Empowering the Powerless: Gender, Class and Race in Modern Missionary Initiatives (27 June) at The Institute of Commonwealth Studies, will focus on the history of Biblewomen, the 'native agency' of British working-class women or Asian and African female converts used in Christian mission from the 1860s through the 20th century. The aim is to explore the female inter-racial and cross-class interaction embodied in the deployment of Biblewomen, who were invariably trained and supervised by middle class, white, Western women. The diaries or reports which Biblewomen wrote are potentially a rich historical source in their own right. We hope to hear from scholars working on Biblewomen in Asia, Africa and Victorian Britain. Relevant paper proposals on other non-ordained, non-clergy mission agency, male or female, would be welcomed. Further details from Dr Lori Williamson (University of Wolverhampton), and Dr Deborah Gaitskell (ICS) (tel: 020 8444 9024/e-mail: 106215.610@compuserve.com).

Global Village or Global Image? Representing Diversity and Difference (24–27 July) organised by the British Film Institute and the Broadcasting Standards Commission. For further information contact susan.mains@bfi.org.uk/website: <http://www.bfi.org.uk>

❖ UK

Smuts Memorial Lectures : What's a Line: essays in Philosophy of Culture (8–11 May) by Professor V Y Mudimbe (author of the award winning *The Invention of Africa*, Duke University). Professor Mudimbe will present a series of four lectures on consecutive evenings commencing Tuesday 8 May. These lectures are being organised by the African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge. Venue: Mill Lane Lecture Rooms (room 6) Mill Lane, Cambridge. For further information tel: 01223 334396/e-mail: da211@cam.ac.uk

Researching Africa Day (12 May) at St Antony's College, Oxford, will bring together postgraduate and other researchers from a wide range of disciplines who have recent experience of field and archive work in Africa. For further information contact Chris Morton or Lotte Hughes at St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF/e-mail: christopher.morton@sant.ox.ac.uk or lotte.hughes@sant.ox.ac.uk. To register contact Janet Pearson, on tel: 01865 274477/e-mail: janet.pearson@sant.ox.ac.uk

For information on St Antony's College Trinity Term African Studies Seminars please contact Janet Pearson (as above).

For information about African Studies Lectures and Research Seminars held at The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies contact Ben Knighton, Registrar and Research Tutor, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies by tel: +44 01865 556 071 X207/fax: +44 01865 510 823/e-mail: BKnighton@ocms.ac.uk/website: <http://www.ocms.ac.uk>

Africa's Young Majority: Meanings, Victims, Actors (23 –24 May) is being organised by the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh. This conference will address three principal issues: (i) how the Dear meanings of youth itself have shifted over time; (ii) the impact of Africa's contemporary malaise upon the young and (iii) the role of the youth in shaping national debates and giving expression to new ways of seeing. For further information contact Dr Paul Nugent or Dr P King at Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh (+44 (0)131 650 3878/fax: +44 (0)131 650 6535/e-mail: Paul.Nugent@ed.ac.uk /P.King@ed.ac.uk).

Chieftaincy in Africa (9 June). Workshop to be held in the Dahrendorf Room, St Antony's College, Oxford. For further information contact Janet Pearson (as above)

Mary Kingsley Lecture: Masculinity and its Malcontents: the confrontation between 'struggle masculinity' and 'post-struggle masculinity' in South Africa (1993-1997) (23 May) by Dr Thokozania Xaba of the Centre for Social and Development Studies, Durban will be held in the Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower, George Square, University of Edinburgh. For further information contact Pravina King tel: 0131 650 3878/e-mail: P.king@ed.ac.uk

The Annual Britain Zimbabwe Society Research Day (16 June) at St Antony's College, Oxford. The topic, 'Developing Zimbabwe?' can be broadly interpreted to include critiques of development ideologies, media coverage of 'development', and historical perspectives, as well as development projects and studies of development projects themselves. The organisers would like to hear from anyone interested in contributing a presentation, whether new researchers just starting out on a project; existing researchers who want to share ideas in progress; or those who are reaching the end of a project. There is no funding to assist people to attend the day nonetheless the organisers are interested in hearing about research projects from people who cannot attend but who would like to share details of their work with others. For further information contact Diana Jeater on diana.jeater@uwe.ac.uk

Call for Papers: Human Rights in Africa in the New Millennium (14 – 16 September) at University of Central Lancashire, is being organised by the African Studies Unit, University of Central Lancashire in association with ASAUK, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Review of African Political Economy. For further information contact: Liz Kelly, Business Services, Livesey House, University of Central Lancashire, Preston PR1 2HE, UK/tel: 00 (44) 1772 892256/fax: 00 (44) 1772 892938/
e-mail: ejkelly@uclan.ac.uk/website: http://222.uclan.ac.uk/business_services/conf/index.htm

❖ **AFRICA**

Second International Conference and Exhibition on Traditional Medicine in Ghana (20–21 July) (hosted by the Ministry of Ghana, and Africa First LLC) on the theme 'Integrating Traditional Medicine into Orthodox Medicine'. Practitioners and students wishing to present papers are encouraged to submit abstracts having direct bearing on the theme of the conference to Africa First LLC not later than 15 May. For further information contact e-mail: africafirst@yahoo.com

Survival of a People: Towards a History of the Family and Intergenerational Relations in Tanzania in June (date to be confirmed) at Department of History, University of Dar-es-Salaam. For further information e-mail: history@udsm.ac.tz

The Urban Experience in Eastern Africa, 18th Century to the 1980s (2–4 July) organised by The British Institute in Eastern Africa at the Milimani Hotel, Nairobi. Historians, archaeologists, geographers and sociologists will be attending from Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Europe, the USA and Japan. Keynote address will be given by Dr John Lonsdale (Trinity College, Cambridge) on Kenya's colonial urban past, Professor John McCracken (University of Stirling) on the urban history of Malawi, and Professor Atieno Odhiambo (Rice University) on future directions in urban historical research in the region. Other speakers include Dr Felix Chami, Professor Abdul Sheriff, Dr Uoldelul Chelati, Professor Robert Ubudho and Professor James Giblin. Themes to be addressed in the course of the workshop include pre-colonial urban centres, urban ethnicity and identity, crime and violence as an urban phenomenon, colonial and post-colonial urban planning and policy, and urbanisation and social change. There will also be a panel devoted to the colonial history of the host city, Nairobi. For further information contact Dr Andrew Burton, British Institute in Eastern Africa, Box 30710, Nairobi, Kenya/e-mail: arb@insightkenya.com

GRADUATE STUDENTSHIP SCHEME:

The British Institute in Eastern Africa exists for research into the later archaeology, history, languages and cultures of Eastern Africa. Each year the Institute arranges attachments for a limited number of recent graduates, who have good degrees and are interested in familiarising themselves with current research in the region. Preference is normally given to applicants from British and Eastern African universities. However, suitably qualified graduates from other countries may also apply.

These attachments normally run for periods of between three and six months. Those selected participate in one or more of the Institute's projects, under the supervision of the Director, the Assistant Director or a project director. These range from archaeological surveys and excavations to oral-historical fieldwork, and may sometimes extend to archival research or the collection of linguistic, ethnographic and/or demographic data. Opportunities may be provided for some independent work to enable students to gain additional experience to select subjects for subsequent thesis research.

For those selected from outside the region the Institute usually provides a return air-fare and basic medical insurance and covers subsistence at the Institute's Nairobi base and in the field. Interested applicants – whether recently graduated, or expecting to graduate in 2001 – should write to the Director (enclosing a cv and the names of referees) at either BIEA, PO Box 30710, Nairobi, Kenya/BIEA London Office, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH. (preferably by 30 April 2001, although later applications are sometimes considered). Preliminary selection is undertaken during May and June, and offers are made after university finals results are announced. For more informal enquiries, contact the Director (Dr Paul Lane) via e-mail at: pjlane@insightkenya.com.

❖ **EUROPE**

Actors of Violence, Actors of Reconciliation (15–16 June) to be held in Cortona (Toscana). This conference, on the theme of ethnic violence, is being organised by The Feltrinelli Foundation, the University of Turin, and the Istituto Universitario Orientale of Naples. For further information contact Alessandro Triulzi on a.triulzi@agora.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. Convened by The Academic Council on Problems of African Countries and the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences. Some of the major themes will be: the whole and intertwined world: causes and prospects of internal differentiation; Africa in a contemporary system of world order; problems of 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; etc. Deadline for abstracts 15 November 2001; deadline for full papers 15 January 2002. A collection of abstracts is to 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

Invitation and Call for Papers: Text in context: African languages between orality and scriptuality (18–20 October) to be held at the University of Zurich, Switzerland and organised by the Swiss Society of African Studies and the Section of African Languages, Department of General Linguistics, University of Zurich. General themes: the role of African languages in Modern African societies and African orality and African language writing in the computer age. For further information e-mail: afrosympo@access.unizh.ch/fax: 00 41 1 634'43'47/symposium news online: <http://www.unizh.ch/spw>

African Urban Economies: Viability, Vitality or Vitiating of Major Cities in East and Southern Africa? (9–11 November). Workshop to be held at the Afrika-Studiecentrum, Leiden University, The Netherlands. Convenors Deborah Bryceson and Deborah Potts. For further information e-mail: bryceson&rulfs@fsw.leidenuniv.nl or dp6@soas.ac.uk

OTHER NEWS

❖ **CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

❖ CAS ADMINISTERED SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Leventis Research Co-operation Programme:

The **Leventis Foundation** supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies in London and colleagues in Nigerian universities. The successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, 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. Further information may be obtained from the Centre office.

East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme

The Centre of African Studies administers the **East African Visiting Scholarship** scheme which 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 please contact the Centre office.

❖ **RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

A E Coombes, A Brah (eds), **Hybridity and its Discontents: Politics, Science, Culture** (Routledge: London and New York 2000)

P Chabal, D Birmingham, J Forrest, M Newitt, G Seibert, E S Andrade, **A History of PostColonial Lusophone Africa** (Hurst & Co: London 2000)

B Fine, C Lapavitsas, J Pincus (eds) **Development Policy in the Twenty-First Century: Beyond the Post-Washington Consensus** (Routledge: London 2001)

D Potts, S Marks (eds) **Fertility in Southern Africa** (Special Issue of *Journal of Southern African Studie* 27 (2) 2001)

We would like to include listings of recent books authored and edited by Centre members as a regular feature of 'African News'. This will help the us all to know what our fellow Centre members are doing as well as giving some welcome publicity to our work. Please give Jackie Collis (CAS) details of books you have authored or edited that will be published close to the deadline for the next newsletter.

❖ **MISCELLANEOUS**

AHRB Centre for Asian and African Literatures (SOAS) . For information about workshops, seminars or public lecture series, visit website: <http://.soas.ac.uk/literatures/> or contact The Centre of Asian and African Literatures, SOAS/e-mail: ahrblit@soas.ac.uk/tel: +44 (0)20 7898 4266/4267/fax: +44 (0)20 7898 4239.

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