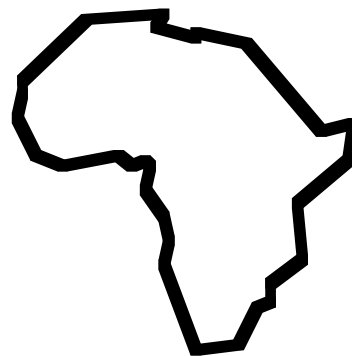


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❖ The **Africa Business Group**, run by the **Centre of African Studies** in association with *Africa Confidential*, is holding one meeting (with the possibility of a second) this term:

Wednesday 21 March

Dr Mel McNulty, (Africa Research Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office). "A vile scramble for loot": security, profit and the prospects for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The longevity of the second Congolese war (August 1998 to the present) has brought into sharp relief the motives, declared and undeclared, of its belligerents. This talk will consider the evolution of the conflict in light of these motives, and the prospects for its resolution while key actors compete for profit and strategic advantage.

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

❖ **Tuesday 23 January: The Africa Educational Trust**, in co-operation with **The Centre of African Studies**, is organising the third **Michael Scott Memorial Lecture** which will be delivered by **Mr Peter Hain MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs**, at the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (SOAS).

AET was established as a charity to help with the education and development of Africa in 1958. The lectures are given in memory of the Rev Michael Scott, one of the founders of the Trust. The Trust supports educational projects in Africa, particularly in areas of conflict such as Somalia and Southern Sudan. It also provides advice and information services for refugees and African students studying in the UK.

For further information contact Jill Landymore on tel: 020 7836 5075 or 7940/e-mail: aet@mcmail.com

❖ **Saturday 17 March:** (to be confirmed) **The Department of Art and Archaeology (SOAS)** and the **Institute of Archaeology, (UCL)** in association with **The Centre of African Studies**, is organising a workshop entitled **Safeguarding Africa's Past: problems with cultural resource management, legislation and the portable antiquities trade in Africa**. The progressive infra-structural development of the African continent, allied to a burgeoning awareness of its archaeological heritage are linked dynamics, yet are also potentially at odds. Whilst commitment to the former is understandably relentless, protection and conservation of Africa's cultural heritage (*sensu lato*) is inevitably compromised. Appropriate development strategies on the continent must incorporate both goals, recognising that "A nation without a past is a nation without a future". This workshop intends to highlight key and immediate concerns that confront cultural heritage management in Africa, whilst also proposing progressive measures by which resources can be effectively protected within the development requirements. For further information about this workshop please contact Dr Niall Finneran on tel: 020 7898 4462/e-mail: nf16@soas.ac.uk.

❖ **Thursday 5 April:** The Britain Tanzania Society in association with **The Centre of African Studies** is organising a meeting entitled **Women's Rights and Women's Progress in Tanzania** to be held in **Rooms B202 and B212**, Brunei Gallery, SOAS. Speakers include: Elly Macha (Ms Macha is a visually impaired Tanzanian woman who, after studying IT at University of Manchester, is working on a PhD thesis on 'The extent that culture, colonial influence and the social status of disability in a patriarchal society limits the access of visually impaired women to education'. This study focuses on the Wagogo tribe in the Dodoma region of central Tanzania), and Maura Raffety (former lecturer at Goldsmiths College, and volunteer worker with the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) supported by the Agency for Personal Service Overseas. Additional speakers to be confirmed nearer the date. For further information contact Roy Galbraith on roygala@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**. Short summaries of each paper will be available from the Departmental Office before the meetings.

- 10 January *The rise of religious sectarian politics in Uganda 1952-62, and its implications for Uganda's subsequent political life* by Dr Kevin Ward (University of Leeds)
- 17 January *Reflections on African historiography in the 1960s* by Esperanza Garica (SOAS)
- 24 January *The historiography of Swahili War Poetry on the German conquest of East Africa* by Arturo Saavedra (SOAS)
- 31 January *Lij Iyasu, Ras Tafari and the periphery, c.1911-16* by Dr Cedric Barnes (Trinity College, University of Cambridge)
- 7 February INAUGURAL LECTURE: BRUNEI GALLERY LECTURE THEATRE
Eyes Wide Shut: British Colonial Officials and the Burmese cultivator by Professor Ian Brown (SOAS)
- 14 February READING WEEK
- 21 February *Mobilizing the Gospel: itinerant preachers, traders and plantation workers in West Cameroon, c.1920s-50s* by Guy Thomas (SOAS)
- 28 February *Sexual behaviour and demographic crisis in inter-lacustrine Africa, 1860-1980* by Dr Shane Doyle (Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge)

- 7 March *Flax Musopole, Thomas Karua and the ambiguities of Malawian nationalism* by Professor John McCracken (University of Stirling)
- 14 March *Mascarene slave traders and labour migration in the Indian Ocean in the 19th and 20th centuries* by Professor Richard Allen (Framingham State College, MA, USA)
- 21 March *The Image of African Children, public opinion, and the History of Humanitarian Aid: the legacy of the Conference of the African Child, 1931, Save the Children International Union, and the invention of Ethiopia* by Dr Dominique Marshall (Carleton University, Canada)

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

Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa (held in association with The Centre of African Studies) on **Thursdays at 17.00 in Room G58**

- 1 February *Africa Does Not Exist: Mudibe's contentious strategies of universalism* by Wim van Binsbergen (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)
- 22 February *Title to be announced* by Kai Kresse (SOAS)
- 15 March *Reading Mudibe as a Historian* by Louis Brenner (SOAS)
- 22 March *Title to be announced* by Neil Lazarus (University of Warwick)

For further information contact Professor Louis Brenner on tel: 020 7898 4365/e-mail: lb2@soas.ac.uk

Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Capitalism: Seattle, Rwanda and Us held on **Mondays at 17.00 in Room G3**

- 15 January *Policy Uses of Science in the GMO Issue: enlightenment cul-de-sac?* by Brian Wynne (Lancaster University)
- 22 January *Equality, Capitalism and the Third Way* by Alex Callinicos (York University)
- 29 January *Marketing Education in Britain* by Sandy Nicoll (SOAS)
- 5 February *Open Borders: the case against immigration controls* by Teresa Hayter (activist and writer)
- 12 February READING WEEK
- 19 February *Corruption in the European Union* by Cris Shore (Goldsmiths College London)
- 26 February *Sex, Marriage and Industry in a Central Indian Steeltown* by Jonny Parry (LSE)
- 5 March *International Media Coverage of the Conflict in Rwanda and Eastern Congo-Zaire, 1994-1997* by Johan Potter (SOAS)
- 12 March *Farewell to Peasantry* by Henry Bernstein (SOAS)
- 19 March *Global Anti-Capitalist Resistance: 2000, An Amazing Year* by John Carlton (University of Leeds)

Organiser: Dr Nancy Lindisfarne Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS (e-mail: nl3@soas.ac.uk). Enquiries to Departmental Office (tel: 020 7898 4410).

Geography Staff/Postgraduate Research Seminars held on **Tuesdays at 16.00 in Room G58**

- 6 February *The Plot at Risk* by Dr Richard Wiltshire (SOAS)
- 13 February READING WEEK
- 20 February *Modern versus Traditional Farming Systems: a reassessment of agricultural risk minimisation fro Ranchi District, Bihar* by Dr Sara Jewitt (SOAS)
- 27 February *Risk and Uncertainty in Urban Cultivation in Africa: opportunistic responses evaluated* by Dr Tanya Bowyer-Bower (SOAS)
- Knowing Your Limits: perspectives on environmental management by West African smallholders* by Dr Kathy Baker (SOAS)
- 6 March Additional speakers to be advised
- 13 March Review of the submitted 'Risk' papers. An opportunity to discuss ideas of general significance to the project which have emerged during the seminar series. Contributors will be invited to revise their drafts by the end of June 2001. The possibility of including additional invited material will also be discussed.

For further information contact Professor Tony Allan on e-mail: tal@soas.ac.uk, or telephone the Department of Geography on 020 7898 4560.

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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) in the **Menzies Room** on **Fridays from 16.00 to 18.30**

- 9 February ***The legacy of apartheid in the post-apartheid Eastern Cape:***
Luvuyo Wotshela (Oxford)
Land occupations, land reform and community politics in the Eastern Cape
Hugh Macmillan
The legacy of apartheid institutions: the case of the University of Transkei
- 23 February ***Colonialism, science, conservation: a group seminar with:***
Helen Tilley (Oxford)
Colonial science, ecology and Lord Hailey's African Survey;
Dan Gilfoyle (Oxford)
Veterinary science and state intervention in the late nineteenth century Cape;
Karen Brown (Oxford)
Progressivism, the state and conservation in the early twentieth centuryCape
Dawn Nell (Oxford)
Science, the state, and game farming in South Africa.
- 9 March ***Zulu nationalist writings in the first half of the 20th Century***
Heather Hughes (University of Natal) and Esther Sangweni (University of Zululand)
The written works of John Langalibalele Dube. Second paper to be announced

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

Gender in Empire and Commonwealth on Thursdays at 17.00. One of the four seminars to be held will be of interest to Africanists.

1 February *Gender in Yoruba Religious Change* by Professor J D Y Peel (SOAS)

Enquiries to Dr Deborah Gaitskell (tel: 020 8444 9024/e-mail: 106215.610@compuserve.com)

The ICS also holds seminars including those dealing with **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 **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**, Department of Anthropology, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7JH (tel: 020 7387 7050)

West Africa Seminar in the **Anthropology Laboratory** on **Fridays** at **16.30**.

19 January *Twilight institutions and local politics in Zinder* by Christian Lund (Roskilde University, Denmark)

26 January *Modernity, legitimacy and crisis in contemporary Togolese politics* by Kate Collier (Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham)

2 February *Farmers, hunters and Fulbe pastoralists in northern Côte d'Ivoire* by Youssouf Diallo (Max Planck Institute, University of Halle, Germany)

9 February *Africans in 18th century Ireland: blumen, and blackamoor* by Bill Hart (University of Ulster)

16 February READING WEEK

23 February *Negotiating identity in the francophone West African novel* by Jonathan Carr-West (UCL)

2 March *The globalisation of grievance: discourse politics and the Ogoni movement* by Aaron Padilla (University of Cambridge)

9 March *Nutrition and chronic deprivation in north-eastern Ghana ca. 1930-2000* by Jerome Destombes (LSE)

16 March *Traditional councils in Asante* by George Stroup (University of Oxford)

Enquiries or suggestions to Professor Philip Burnham (UCL) on tel: 020 7679 2453/e-mail: p.burnham@ucl.ac.uk

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

- 10 January *The Turbulent Transition: the 2000 General Elections in Zanzibar* by Greg Cameron (formerly with Co-operative Movement, Zanzibar (1988-1996) now PhD candidate at SOAS) at 17.30 in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 18 January *Petrol-Diamond Capitalism in Angola* by Tony Hodges (author of a new book on Angola) at 17.30 in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 23 January *Living on the Edge: urbanisation in the Commonwealth* by Dr Elizabeth Warhan (Department for International Development) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)
- 24 January *The Power of African Culture – From the Written Word to Visual Art* by Veronique Tadjo (writer, illustrator and painter from Côte d'Ivoire) at 17.30 in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 29 January *Sierra Leone: does peace have a chance?* by Patrick Smith (Editor, 'Africa Confidential') at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)
- 31 January *Medicine and Therapy in Central Africa* by Dr Christopher Davis (Lecturer, SOAS, and author of 'Medicine and Therapy in Zaire') at 17.30 in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 8 February *Chinua Achebe and the Establishment of African Literature* by Professor Douglas Killam (author of studies on both Achebe and Ngugi: also of 'The Companion to African Literatures') at 17.30 in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 21 February *Rising to the Challenge: youth and AIDS in the Commonwealth* (speakers details available later) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)
- 28 February *Going Beyond the Crossroads: the experiences of the Kenya Scenarios Project* by Arthur Muliro (Director, Organizational Development, Society for International Development, Rome) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)
- 15 March *History from an African Perspective: the making of a radio programme* by David Stead and Bola Olofunwe (Senior Producers BBC) at 17.30 in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS). For information about the BBC radio series see www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/thestoryofafrica
- 21 March *Democracy and Development in Africa* by Professor Richard Sandbrook (Professor of Political Science, and formerly Director of Development Studies, University of Toronto, author of 'Closing the Circle: democratization and development in Africa' (on the occasion of its publication)) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS). To be confirmed.
- 11 April *The New ACP-EU Convention and its Implications for Development in the Commonwealth* by Obed Malifa (Principal Planning Economist, African Development Bank, author of 'Europe and African Economic Reform') at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)
- 26 April *Education in the Commonwealth: redressing the gender gap* by Professor Angela Thody (University of Lincolnshire and Humberside) at 18.00 at the Commonwealth Club (organised jointly by RCS and the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management)

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

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

The Legal Deterrent to Coups, (16–17 January) (beginning at 09.20) at Council Chamber of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B. This conference is being organised by The School of Law, King's College London, and supported by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and the Commonwealth Legal Education Association. The aim of this conference is to bring together a number of experts to explore the phenomenon of coups from a proactive perspective with a view to bringing the cycle of coups to an end.

For further information or to confirm attendance contact Dr Tunde Ogowewo on tel: 020 7848 2265/e-mail: tunde.ogowewo@kcl.ac.uk

Financing for Development: can the UN square the circle? Over the next four months the Overseas Development Institute will be holding a series of fortnightly late afternoon discussion meetings to prepare for the UN High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. The first meeting of the series will be held on **17 January** with the theme, **Financing for Development: Can the UN square the circle? An overview of the Agenda**. Speakers: Tony Faint, DfID and Benu Schneider, ODI. For further information contact e-mail: t.o'neil@odi.org.uk

Mozambique: One Year After the Floods (5 March) 10.00 to 20.00 at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2. A day on Mozambique's recovery from last year's devastating floods. Activities include talks (one by Dr Joseph Hanlon on lessons to be learned from The Great Flood), discussions, and a photographic exhibition. Organised jointly by The Royal Commonwealth Society, the Britain Mozambique Society, James Currey Publishers and The Royal African Society. For further information contact The Royal African Society on tel: 020 7898 4390/e-mail: ras@soas.ac.uk

International Women's Day (8 March) 09.00 to 16.00 at the Commonwealth Club (address above). The event is to celebrate International Women's Day and to launch the Professional African Women Support Group. Organised jointly by The Royal Commonwealth Society and Akina Mama wa Afrika. The day will review the achievements, challenges and prospects facing African professional women. For further information contact Sarah Mukasa on tel: 020 7713 5166.

Engaging with Law in Africa (9 March) is a one-day workshop being organised by the **African Studies Association of the UK** in association with the **Law Department (SOAS)**. Registration is from 9.30 to 10.00 and the event is being held in Room 116 (SOAS). For further information about the workshop please contact the organiser, Dr Anne Griffiths (Edinburgh University) on e-mail: A.Griffiths@ed.ac.uk. For registration information please contact the Honorary Secretary (ASAUK) on asa@soas.ac.uk or telephone 020 7898 4390.

Empowering the Powerless: Gender, Class and Race in Modern Missionary Initiatives (27 June) at Institute of Commonwealth Studies. This day will focus particularly 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).

❖ **UK**

The **African Studies Centre (University of Cambridge)** holds a regular research seminar series in the Committee Room, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. For further information contact Dorian Addison on e-mail: da211@cam.ac.uk/website: www.african.cam.ac.uk

The **Centre of African Studies (University of Liverpool)** will be holding a seminar series this term. For further information contact Dr Ola Uduku on e-mail: N.O.Uduku@liverpool.ac.uk

St Antony's College (University of Oxford) will be holding an African Studies Seminar series on **Thursdays at 5.00pm**, with the meeting on 1 February being given by Dr Khalid Koser, Department of Geography, University College London) and entitled **New African Diasporas**. For further information contact Professor William Beinart on 01865 284730/e-mail: william.beinart@sant.ox.ac.uk or Janet Pearson on 01865 274477/e-mail: janet.pearson@sant.ox.ac.uk

Chieftancy in West Africa (2 February) at Seminar Room, Centre for West African Studies (CWAS), University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT. For further information contact Insa Nolte e-mail: Insa.Nolte@excite.co.uk

Access to Resources: Land Tenure and Governance in Africa (5 March) at Chancellors Conference Centre, University of Manchester. This one-day workshop is being organised by The Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester with funding from ESRC to DESTIN, London School of Economics and Political Science. For further information contact Debra Whitehead on tel: 0161 275 2800/e-mail: debra.whitehead@man.ac.uk

Development Policy in Africa: public and private perspectives on (30–31 March) at Keble College, Oxford. This conference is being organised by The Centre for the Study of African Economies at The University of Oxford. Further information will be found on <http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk> as it becomes available.

The Global Constitution of 'Failed States': the consequences of a new imperialism? (18–20 April) at University of Sussex, Brighton. Organised by the British Studies Association, International Relations and Global Development Working Group and sponsored by the *Review of International Political Economy*. Famine in Ethiopia; fundamentalist rule in Afghanistan; narco-anarchy in Colombia; genocidal war in Rwanda; inter-religious conflict in Indonesia; ethnic violence in Sri Lanka; diamond-fueled implosion in Sierra Leone; democratic collapse in Algeria.....The representation of post-colonial states as 'failed states' is growing apace in the aftermath of the end of the Cold War. Where superpower alignments may have deterred the use of such a label to describe convenient ideological allies, the end of the Cold War has given licence to this vocabulary and analysis. For further information contact: Alison Ayers, Centre for Culture, Development and Environment, Arts C, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9SJ/e-mail: AJAyers@aol.com

CALL FOR SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS. Researching Africa Day (12 May 2001) at St Antony's College, Oxford. The Researching Africa Day at St Antony's brings together postgraduate and other researchers from a wide range of disciplines who have recent experience of field and archive work in Africa. Several sessions of short (c. 10 minute) papers grouped into various themes are planned. The workshop is multidisciplinary and will therefore cover a large number of issues common to all

researchers whatever their field of research. It will be of particular interest to those preparing to undertake fieldwork in Africa in the near future, as well as more experienced researchers. If you are interested in presenting a paper, or attending the workshop, please contact Chirs 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

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).

❖ AFRICA

International Colloquium on Gender, Population and Development in Africa, (12 -17 February) in Abidjan. The following sessions are under preparation: Gender and development: theories and implementation of development concepts; new methodological approaches; unequal rights, unequal citizens; economic activity and gender relations; gender, migration and urbanisation; persisting inequalities in education; health systems and gender systems; matrimonial practices and gender relations; family structures; procreation and gender. For further information contact Dr Cornelia E Nauen, Senior Scientific Officer, Research Directorate General (DG RTD), European Commission, 8 Square de Meeûs, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium (tel: +32 2 299.25.73/fax: +32-2-296.62..52/e-mail: cornelia.nauen@cec.eu.int.

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

Re-envisioning Africa: Multidisciplinary Perspectives in African Studies (30 March-1 April) at University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. For further information contact Afro6community@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 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

The African Studies Centre, Leiden, Netherlands, will be holding afternoon seminars during January and February. For further information about **Africa's Potential (Thursday 18 January)** **An African Anthropologist Looks at Europe: the German obsession with dogs (25 January)** and **ICT and Intercultural Philosophy: an African exploration (15 February)** contact the African Studies Centre secretariat on +071 5273372/3376/e-mail: asc@fsc.leidenuniv.nl/website: asc.leidenuniv.nl

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

❖ USA

Linguistic Reconstruction and Comparison in Africa (23–25 March) at University of California, Berkeley. For further information contact Professor Larry Human, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, USA.

Technology and Development in Africa (28–25 April) at Center for African Studies and College of Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. For further information contact Center for African Studies, 210 International Studies Building, 910 S Fifth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820, USA/e-mail: african@uiuc.edu

Contemporary Development Issues in Ethiopia, (2–4 August) at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. For further information contact africa@sas.upenn.edu

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art (Washington DC) collects contemporary African arts and is the only museum with permanent gallery space devoted to showcasing contemporary art from Africa. The museum features a world renowned collection of traditional art as well as a growing collection of more recent works. For a complete schedule of events relating to contemporary African art, call +202 357 4600, ext 222/webpage: www.si.edu/nmafa

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. The deadline for applications is **1 May**. 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. The closing date for applications for a choice of either the **Autumn term (mid-September – mid-December) 2001** or the **Spring term (mid-January – mid-April) 2002** is **30 April 2001**

British Council East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme (Kenya)

The British Council (Kenya) has agreed to fund a further scholar under the East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme. We look forward to receiving applications from Kenyan academics/qualified practitioners (Kenyan nationals living in home country) from academic institutions or local non-governmental organisations. The subject focus of applications for the scholarship should be related to the fields of good governance OR education (primary or secondary). For further information contact the Centre office. The closing date for applications for a choice of either the Autumn term **(mid-September to mid-December) 2001** or the Spring term **(mid-January to mid-April) 2002** is **30 April 2001**.

<p>❖ VISITING ACADEMICS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES (contactable through the Centre office)</p>

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 into Christianity during the first decades of the 20th century, and the impact of conversion of their socio-cultural order and life cycle rituals in particular.

Dr Dominique Marshall (Associate Professor, Carleton University, Canada) Dr Marshall's research seeks to understand the activity of the Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations, its contribution to the construction of the notion of universal children's rights and to the early history of international child welfare. Dr Marshall is working on the internationalisation of child welfare and especially upon The Conference on the African Child held in Geneva in 1931 which was the founding moment of the Save the Children Fund.

Ms Rixia Pan (Research and Planning and Co-ordination, Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) (from end of November). During her period in the UK she will be researching developing strategy of African agriculture, extension food; developing crops for export and policy and measure for developing agriculture.

<p>❖ LINK PROGRAMME</p>

The visitors on the Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria-Africa Department LINK exchange were Mallam Salihu Bappa, who was in SOAS from during November and December, and Dr Frances Harding, who was in Zaria until the end of the 2000. They are both teaching Theatre and Drama in Africa and carrying out research in their respective fields within the performance arts.

❖ RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Modernity on a Shoestring edited by Fardon, van Binsbergen & van Dijk is available through the Centre of African Studies. This collection of 22 essays, predominantly concerned with issues of consumption, development and identity in sub-Saharan Africa, is published by EIDOS and distributed through the African Studies Centre, Leiden, and the Centre of African Studies, London. The cost of the publication in the UK (including postage and packing) is £25 (cheque made payable to SOAS and sent to the Centre of African Studies or by credit card giving the number, expiry date, authorised signatory and address)/US is £30 (including postage and packing) **payment must be made in sterling and by credit card only**. Orders from Europe should be placed with the Afrika Studiecentrum, PO Box 9555, 2300 RB Leiden, The Netherlands.

K Baker, **Indigenous Land Management in West Africa: an environmental balancing act**
(OUP: Oxford 2000)

L Brenner, **Controlling Knowledge: Religion, Power and Schooling in a West African Muslim Society**
(C Hurst & Co: London 2000)

B Fine, **Social Capital versus Social Theory: Political Economy and Social Science at the Turn of the Millennium** (Routledge: London 2001)

D Leon, G Walt, **Inequality and Health: an international perspective** (OUP: Oxford 2000)

D Potts, W Beinart, J McGregor, J Beall, D Simon (eds), **Environment in Southern Africa** (Special Issue of *Journal of South ern African Studies*)

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

The Archives Committee of the Anti-Apartheid Movement

The AAM Archives Committee was set up in 1995 to support the cataloguing of the AAM's archives and to encourage research into the history of opposition to apartheid.

The AAM's archive is held by Rhodes House Library, a dependent library of the Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford. A selection of key documents is already accessible, including *Anti-Apartheid News* and the minutes of the National and Executive Committees. Access can be arranged by contacting the AAM Archivist, Lucy McCann, at Rhodes House Library. It is envisaged that the cataloguing of the archive will be completed early in 2002.

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston's papers have also been deposited at Rhodes House Library and the AAM Archives Committee is supporting a £60,000 appeal to raise funds to catalogue them. Information about the Appeal is available from the Archives Committee.

The Archives Committee facilities interviews for academics and researchers with people who were active in the AAM. It has also prepared submissions for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on the role of international business under apartheid and on South Africa's illegal activities overseas. It hosted a consultation in June last year, convened with the Dutch organisation NIZA, with the aim of launching an international survey of the records of anti-apartheid organisations across the world.

Witness and Oral History Project

A series of Witness Seminars has been held to begin the process of recording an oral history of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. To date joint seminars held alternately at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London and St Antony's College, Oxford, have covered the formation of the Boycott Movement. in 1959-60, the Nelson Mandela Campaign and the 1964 International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa. On 9 December another was held on the Churches and the Anti-Apartheid Movement. It is hoped that the seminars will provide the basis for wider oral history project.

For further information about the Archives Committee of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, contact: Lucy McCann, e-mail: ljmb@bodley.ox.ac.uk. For further information on the appeal to raise funds to catalogue the papers of Archbishop Trevor Huddleston contact Mike Terry, The Secretary, AAM Archives Committee, 14 Michelle Court, Torrington Park, London N12 9TD/tel and fax: +44 (0)20 8446 1840//e-mail: MDAT@compuserve.com or Lord Hughes of Woodside, House of Lords, London SW1 0PW/tel: 020 7219 1451/fax: 020 7219 5979/e-mail: HughesR@Parliament.uk

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