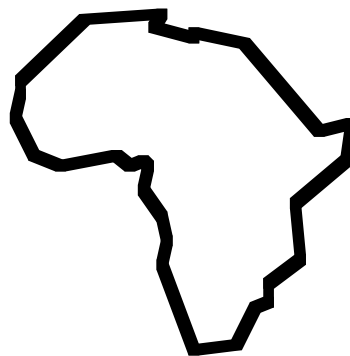


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## EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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

- **Tuesday 17 October:**  
**Gill Lusk, Deputy Editor, *Africa Confidential*, 'Newspeak: Where Words Mean Their Opposite.** Gill Lusk is a Sudan specialist where she worked for twelve years.)
- **Wednesday 15 November:**  
**Jon Marks, Editor, *FT African Energy*, Corporate Responses to Developing Africa's Energy Resources.** This talk will include discussion of trans-Mediterranean energy policy; autonomy of national companies such as Sonangol and Sonatrach; the evolution of companies such as TotalFinaElf; and governance issues.
- **Wednesday 6 December:**  
**Arthur Muliro, Director Organizational Development, Society for International Development, (Rome). Living with AIDS: Kenyan scenarios for the future (title to be confirmed)**

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

❖ **Tuesday 23 January 2001: 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 Peter Hain, Minister of State for Africa, 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@mcm.com

❖ **Tuesday 7 November: The Britain Tanzania Society** in association with **The Centre of African Studies** is organising a workshop for NGOs and Link Organisations entitled **Aid to Tanzania**. There will be presentations by five or six large NGOs including Action Aid, Christian Aid, Traidcraft, and World Vision. A charge £5 (£2 students) will be made (refreshments and sandwich lunch included). For further information contact Roy Galbraith on e-mail: 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 **5.00 pm** in **Room 116**. Short summaries of each paper will be available from the Departmental Office before the meetings.

- 4 October *Missionaries, science and the environment in Africa* by Professor John Mackenzie (Lancaster University)
- 11 October *The historiography of the Ottoman period in Tunisia* by Asma Moalla (SOAS)
- 18 October *The Comptroller of Customs versus Togbe Sesinu; ex-slaves, smugglers and the state on the Togoland frontier, 1920-1939* by Dr Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh)
- 25 October *Contentious Identities: the 'Jewish question' and the construction of race in colonial Algeria* by Dr Steven Uran (CNRS, Paris)
- 1 November *Africa and the formation of New World slavery* by Professor Robin Blackburn (University of Essex)
- 8 November READING WEEK
- 15 November *Desmond Buckle; an African Communist in Britain* by Dr Hakim Adi (Middlesex University)
- 22 November *"I, who do not miss the mark, drove the herds of Ntuutsi"; archaeological and historical landscapes in Mawogolo, Uganda* by Dr Andrew Reid (Institute of Archaeology, University of London)
- 29 November *The rise of religious sectarian politics in late colonial Uganda 1952-62 and its implications for Uganda's subsequent political life* by Dr Kevin Ward (University of Leeds)
- 6 December History Department trans-regional seminar
- 13 November BIEA Lecture. *Potent brew: alcohol in East African History* by Dr Justin Willis (University of Durham) at the British Academy, Carlton House Terrace
- Enquiries to Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the History Department, SOAS (tel: 020 7898 4610).

**Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa** is holding 2 series of seminars (held in association with The Centre of African Studies) on **Thursdays at 5.00 pm** (room to be confirmed)

### **Swahili Postgraduate Research Seminar**

- 19 October *Swahili War Poetry on the German Conquest of East Africa (1888-1910): some historiographical considerations* by Jose Aturo Saavedra;  
*'Utenzi Wa "Mtu Ni Utu", Ahmed Nassir's Poetical Moral Theory in Social Context. A case of philosophical reflection in Swahili poetry* by Kai Kresse
- 26 October *The Kingome Dialect of Swahili in Mafia* by Ahmed Kipacha;  
*Swahili Poetry: some problems of translation* by Annmarie Drury;  
*A Case Study in the Construction of a Swahili Identity* by Angelica Baschiera
- 2 November *Conflict Resolution Among the Swahili of the East African Coast* by Ahmed Yassin

### **Islamic Religious Poetry in Africa**

- 16 November *Imagery and Allusion in Somali Religious Poetry* by Martin Orwin
- 30 November *Religious Discourse in the Poetry of Abu Muslim al-Bahlani (d.1920)* by Mohammed al-Mahrouqi
- 7 December *Distance Learning from Purdah in Nineteenth Century Northern Nigeria: the work of Nana Asma'u Fodiyo* by Jean Boyd
- 14 December *Projecting Islam: Narrative and Metaphor in Swahili Poetry* by Farouk Topan(SOAS)

For further information contact Mrs Wangari Muoria-Sal, Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa (e-mail: [wm@soas.ac.uk](mailto:wm@soas.ac.uk)).

### **Department of Anthropology and Sociology**

**Science, Policy and Society: engaging social anthropology** held on **Mondays at 17.00**(room to be confirmed).

- 9 October *Anthropological Perspectives on Science, Policy and Society: reflections from Guinea and Trinidad* by James Fairhead (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS)
- 16 October *Colonial Policies and Occult Cosmologies: conceptualising ethnic conflict in the Tanzanian postcolony* by Todd Sanders (Research Fellow in Social Anthropology, LSE)
- 23 October *The Technological System in Contractual Production of Hybrid Maize Seeds: crop failure, technological uncertainties and artefacts (Philippines)* by Sietze Vellema (Department of Technology and Agrarian Development, Wageningen University, The Netherlands)
- 30 October *Science and Society in Southern Africa: historical perspectives* by Saul Dubow (Department of History, University of Sussex)
- 6 November **READING WEEK**
- 13 November *What Can Anthropology Offer Technology Policy: reflections on some areas of convergence* by Andy Stirling (Research Fellow, Science and Policy Research Unit)
- 20 November *Tuberculosis Research and Health Policy in Nepal: experiences and refractions of a health practitioner turning anthropologist* by Ian Harper (SOAS)

- 27 November *"The Cancer of Corruption" (Africa)* by Elizabeth Harrison (AFRAS, Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex)
- 4 December *Policy Uses of Science in the GMO Issue: enlightenment cul-de sac?* by Brian Wynne (Chair, Centre of Science Studies, Lancaster University)
- 11 December *Identity, Wellbeing and Welfare: changing lives with AIDS* by Phil Gatter (Social Sciences Research Centre, South Bank University)

Organiser: Dr James Fairhead, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS (e-mail: jf18@soas.ac.uk). Enquiries to Departmental Office (tel: 020 7898 4410).

### Department of Art and Archaeology

**The Visual Arts in South Africa.** Two meetings have been arranged at which artists and others involved in the visual arts in South Africa will talk about their work. Each artist is currently in residence at either the Gasworks Studios, Vauxhall, or the Africa Centre, Covent Garden. Anyone with an interest in the visual arts of Africa is welcome. (times are provisional, rooms to be confirmed).

12 October Bongzi Bengu; Thembinkosi Goniwe; Sipi Hlati  
17.00-19.00

9 November David Koloane; Karel Nel; Mario Pissarra  
10.00-15.00

For further details and to confirm times and venue contact either Dr Jennifer Law, Department of Anthropology, (020 7898 4439) or John Picton, Department of Art and Archaeology (020 7898 4479/e-mail: artarch@soas.ac.uk)

**Geography Staff/Postgraduate Research Seminars.** Information on meetings will be posted on the Geography Department board.

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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 in the Menzies Room

Saturday *Memorial Symposium in honour of Baruch Hirson.* Speakers include  
14 October Professor Tom Lodge (University of Witwatersrand), Professor Tom Karis (Emeritus  
15.00-18.00 Professor, NYU), Professor John Hargreaves (Emeritus Professor, University of Aberdeen), Paul Trewelha, Halleh Afshar and Dennis Hirson

Wednesday *'Othering and Mothering: Christian women crossing South Africa's Racial  
8 November Divide in the 20th Century* by Dr Deborah Gaitskell (ICS/SOAS). Joint seminar with  
13.00 Commonwealth Studies Series

\*Venue: British Local History Room, Institute of Historical Research, Senate House  
Friday *Engendering Segregation: black women's work in the American South and South Africa*  
10 November by Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck) Comment: Karen Hunt (Manchester Metropolitan)  
17.30 Joint seminar with Comparative Labour and Working Class History (IHR).

Thursday *Britain, South African Gold and the Sterling Area 1945-51* by Tim Rooth (University of  
30 November Portsmouth). Joint seminar with Commonwealth History Series.  
17.00

Saturday *Anti-Apartheid Witness Seminar: The Church and the Anti-apartheid Movement.*  
 9 December Introduced by Rob Skinner (Sussex) on the Church and apartheid in the 1950s and  
 15.00-18.00 followed by contributions from participants.

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

**Gender in Empire and Commonwealth** in the **Menzies Room** on **Thursdays** at **17.00**. Three of the five seminars in this series will be of interest to Africanists. The two remaining seminars will be held on 2 November and 14 December.

5 October *Black History in Westminster: Gender in the Archives and in the National Curriculum* by Dr Jill Barber (City of Westminster Archives Centre)

19 October *Engendering Citizenship: Gender and Democracy in South Africa* by Dr Cheryl McEwan (University of Birmingham)

30 November *Desire and Death: AIDS, Gender and Gift Exchange in Christian Moral Discourse in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania* by Dr Paivi Hasu (University of Helsinki)

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: 106215.610@compuserve.com/website: [www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/](http://www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/))

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❖ At the **INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION**, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL (tel: 020 7580 1122):

**Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) Seminar Series**

Details of future lunchtime seminars will be posted on the SCOLMA website: [www.soas.ac.uk/scolma/](http://www.soas.ac.uk/scolma/)

Further information may be obtained from Dr Mandy Banton (Public Record Office) (e-mail: [mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk)/tel: 020 8392 5247)

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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**.

13 October *Kano Market Literature: clubs and video companies* by Graham Furniss (SOAS)

20 October *Kingship and rivalry in Abeokuta during the Abacha years* by Insa Nolte (Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham)

27 October *Re-thinking violence in Sierra Leone* by Mariane Ferme (University of Cambridge)

3 November *Quality and price in the global consumer market: how Nigerians define fake* by Jane Guyer (Northwestern University, Evanston)

10 November READING WEEK

17 November *Problems in the archaeology of ancient Ijaye (Western Nigeria)* by Caleb Forolunso (University of Ibadan and Leventis Research Co-operation Programme Visiting Scholar)

- 24 November *Islamic proselytism in modern Côte d'Ivoire* by Marie Miran (SOAS)
- 1 December *Money and banking in British West Africa* by Chibuike Uche (University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Leventis Research Co-operation Programme Visiting Scholar)
- 8 December *The politics of minorities: oil and the Ogoni* by A Victor Isumonah (University of Ibadan and Leventis Research Co-operation Programme Visiting Scholar)

**Medical Anthropology Seminar on Thursdays at 4.30pm** in the **Anthropology Laboratory**, UCL. Information on other seminars in this series can be obtained from Professor Murray Last (e-mail address below)

- 12 October *Subsistence sanitation, in Birnin Kano: public health in a third-world city* by Murray Last (UCL).

For further information on the West Africa Seminar series and Medical Anthropology Seminar contact Professor Murray Last (e-mail: [m.last@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.last@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:

- 24 October *Homosexuality in Africa: what is all the fuss about?* by Dr Cheikh Traore (Health Promotion Officer, African Men, Terrance Higgins Trust in London, working within the African Communities Team) at 5.30pm in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 1 November *Corruption in the Commonwealth* by Laurence Cockcroft (Chairman, Transparency International (UK) at 6.00pm at the Royal Commonwealth Society (held jointly with RCS)
- 9 November *From "Our" Children to "My" Child: shifting patterns of marrying and parenting in 20th century Kenya* by Dr Nici Nelson (Goldsmiths College, London) at 5.30pm in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 29 November *Patterns of Power in Ethiopia 1991* by Sarah Vaughan (Research Student, University of Edinburgh) at 5.30pm in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 5 December *Conflict, Famine and Aid in the Horn of Africa* by Philip White (University of Leeds, Manager, COPE Project (Consortium for Political Emergencies)) at 5.30pm in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 12 December *The Power of African Culture – From the Written Word to Visual Art* by Veronique Tadjokotch (Writer, Illustrator and Painter from Côte d'Ivoire) at 5.30pm in Room G2 (SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)
- 13 December *Ghana after Rawlings?* A Representative from BBC Focus on Africa will be covering the elections in Ghana at 6.00 pm at the Royal Commonwealth Society (held jointly with the RCS)

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.

<b>OCCASIONAL TALKS; SEMINARS; WORKSHOPS; SYMPOSIA; CONFERENCES; EVENTS</b>
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❖ LONDON

**Mozambique in the Commonwealth: urban and environmental realities after the flooding** at the **Institute of Commonwealth Studies** on **9 and 10 October**. This conference will look at post-disaster rehabilitation, education, urban planning, the political context and issues of sociology and law. Speakers include Dr Luis Covane, Deputy Minister of Culture. Co-ordinators: Richard Bourne (tel: 020 7862 8823/e-mail: rbourne@sas.ac.uk) and Edesio Fernandes (e-mail: edesiofernandes@compuserve.com). For further information contact Stephanie Kearins, Institute of Commonwealth Studies telephone 020 7862 8825/e-mail: Stephanie.Kearins@sas.ac.uk.

**The World Development Report on Poverty: what does it mean for us?** is a series of discussion meetings at the Overseas Development Institute (111 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JD) on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** lunchtimes (1.00pm) from **October** to **December**. As space is limited please register by e-mail: meetings@odi.org.uk. For further information contact Peter Gee, Head of Public Affairs and IT, Overseas Development Institute, 111 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JD or e-mail h.galteland@odi.org.uk

**The Black Gaze: International Perspectives on African-World Literary and Visual Culture** on **2, 3 and 4 November** at the **Institute of English Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London**. This conference is organised to celebrate the new millennium by taking stock of the landmarks of African and African-diasporic contributions to, and perspectives on literature, visual culture and society. Keynote speakers: Professor Simon Gikandi (University of Michigan, and author of *Maps of Englishness*); Professor Kamau Brathwaite (New York University, and distinguished poet); Professor Ugundipe-Leslie (Indiana University); Professor Irele (Ohio State University); Professor Dennis Walder (Open University); Professor Felix Mnthali (University of Botswana); Dr Jack Mapanje (Leeds University); Dr Ato Quayson (Cambridge University), and Professor Liz Gunner (University of Natal). For further information contact Dr Mpalive-Hangson Msiska, School of English and Humanities, Birkbeck College/fax: 020 7631 6072/e-mail: blackgaze@bbk.ac.uk

**Empowering the Powerless; Gender, Class and Race in Modern Missionary Initiatives** on **Wednesday 27 June 2001** 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. We aim 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 of 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 Centre of African Studies (University of Edinburgh) Annual International Conference** between **23-24 May 2001** will be on the theme of **Youth in Africa**. For further information contact Dr Paul Nugent at Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh (+44 (0)131 650 3756 or 650 3878/fax: +44 (0)131 650 6536/e-mail: Paul.Nugent@ed.ac.uk or African.Studies@ed.ac.uk).

**The African Studies Centre (University of Cambridge)** will be holding research seminars during **October** and **November** on **Mondays** at **5.00pm**. For further information contact Dorian Addison on da211@cam.ac.uk.

**Development Policy in Africa: public and private perspectives on 30 and 31 March 2001** 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.

❖ **AFRICA**

**Contested Resources: challenges to governance of natural resources in Southern Africa on 18 to 20 October** at **University of Western Cape, South Africa**. This symposium is hosted by programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, and Centre for Southern African Studies of the School of Government, University of the Western Cape. Further details available the Geography Department, SOAS noticeboard.

**Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Development: Challenges for the 21st Century on 23 to 27 October** in Cape Town, South Africa. This conference is being organised by the ICSW (International Council for Social Welfare) in conjunction with the South African National Council for Child and Family Welfare and National Welfare Social Service and Development Forum. For further information visit website: [www.icsw.org](http://www.icsw.org) or e-mail: [icsw@globalconf.co.za](mailto:icsw@globalconf.co.za)/fax> +27 (21) 762 8606.

**International Colloquium on Gender, Population and Development in Africa, 12 - 17 February 2001** 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](mailto:cornelia.nauen@cec.eu.int)).

**Call for Papers Environment, histoire du peuplement et relations interethniques au Burkina Faso**, a conference to be held at the **University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 4-6 December 2001**. Les personnes souhaitant présenter une contribution doivent faire parvenir avant le 31 mars 2001 un résumé de leur article (max. 200 mots, en anglais ou en français), avec le titre et le(s) nom(s) de(s) l'auteur(s) aux coordinateurs du colloque.

For further information contact Dr Claude Nurukeyor Somda (Université de Ouagadougou, BP 7021, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso), or Dr Richard Kuba (Goethe Universität Frankfurt, M, SFB 268, Liebigstr.41, 60323, Frankfurt, M.RFA, Germany).

**International Winter School 2001** program (17 June to 5 August 2001) at the University of Natal. For further information e-mail [lws@nu.ac.za](mailto:lws@nu.ac.za)

**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](mailto:pjlane@insightkenya.com).

❖ USA

**Unfinished Business: Africa in the New Millennium (8th Annual African Consortium Workshop) on 27 October at University of Pennsylvania.** (Sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College, and Haverford College). Preliminary Panels: The Conditions of Africa's Youth; 'War and the Prospects for Peace in Central Africa; The Future of Health Care in Tropical Affairs; An African Cultural Renaissance. For further information contact Africa Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, 647 Williams Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6305 (tel: (215) 898 6971/fax: (215) 573 8130/e-mail: [africa@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:africa@sas.upenn.edu)/website: [www.africa.upenn.edu](http://www.africa.upenn.edu))

**Funding Competition** to attend the **5th ALTA Conference** being held on **26 to 28 April 2001** in Madison WI. The National African Language Resource Center (NALRC) is seeking to provide either full or partial funding for qualified graduate students to attend the 5th annual ALTA conference. Applicants should be currently enrolled in an African Language Program and be students in good standing. For further information e-mail: [nalrc@mhub.facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:nalrc@mhub.facstaff.wisc.edu)/[kbhartwig@students.wisc.edu](mailto:kbhartwig@students.wisc.edu)/website:<http://african.lss.wisc.edu/nalrc>

**Claude Ake Memorial Awards Program:** The Africa-America Institute and the African Studies Association announce the first Claude Ake Memorial Awards Program competition, funded by the Ford Foundation. The Claude Ake Memorial Awards Program seeks to encourage young African scholars/activists to carry out research, reflection and writing about their ideas and/or activities. The award is intended for Africans who are engaged in knowledge-based and reality-informed problem solving to address the Continent's development challenges, and who are residing on the Continent of Africa. Awards may also be made to select African applicants residing outside of Africa. Complete applications must be received in hard copy no later than 27 October (applications can be downloaded via the Internet at: [www.aaionline.org](http://www.aaionline.org)).

For further information please contact the Africa-America Institute, Claude Ake Memorial Awards, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20036-2259, USA or e-mail: [award@aaionline.org](mailto:award@aaionline.org).

**The Global Security and Cooperation Program of the Social Science Research Council** is pleased to announce two new funding opportunities. The Fellowship on Conflict, Peace and Social Transformations provides 1-2 years of support for training and research at the doctoral and professional levels. The deadline for this fellowship competition is 12 January 2001.

Grants for Research Collaboration in Conflict Zones are for a period up to six months and focus on countries experiencing longstanding or widespread conflict. The deadline for submission for this grant is 1 February 2001. Both competitions are open to scholars, activists, and practitioners. For further information contact Program on Global Security & Cooperation, Social Science Research Council, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019/tel: (212) 377 2700/e-mail: [gsc@ssrc.org](mailto:gsc@ssrc.org)/[www.ssrc.org](http://www.ssrc.org)

## OTHER NEWS

### ❖CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

#### ❖AEGIS

Patrick Chabal, AEGIS President writes:

"The past year has been one during which AEGIS has consolidated the administrative and financial structures of the Foundation. The last Plenary meeting, held at the Brussels Centre of African Studies, approved the Foundation's Internal Regulations and formalised the procedures for the admission of new members. It accepted two new centres -- from the University of Leipzig and the ISEG in Lisbon. Germany and Portugal thus now have two members within the network. Plans for the next Summer School, to be held in Germany, on conflict and conflict resolution in Africa, are well advanced and details will be given later in the year. Finally, several steps were taken to improve access to the resources available within the network and to exchange information about scholars from Africa working in Europe. AEGIS is now poised to develop, albeit gradually, into a potentially more active network of African studies centre from countries within the European Union. Within this perspective, it welcomes links with, applications for membership from, centres which may not hitherto have been directly associated with the network or one of its constituent members. (Website – <http://aegis.eu.org>)."

#### ❖NEW MEMBERS OF CAS

**Dr Niall Finneran, Lecturer, Department of Art and Archaeology (SOAS).** Landscape archaeology-based fieldwork in northern Ethiopia, working on multi-period archaeological sites, with special reference to understanding the cultural development of complex societies and – in medieval-times the emergence of Ethiopian monasticism. Special attention is given to developing cultural resource management strategies at the local level. •Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Kenya, Uganda.

**Dr Chege Githiora, Lecturer, Department of the Languages and Cultures of Africa (SOAS).** Lexicography in general: African Diaspora in Latin America. •Kenya, Tanzania, Mexico

**Dr Marcus Goldstein, Lecturer in Development Economics, (DESTIN, LSE).** Household economics; gender; agricultural economics. •Ghana

**Dr Julie Hearn, Lecturer in Development Studies (SOAS).** Aid policy to Africa in particular the implications of international assistance to 'civil society' for changing understandings of development and democracy. •Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Ghana.

**Dr Marie Miran, Lecturer in the History of Islam in Africa, History Department, (SOAS).** Islam in the 'megalopolitan' setting: Muslim identity, Islamic groupings and associations in the modern, urban environment. Muslim communities in a context of religious diversity: as minority or only quasi-majority. Islam in the Gulf of Guinea. •Côte d'Ivoire

**Dr Alfredo Saad-Filho, Lecturer in Development Economics, Department of Development Studies (SOAS).** Political economy Southern Africa; agrarian transition; macroeconomic policy and stabilisation, development finance. •Mozambique, South Africa

**Dr Ruth Watson, Lecturer in History, Classics and Archaeology Department (Birkbeck).** History of Nigeria, particularly Yorubaland in the 19th and 20th centuries, focussing on the political culture of colonial rule, especially the relationship between chieftancy and the colonial state; social and cultural histories of urbanism in Africa. •Nigeria

❖ **VISITING SCHOLARS/CAS ADMINISTERED SCHEMES** (all scholars are contactable through the Centre of African Studies office)

### **Oppenheimer Academic Fellowship Scheme**

**Mr Sikhumbuzo R Mngadi** (Lecturer in English, Rand Afrikaans University, is based at the Centre of African Studies until the middle of December. Mr Mngadi is carrying out research on 'Reading in a State of Emergence: literature and culture in South Africa today.

### **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 2001**. Further information may be obtained from the Centre office.

### **The following LRCP scholars will be based at the Centre of African Studies from the end of September:**

**Dr Victor A Isumonah**, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Dr Isumonah will be carrying out research on oil, federal presence, cultural diversity and organising for change in the oil-region of Nigeria.

**Dr Caleb Folorunso**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan. Dr Folorunso will be carrying out research into ethnoarchaeology in Africa, and cultural resource management in Africa.

**Dr C U Uche**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Banking and Finance, University of Nigeria. Dr Uche will be carrying out research on the role of the Bank of England in the monetary and financial system development of British West Africa.

### **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 to mid-December) 2001 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April) 2002 is **30 April 2001**.

**Dr Bertram Mapunda**, Senior Lecturer, Archaeology Unit, History Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Whilst in the UK (October to December) Dr Mapunda will conduct analyses of slag and iron artifacts collected in four different research projects. He will also edit two book manuscripts (one written in Kiswahili) 'Ufundichuma Asilia: Chimbuiko, Kukua and Kukoma kwake katika Afrika Mashariki na Kati' ('Indigenous Iron Technology: Origin, Development and its Termination in East and Central Africa'); and 'The Teaching of Archaeology in African Universities: The case of the University of Dar es Salaam.'

### **British Council East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme (Kenya)**

The British Council (Kenya) have 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>❖ <b>VISITING ACADEMICS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES</b> (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 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.

**Professor Jane Guyer** (Northwestern University, Program of African Studies, USA) will be working on two projects. The first is a collection of essays provisionally entitled 'Transactions and Turbulance: Analytical Problems in the Study of African Economies'. The second is background work for a joint social historical study, provisionally entitled 'The Oil Economy of the Nigerian People'.

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

E Aryeetey, J Harrigan, M Nissanke (eds), **Economics Reforms in Ghana: The Miracle & The Mirage** (James Currey: London 2000)

S Batterbury, A Warren (eds), **The African Sahel: 25 year since the great drought** special issue of 'Global Environmental Change: Human and Policy Dimensions'; (December, 2000)

P Woodhouse, H Bernstein, D Hulme, P Woodhouse, **African Enclosures? The Social Dynamics of Land and Water** (James Currey: Oxford, December, 2000)

T A S Bowyer-Bower, C Stoneham (eds), **Land Reform in Zimbabwe: Constrains and Prospects** (Ashgate: Forthcoming November, 2000)

K Davis, **Death in Abeyance: Illness and therapy Among the Tabwa of Central Africa** (Edinburgh: IAI and Edinburgh University Press, 2000)

K Dodds, **Geopolitics in a changing World** (Longman: Harlow, 2000)

K Dodds and D Atkinson (eds), **Geopolitical Traditions: A Century of Geopolitical Thought** (Routledge: London, 2000)

J Parker, **Making the Town: Ga State and Society in Early Colonial Accra** (Heinemann: Portsmouth, NH, James Currey: Oxford, David Philip: Cape Town, 2000)

S Stockwell, **The Business of Decolonization. British Business Strategies in the Gold Coast** (Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2000)

**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.**

❖ **SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES and UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON:  
NEW CENTRE FOR LITERATURE**

We are pleased to announce that the Arts and Humanities Research Board has awarded £702,674 over five years to the School of Oriental and African Studies and University College London to create a joint Centre for the Study of Asian and African Literatures. Professor Andrew Gerstle (SOAS) (Director) and Professor Theo Hermans (UCL) (Associate Director). The Centre will conduct eight, three-year group research projects, each with four workshops, over five years. The focus will be on fundamental epistemological questions as to the university nature of literary experience and the applicability of Western literary theories to Asian and African literatures. The projects will cover 'Translation Theory', 'Genre Ideologies and Narrative Transformation', 'Narrating and Imaging the Nation', 'Traditional Literature and Performance', 'Gender,' 'City as Metaphor', 'The Social Context of Literary Production and Consumption', and 'Modernity and the Loss of Tradition'. This is an extremely important initiative for SOAS and will make it a world centre for comparative research on the literatures of Asia and Africa. For further information contact Professor Gerstle on ag4@soas.ac.uk.

❖ **MISCELLANEOUS**

The British Academy has recently announced the list of winners of the British Academy Readerships and Senior Research Fellowships (2000-2002), and British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships (2000-2001). If you wish to obtain this list or have any queries please contact kene@britac.ac.uk

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