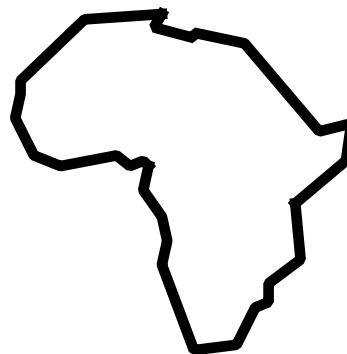


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❖ The **Africa Business Group**, run by the **Centre of African Studies** in association with **Africa Confidential**, is holding its first meeting of 2000 on **Tuesday 15 February** when Dr Anthony Butler (Lecturer in Politics, Birkbeck College, University of London) will be speaking on 'Political Uncertainty and Foreign Direct Investment in South Africa: Problems and Prospects'. On **Wednesday 8 March**, Dr David M Anderson (Senior Lecturer in History, and Chair, Centre of African Studies) will be speaking on **Drugs in Africa – Assessing the Problem**. If you would like to attend either or both of these meetings, or wish to be sent information about the Africa Business Group in general, please contact Jackie Collis in the Centre office.

❖ The **Centre of African Studies** is hosting a presentation by Business Exchange on Aids & Development (BEAD) on **1 February**. Naomi Jungae (The Standard Chartered Bank) will give a presentation on the HIV/AIDS education and awareness programme she introduced into Kenya on behalf of The Standard Chartered Bank. For further information on BEAD contact beadwork@dircon.co.uk

❖ The **Centre of African Studies** and the Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa, SOAS is hosting the **Inaugural Annual Sembene Ousmane Lecture** (on this occasion given by M Sembene) on **Thursday 9 March** at 5.30. A Two-Day African Film Workshop entitled **Challenges and Celebrations** is also being organised for **Thursday and Friday 9 and 10 March**, the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre. For further information contact Jackie Collis in the Centre office, or Frances Harding on fh@soas.ac.uk.

❖ The **Britain Mozambique Society** in association with the **Centre of African Studies** and **Royal African Society** is organising a public meeting at which Dr Joseph Hanlon (Policy officer, Jubilee 2000 and writer on Southern Africa), Michael Wolfers and Christine Russell MP will report back and analyse the importance of these crucial elections. This meeting is being held in the SOAS Lecture Theatre at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 19 January**.

❖ The **Britain Tanzania Society** in association with the **Centre of African Studies** is holding a seminar to celebrate the life of Julius Nyerere on **Saturday 11 March** in the Main SOAS Lecture Theatre. For further information or to register contact Roy Galbraith on roygala@aol.com.

❖ **Africa Confidential** jointly with the **Centre of African Studies** is organising a conference entitled **Africa Confidential at 40: prospects for Africa** to be held on **Wednesday 19 April** in the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre. African politicians, activists and academics, and senior officials from the World Bank, United Nations, Organisation of African Unity, and Western governments have been invited for a day's deliberations on four broad topics: does democracy boost economic growth?; are Africa's relations with the West getting worse or better?; are there any benefits from the growing privatisation of African security and military organisations? is Africa's state system undergoing irreversible change and what will replace it? For further information contact Africa Confidential on tel: 020 7831 3511.

❖ **New African Diasporas** is a one-day colloquium which will be held at University College London or SOAS (venue to be confirmed) on **5 May 2000**. It is co-sponsored by: ESRC Transnational Communities Research Programme, Migration Research Unit (UCL), St Antony's College (Oxford University) and the Centre of African Studies. The emphasis of the workshop is diasporas from so-called 'Black Africa', and important examples include those from Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Somaliland, Zaire, Ethiopia and Eritrea. The geographical focus is on diasporas located in countries outside Africa and it is intended that the workshop be multidisciplinary. One of the aims of the workshop is to produce a volume for the new 'Global Diasporas' series published by UCL/Routledge. For further information contact Dr Khalid Koser, Department of Geography, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AP/tel: +44 020 7380 7564/fax: +44 010 7380 7565/e-mail: kkoser@geography.ucl.ac.uk

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

❖ At the **SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES**, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG (tel: 0207 637 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.

- 12 January *Creating 'Tribal Land Authorities' in Rhodesia: chiefs, officials and the 'restoration' of tradition* by Dr Jocelyn Alexander (University of Bristol)
- 19 January *The Igbo village idyll in urban Nigeria* by Dr Dmitri van der Bersselar (University of Liverpool)
- 26 January *The Comptroller of Customs versus Togbe Sesinu: ex-slaves, smugglers and the state on the Togoland frontier, 1920-39* by Dr Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh)
- 2 February *Title to be announced* by Dr Stephen Ellis (Leiden University)
- 9 February *The Native Customs Ordinance of 1892: spatial and social change in the Krobo states of the Gold Coast* by Veit Arlt (University of Basel)
- 16 February *Targeting women: French psychological warfare and the Algerian Revolution* by R Sferdjeli (LSE and SOAS)
- 23 February *READING WEEK*

- 1 March **History Department Transregional Seminar**
- 8 March *Prelude to Algeria: France and Libyan independence, 1943-54* by Dr Shaun Kelly (University of Westminster)
- 15 March *Missionaries, science and the environment in Africa* by Professor John Mackenzie (Lancaster University)
- 22 March *Title to be announced* by Professor Jan Hogendorn (Colby College, Maine)

Enquiries to Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the History Department, SOAS (tel: 020 7323 6146 or 0207 7898 4610).

Political Economy of Development Seminar held on **Tuesdays at 5.00 pm in Room G51**. Unavailable at time of going to press. Seminar list will be posted on departmental noticeboard when available. For information contact Dr C Cramer, e-mail: cc10@soas.ac.uk or Dr J Pincus, e-mail: tp28@soas.ac.uk

Department of African Languages and Cultures Seminar (Short Forms of Poetry) held in association with the Centre of African Studies on **Thursdays at 5.00 pm in Room G60**.

- 13 January *Haiku in a context* by Professor Drew Gerstle (SOAS)
- 20 January *This wine, a loaf of bread and thou: Persian quatrains* by Ms Narguess Farzad (SOAS)
- 27 January *The power of òrò 'the spoken word' in Yorùbá short poetic forms* by Dr Akin Oyetade (SOAS)
- 3 February *'Retreating particles': writing short poems as preparation for translating them* by Dr William Radice (SOAS)
- 10 February *Otjiherero Praises from Namibia* by Mr Jekura Kavari (SOAS)
- 17 February *Pantun: a short poetic form in Malay* by Professor Vladimir Braginsky (SOAS)
- 2 March *One short form in two languages: Ge'ez and Amharic qene in Ethiopia* by Dr Martin Orwin (SOAS)

For further information contact Mrs Wangari Muoria-Sal, Department of the Languages and Cultures of Africa on wm@soas.ac.uk

Department of Anthropology and Sociology is holding a series of seminars entitled **What is the Use of Ethnography?** on **Monday at 5.00 pm in Room G58**. The series, which runs from **17 January to 20 March** has two seminars that might be of interest to Africanists:

- 24 January *On elegance and dirt in Guinea: theatrical power/theoretical knowledge and an ethnographic imperative for 'development'* by Dr James Fairhead (SOAS)
- 7 February *Why do 'feminist' ethnography?* by Professor Pat Caplan (ICS)

For further information contact the seminar convenor, David Herold on dh9@soas.ac.uk

Department of Anthropology and Sociology is also showing **Ethnographic Films** on **Wednesdays at 1.00 pm** in the **Lecture Theatre (SOAS)** two of which may relate particularly to Africa.

- 2 February *The Women's Olamal* (110 mins, 1982) by Melissa Llewellyn-Davies. A classic anthropological film, which follows the events leading to the holding of a ceremony to bless the women of Loita, Kenya and to increase their ability to have children. It reveals some of the tensions between men and women in Masai society.
- 9 February *The Women who Smile* (55 mins, 1990) by Joanna Head and Jean Lydall. The Hamar women of south-west Ethiopia appear to conform to the stereotyped image of women in traditional societies, working slavishly from morning to night, submissive and exploited by men. However, this intimate film shows them to be proud, humorous and outspoken; through the eyes of three women, we see how they can wield considerable internal power and influence over daily events and decision.

For further information contact the Department of Anthropology and Sociology on 020 7898 4400 or rn2@soas.ac.uk

Geography Staff/Postgraduate Research Seminars held on Tuesdays at 4.05 in Room LG56.

- 25 January *Land reform and resettlement areas in Zimbabwe* by Jenny Ellioitt (University of Brighton)
- 1 February *Risk: North and South* by John Adams (UCL)
- 7 March *Community Gardens* by Dick Wiltshire (SOAS) and D Crouch
- 14 March *Environment-development discourses and policies in post-apartheid South Africa* by David Simon (RHNBC)
- 21 March *Rural Livelihoods in South Africa* by Colin Murray (University of Manchester)

Information on further meetings will be posted on the Geography Department board.

Water Issues Seminar held on Mondays at 5.30 (31 January) or 6.00 pm (remainder of meetings) in Room 116.

- 31 January *The Role of Social Scientists in Water Management Reform* by Chris Perry (IIWM)
- 7 February Two presentations: *Elasticity of Domestic Demand for Water in Khartoum, Sudan* by Sandy Cairncross, (LSHTM) and *Economics, Water and Some New Modelling Tools* by David Seckler (IWMI, Colombo)
- 14 February Two Presentations: *Objects or Subjects? Behavioural Studies of the Domestic Demand for Water Services in Africa* by Steve Merrett (SOAS Water Issues Group) and *Policy Transformation in South Africa's Water Sector* by Barbara Schreiner (Department of Water Affairs, South Africa)
- 6 March *China's Water Management Challenges* by Jeremy Berkoff (Independent Consultant)

For further information contact Professor J A (Tony) Allan on ta1@soas.ac.uk or visit webpage <http://www.soas.ac.uk/geography/waterissues/>

❖ At **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY)**, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HJ (tel: 020 7387 7050):

West Africa Seminar held on Fridays at 4.30 pm in the Anthropology Lab.

- 21 January *'A Prevalence of Witches': the witch and her audience in south-western Nigeria* by William Rea (Goldsmiths College)
- 28 January *To Separate or to Merge: the idea of a 'greater Yoruba'* by Olayemi Akinwumi (University of Ilorin)
- 4 February *African Writers and Publishers: the practical problems of publishing in Africa and elsewhere* by James Gibbs (University of the West of England)
- 11 February *Agriculture: planned, or performed? Agrarian change and development in Burkina Faso and Niger* by Simon Batterbury (LSE)
- 18 February **READING WEEK**
- 25 February *French Men, African Women and their Children: some real-life colonial dramas* by Owen White (University of Oxford)
- 3 March *Political Violence as Cultural Performance: the meaning and use of Loma masquerade in ethnic conflict* by Christian Hoejbjerg (University of Copenhagen)
- 10 March *The Rationality of Prohibitions on production in sub-Saharan Africa* by Quentin Gausset (University of Copenhagen)
- 17 March *Title to be announced* by Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan (EHESS: Marseilles and Niamey)

Enquiries or suggestions to Professor Murray Last, Department of Anthropology (UCL)/tel: 020 7504 2446/fax: 020 7380 7728/e-mail: m.last@ucl.ac.uk

Medical Anthropology seminar held on Thursdays at 4.30 pm (with the exception of meeting 2 March) in the Anthropology Lab. Of the seminars being held in this series the following relate specifically to Africa.

- 27 January *Sex-workers in the Johannesburg goldmines: problems for health in the community* by Cathy Campbell (LSE)
- 2 March *Old Spirits, New Persons: a film on 'Rose, healer and diviner in western Kenya* by Carla Risseuw (University of Leiden) at 4.00pm
- 16 March **This is the first of Jean Pierre-Olivier de Sardan's (EHESS: Marseilles & Niamey) seminars and will be on a subject in medical anthropology**

Enquiries to Professor Murray Last, Department of Anthropology (UCL) as above

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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** on either **Fridays at 4pm** or **Thursdays at 5pm** (if joint meeting with Gender in Empire and Commonwealth Series)

- 13 January **Joint Seminar with the Gender in Empire and Commonwealth Series**
The Work of the Nation: Heroic Masculinity in South African Autobiographical Writing of the Anti-Apartheid Struggle by **Elaine Unterhalter (Institute of Education)**
- 28 January *Perspectives on Poverty in South Africa (tbc)* with **Noushin Kalati and James Manor Insitute of Development Studies, Sussex**, *Elite Perceptions of Poverty and Poor People in South Africa*, and **Liz Francis (Development Studies Institute, LSE on Rural Livelihoods in North-West Province)**
- 10 February **Joint Seminar (as above)**
Wiping the Floor with Theology: the surprising missionary career of Frances Chilton in South Africa, 1926-55 by **Deborah Gaitskell (SOAS/ICS)**
- 18 February *Perspectives on Mental Asylums in Southern Africa* with **Lynette Jackson on Ingustsheni Mental Hospital (colonial Rhodesia)**, **Hilary Sapire on Weskoppies (Pretoria)** and **Shula Marks on Valkenberg (Cape Town)**
- 3 March *Perspectives on Islam in South Africa including Goolam Vahed (University of Durban -Westville/Oppenheimer Scholar (Centre of African Studies, SOAS) on Islam in Contemporary Natal*
- 23 March **Joint seminar (as above)**
Equity or Hierarchy? Women, Tradition and Land in South Africa by **Deborah James (LSE)**
- Organisers: **Professor Shula Marks (SOAS), Dr Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck) and Dr Wayne Dooling (SOAS)**

The ICS also holds other seminars including those dealing with **Caribbean Societies, Commonwealth Studies, Gender in Empire and Commonwealth, Civil Society and 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: skearins@sas.ac.uk/website: <http://www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/>)

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❖ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE**, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT (tel: 020 7636 8636):

The **Southern Africa Health Seminar Group** holds occasional meetings at LSHTM. Details unavailable at time of going to press. For information contact Dr Anthony Zwi, Department of Public Health and Policy, LSHTM (tel: 0171-927 2374/e-mail: a.zwi@lshtm.ac.uk).

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❖ At **KING'S COLLEGE LONDON (DEPARTMENT OF WAR STUDIES)**, Strand, London WC2R 2LS (tel:020 7836 5454):

Regional Security in a Global Context (John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation Programme on Peace and International Co-operation). Most seminars held on **Tuesdays at 6.00 pm** in Room G01N, Norfolk Building, Surrey Street (off the Strand). Two of the six seminars being held between 25 January and 7 March have particular reference to Africa.

25 January *Reconstructing war-torn societies in Africa* by Dr Michi Ebata (King's College)

22 February *The Hidden War: Ethiopia and Eritrea*

Enquiries to the Events and Programmes Office (tel: 020 7848 2796).

The Department of War Studies holds other seminars dealing with **Intelligence and International Security; Military History; Medieval and Early Modern Warfare; Maritime History and Armed Forces and Society**. For further information contact the Events and Programmes Office (as above)

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❖ At **BIRKBECK COLLEGE**, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX (tel: 020 7580 6622)

The Post-Colonial Literatures in English Seminar Series held at 6.00 pm in 30 Russell Square. Not available at time of going to press. For further information contact Mpalive Msiska, tel: 0171 631 6086/e-mail: m.msiska@bbk.ac.uk or Peter Mudford, tel: 0171 631 6087

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❖ At the **INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION**, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL (tel: 020 5780 1122):

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

This meeting will be held in the **Seminar Room (Institute of Education Library)** from **1 to 2pm**. If you require free coffee and sandwiches (available from 12.30) contact Dr Mandy Banton. Details of further seminars will be posted on the SCOLMA website: www.brad.ac.uk/acad/scolma.

7 March *The African Administrator in the Colonial Novel* by Tony Kirke-Green

Further information may be obtained from Dr Mandy Banton (Public Records Office) (e-mail: mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk/tel: 0208 392 52470

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❖ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AR (tel: 0171 405 7686).

Comparative Economic History Seminar: Africa, Asia and Latin America (organised by the Department of Economic History, with support from STICERD) Meetings are at **5.15 pm**, held on **Tuesdays in Room S600**, St Clements Building. A short paper will be distributed in advance.

7 March *The High Cost for West Africans of Late Precolonial and Early Colonial Monetary Transition, 1890-1930* by Jan Hogendorn (Colby College, Maine)

For a copy of the paper or for information about other meetings this term please e-mail: g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk

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❖ **The Royal African Society, SOAS**, (tel: 020 7323 6253) announces the following meetings: The Royal African Society was founded in 1901 to commemorate and continue the work of Mary Kingsley (writer, scientist and traveller, 1862-1901) on the study of Africa. The Society encourages and strengthens an interest in the continent through its influential quarterly journal *African Affairs*, a lively meetings programme, conferences and seminars. Membership of this non-political, voluntary Society is open to anyone interested in Africa, with an annual fee of £23. Application forms are available upon request from the RAS, Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG (tel: as above/e-mail: ras@soas.ac.uk).

27 January *Narratives of the land in Southern Africa: Questions and Considerations* by Professor Janice Harris (Professor of English/Director of Women's Studies, University of Wyoming/academic visitor at CAS) will be dealing with gender issues (at 5.30 in the Assembly Hall, SOAS (held jointly with CAS)

2 February *New Evidence for Origins of Swahili Civilisation* by Dr Mark Horton (University of Bristol) (at 5.30 in the Assembly Hall, SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)

15 March *The History of Alcohol in East Africa* by Dr Justin Willis (Durham University) (at 5.30 in BG05, SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)

16 March *Africa on the Internet* by Mr Ben Dotsei Malor (Senior Producer, BBC) (at 5.30 in MS Lecture Theatre, SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)

22 March *Politics of Identity and Economics of Conflict in the Great Lakes Region* by Saskia van Hoyweghen (Centre of African Studies, Brussels) and Koen Vlassenroot (Centre for Third World Studies, University of Gent) (at 5.30 in Lecture Theatre, SOAS) (held jointly with CAS)

To receive information on the further meetings being planned for February and March contact ras@soas.ac.uk or telephone above number. Please confirm 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 Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies is exhibiting the work of Gani Odutokun **Accident & Design: Gani Odutokun and His Influence**, curated by Annabelle Nwankwo and Jacob Jari) from **20 January to 24 March**. Gani Odutokun was one of the most talented, prolific and inspiring artists to come out of Nigeria in the late 20th century. His untimely death in a car crash in February 1995 meant the loss of one of Nigeria's pioneers of Modern African art. This exhibition, which opens at the Brunei Gallery, is a tribute to his genius, and to the art and artists that he inspired across Nigeria, but particularly at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Northern Nigeria where he taught and practised for most of his career.

The first session of gallery talks (given by the curators, Jacob Jari and Annabelle Nwankwo) will take place on the afternoon of the **20 January** at 2.30. This will be followed at 5.30 in room B102 by a presentation about the realisation of the exhibition and about Gani Odutokun and his influence.

There will be further gallery talks by the participating artists at 2.30 on **25, 26 and 27 January** and a final presentation by the artists about their work on **25 January** at 6.00 pm in room B102 for information on these and the other talks that will be given during the exhibition please contact Annabelle Nwankwo on bellaann@hotmail.com. Further information about the gallery can be found at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/gallery>. The gallery can also be contacted by e-mail on gallery@soas.ac.uk/for recorded information telephone 0207 323 6230.

The **International Health and Education Exhibition** (formerly the Developing World Health Exhibition) will be held on **Tuesday 1 February** at the Institute of Education. In addition, the International Health Exchange will be organising workshops at the Institute on **A Picture of Health - working in health in developing countries**. For further information telephone 020 7404 1096 or e-mail cich@ich.ucl.ac.uk or visit webpage <http://www/cich.ich.ucl.ac.uk>

The **Adzido Pan African Dance Ensemble** (Europe's largest traditional African Dance company) returns to the Queen Elizabeth Hall, on the South Bank from **16 to 19 February** performing their latest production **Sankofa** which contains nine diverse dances from Senegal, Ghana, Zambia, South Africa, Ethiopia, Botswana, Burkina Faso and Benin. For further information telephone Amanda Davis at Adzido on 020 7359 7453.

Who Has Done The Best for Humanity? (Lord Executor): Caribbean Music in an International Context is a workshop being held on **Wednesday 23 February** from 9.30 to 6.00 pm at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 28 Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG. The aim of the one-day workshop is to examine the inter-relationship between music, politics and culture in Caribbean life and amongst Caribbean peoples. The organisers are particularly interested in the 'migration' of Caribbean culture and the political dimensions of differing social circumstances. For further information contact Dr Amanda Sives on 0207 862 8865 or e-mail on asives@sas.ac.uk

Africa at the Pictures is a series of screenings of films in the ICA, the Barbican and the Ciné Lumière to be held throughout **January, February and March**. The films are a selection from the FESPACO African Film Festival held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in February 1999. There will also be a number of interviews, discussions and talks with the film-makers themselves. Other events in the **Africa at the Pictures** season are being held at the ICA and the Barbican. For further information contact Keith Shiri (tel: 0207 380 0135)

Canada and the South African War is the first of a new series of conferences in the field of Canadian Studies at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. This event, to be held on **3 and 4 March**, will be the only international symposium covering Canada's role in the South African War of 1899-1902 during the centenary of that conflict. Participants and paper-givers will include scholars from a number of Canadian universities as well as British specialists on the military and political aspects of events in South Africa. For further information contact Professor Philip Buckner (tel: 020 7293 0206/e-mail: phillip@pbuckner.freeserve.co.uk) or Professor Rob Holland on e-mail: rholland@sas.ac.uk.

A second one-day conference on Uganda will be held on **Friday 7 April** at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. This conference is directed at research students and academics working on Uganda. Offers of papers should be sent to Dr Michael Twaddle (tel: 020 7862 8839/e-mail: mtwaddle@sas.ac.uk)

A newly funded ESRC seminar series entitled **Transformation in African Agriculture: natural resources, livelihoods and markets** will be holding 6 workshops from **April 2000 to April 2001**. Exact themes of each workshop have yet to be agreed, although sessions on fair-traded products, agricultural intensification, land tenure reform, livelihoods, and rural governance will be included. The aim is to bring together a working group of academics and policy advisors concerned with the production of food, agricultural change, and policy interventions to support smallholders in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa. Interested participants should contact Dr Simon Batterbury at the London School of Economics on S.Batterbury@lse.ac.uk

❖ UK

The Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford University) announces a conference on the theme of **Opportunities in Africa: micro-evidence on firms and households** to be held at St Catherine's College, Oxford on **9 and 10 April 2000**. As further information becomes available it will be found on <http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk>.

The first of the Africa Studies Seminar series (**Medicine, science and Society in Africa**), St Antony's College, Oxford University, will be held on **Thursday 20 January** when Cathy Campbell (LSE) will give a seminar entitled **Sexual Health, Communities, and Development: grass-roots participation in HIV-prevention amongst South African sex workers**. All meetings are held on Thursdays at 5.00 pm in the Fellows Dining Room. For further information contact Professor William Beinart on 01865 284730.

St Antony's College is co-sponsoring the following workshops and conferences: **Anthropology and Africa: a Cross-Colonial Investigation, 1880-1960** to be held on **10 to 12 March** (for further information contact Helen Denham on helen.denham@history.ox.ac.uk; **New African Diasporas** (see 'Events in association with the Centre of African Studies (page 1)'); **Researching Africa: Methods and Reflections** (a post-graduate workshop) to be held on **6 May** (for further information or if you wish to present a paper contact Ben Page ben.page@geog.ox.ac.uk or Mark Leopold, St Anne's, Oxford OX2 6HS); **Sierra Leone: Conflict Resolution, Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Reconstruction** to be held on **13 and 14 May** (further information may be obtained from Shehu Othman qeh.ox.ac.uk or Tunde Zack-Williams on abzw@cableinet.co.uk) and **Britain-Zimbabwe Society Research Day** on **3 June** (for further information contact David Maxwell on hia@cc.keele.ac.uk).

The African Studies Centre's (University of Cambridge) research seminar series on the theme **Southern Africa** will run on **Mondays** at 5.00 pm from **24 January to 13 March** in room 606, Centre for Family Research (next to the African Studies Centre) New Museums Site, Free School Lane, Cambridge. Speakers include Dr Frank Carey, Dr Ola Uduku, Dr Hilary Sapire, Dr Christopher Williams, Dr Jeremy Krikler, Dr Bheki Peterson and Professor Jan Hogendorp. All welcome. Details of talks on website www.african.cam.ac.uk

The Review of African Political Economy Millennium Conference 'Africa - Capturing the Future' will take place at the University of Leeds from **28 to 30 April**. Panel themes will include: class and civil society; state and NGOs; gender; ethnicity; imperialism and globalisation; ending adjustment; old and new models of intervention; empowerment and local struggle; evaluating coping strategies; popular sovereignty, and citizenship; the politics of warfare; regionalism and new coalitions. For further information contact ROAPE conference, PO Box 678, Sheffield, S1 1BF, UK and mark the envelope CONFERENCE., or visit <http://www.roape.org/conference.html> or e-mail: g.harrison@sheffield.ac.uk

Africa's Indigenous Peoples: 'first peoples' or 'marginalized minorities'?. This year's Annual International Conference of the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh will be held on **24 and 25 May** and will focus on the issues surrounding indigenous peoples who live within the boundaries of African Studies focussing both on the definitions of 'indigenous' and 'indigenous peoples' in an African context, and on substantive problems encountered by indigenous peoples on the African continent. Issues of definition involve practical and deeply complex matters, including political relations within nations states, the legal position of indigenous peoples, and the application of international or indeed universal standards (eg as in the ILO Convention 169 or the UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). Further information can be obtained from Dr Alan Barnard, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh on A.Barbard@ed.ac.uk).

Call for responses, abstract and paper/panel proposals for the **Africa 2000** conference taking place from **18 to 21 August 2000** at the University of Liverpool. This conference will consider: art, culture, cinema, media, architecture, musi , and topics related to politics, economics, and the cultural geographies of African cultural production. For further information visit <http://www.liv.ac.uk/abe/africa2000/main.html>

South Africa Past, Present and Future is an event being held at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hall, Twickenham on **Saturday 1 July** (a book of the same title will be launched on the same day). The event aims is to work towards integrating a comprehensive historical analysis of modern South Africa with a consideration of post-apartheid 'development' initiatives. This involves a consideration of recent developments in the South African historiography, critical approaches to global 'development' discourse and practice and the theoretical implications of political transition. Amongst the speakers will be Professor David Simon (Royal Holloway) and Dr Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck College). For further information contact Alan Lester (tel: 0208 240 4077/fax: 0208 240 4255/e-mail: lester@smuc.ac.uk)

Call for Papers/Conference Announcement: The Department of History, University of Durham, in association with the Sudan Studies Society of the UK is pleased to announce a conference entitled **Sudan: Past, Present and Future, The Fifth International Conference on Sudan Studies** to be held at the University of Durham on **30 August** and **1 September**. Papers and suggestions for panels are invited. Please contact: Sudan Conference Department of History, 43 North Bailey, Durham DH12 3EX/tel: 0191 374 2437/fax: 0191 374 4754/e-mail: Justin.Willis@durham.ac.uk/website: www.durham.ac.uk/History.

❖ EUROPE

The German equivalent of the ASA and ASUK, the VAD (Vereinigung von Afrikanisten in Deutschland) holds an academic conference once every two years, covering almost all Africa-related disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. The next conference, **AfriKa 2000 in Leipzig**, will take place at the University of Leipzig from **Thursday 30 March to Saturday 1 April 2000**.

Despite limited funds it is hoped to attract a large number of participants from outside Germany. The keynote address: **Africa 2000** will be given by Professor Henrietta Moore (London School of Economics and Political Studies (University of London)). The conference will be organised by Professor Robert Kappel, assisted by Professor Adam Jones and other members of Leipzig's Department of African Studies (Institut für Afrikanistik). For further information contact the Institut für Afrikanistik, Universität Leipzig, Burgstrasse 21, D-04109 Leipzig, Germany. (tel: 0341 9737037 or 9737035/fax: 9737048/e-mail: kappel@rz.uni-leipzig.de or jones@rz.uni-leipzig.de For further information visit webpage <http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~ifa/>

Local and Global Dimensions of Food Security: threats, challenges and responses is an international conference being co-hosted by the International Famine Centre, Cork, Ireland from **13 to 15 April** at the University College Cork, Ireland. The conference will examine some of the underlying reasons why it is that today, food security in much of the Majority World has not been achieved, what can be learnt from these, and what therefore, is the best way forward. A range of issues – covering economic change; environmental and political instability; sustainability of agriculture and food – will be presented and interactively discussed. A long list of practitioners, activists and academics from around the world will be speaking/participating. For further details visit the conference website: <http://www.ucc.ie/famine.conference>, or contact Nicola Drucker on famine@ucc.ie/tel: +353 21 904327 for a conference leaflet.

Second Announcement and Call for Papers and Panel Proposals: Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations, 15 to 18 June to be held in Moscow. The Center for Civilization and Regional Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in co-operation with The Institute of Cultural Anthropology of the Russian State University for the Humanities is organizing the above conference. The conference objective is to discuss the processes of the politogenesis in their regional and temporary variations. Two main sections are suggested: civilizational models of the complex sociopolitical organization (convenors: Dr Dmitri M Bondarenko and Professor Andrey V Korotayev) and ethological basis of hierarchy and power in human society (convenor: Professor Marina L Butovskaya). For further information e-mail: dbondar@inafr.msk.su

❖ AFRICA

An international conference on **Ethiopia - a biodiversity challenge** is being held in Addis Ababa from **2 to 4 February 2000**. Organised jointly by the Linnean Society of London and the Biological Society of Ethiopia, it will incorporate the latter's tenth annual conference. Talks, discussions, demonstrations and posters will take place at the Science Faculty, Addis Ababa University. There will be a reception and a conference dinner. For a flier and to register interest contact: Ms Marquita Baird, The Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0LQ/tel: 0171 434 4479/fax: 0171 287 9364/e-mail: marquita@linnean.demon.co.uk.

❖ USA

The National Association of African American Studies is holding a national conference on **21 to 26 February** in Houston, Texas. Subjects discussed will be varied including literature, demographics, history, politics, economics, education, health care, fine arts, religion, social sciences, business and many other subjects. For further information contact Dr Lemuel Berry, Jr., Executive Director, NAAAS, Morehead State University (tel: (606) 783 2650/fax: (606) 783 5046).

5th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Conference in African Studies is being held at Indiana University, Bloomington from **31 March to 2 April**. This interdisciplinary conference is intended to provide an opportunity for graduate students at all levels of their careers to present their work in a friendly and collegial atmosphere. For further information contact Leslie Fadiga-Stewart (e-mail: lfadigas@indiana.edu); Amadou Fofana (e-mail: afofana@indiana.edu); Liz McMahan (emmaho@indiana.edu) or Tristan Purvis (e-mail: tpurvis@indiana.edu).

OTHER NEWS

❖ **CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

AEGIS:

Patrick Chabal, AEGIS President, writes:

The newly constituted Stichting (Foundation) AEGIS, based in the African Studies Centre in Leiden, is now fully operational. AEGIS is currently responding to requests made by a number of European Union African Studies Centres to join the network, on which a decision will be made at the next Plenary Meeting, to be held in May 2000. Present members favour a steady but gradual expansion of the network so as not to dilute the currently good working relations between the centres. At the same time, there are a number of new research initiatives which might benefit from the collaboration of a larger number of African Studies Centres within the European Union. Links with non-EU Africanists are also growing. Although AEGIS is based juridically in the Netherlands, all correspondence should still be sent to the AEGIS Secretariat at the Centre of African Studies in London.

❖ **VISITING SCHOLARS**

Oppenheimer Academic Fellowship Scheme:

The Centre invites applications for this fellowship scheme sponsored by the **Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust** from relatively established South African academics, working in the broad field of African studies in the social sciences and humanities. The closing date for applications for **September/October to December 2000** is **20 February 2000**. For details of application requirements please contact the Centre office.

Dr Goolam Vahed (Lecturer, University of Durban-Westville) will be arriving at the beginning of **February**. During his three months at the Centre of African Studies he will be researching 'Indian Islam and meaning of South African citizenship; a question of identities'.

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 2000**. 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) 2000** or the **Spring term (mid-January – mid-April) 2001** is **30 April 2000**.

The following scholars are based at the Centre of African Studies under the above scheme from **January until March 2000**.

Kibet Ngetich (Sociology and Anthropology Department, Kenyatta University, Kenya) whose research topic whilst in the UK will be 'Ethnic Relations in Kenya: opportunities and constraints to inter-ethnic harmony in Njoro Division, Nakuru District'.

B K Chacha (Adjunct/Lecturer, History Department, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya) whose research topic is 'Ecological Degradation in Kenya: the impact of British American Tobacco Company's Contract Farming upon the Ecology of Marginal Areas of Kuria District of South-Western Kenya, 1969-1989'.

Dominica Dipio (University of Makerere, Kampala, Uganda) whose research topic will be 'The Narratives Structure of African Films: a tool for cultural appreciation'.

Masters Scholarship:

Thanks to the **Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust (EOMT)**, SOAS is able to offer a generous one-year scholarship to an outstanding South African student wishing to study any of its Masters programmes in the academic year 2000–2001. The award covers both overseas student fees and subsistence and is administered by the Centre of African Studies and the EOMT. For further information please contact the Centre office.

Visiting Academics to the Centre of African Studies

Dr Frances Harding (Lecturer in African Drama, Department of African Languages and Cultures, SOAS) established a British Council funded LINK with Dr Oga S Abah (Reader in Drama, Department of English and Drama, Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU), Zaria, Nigeria. We are pleased to report that Dr Abah had a very successful four-week teaching and research visit in November 1999.

Dr Nana Wilson-Tagoe, the first LINK visitor from SOAS, travels to Ahmadu Bello University for four weeks in March. At the same time **Ms Deborah Oguzawa**, a specialist in Media and Gender in Development, arrives at SOAS to teach on the MA Course 'Theatre and Media: Strategies for Participation in Development'. She will assist students to make a short development-based video using participatory techniques. (If you have a video camera which you are prepared to loan to a student please contact Frances Harding (fh@soas.ac.uk))

Professor Janice Harris (Professor of English, University of Wyoming) is currently in the UK working on an analysis of southern African narratives of the land – high-brow, low-brow; black, white, coloured; male, female – especially as those narratives are helping to shape current debates throughout southern Africa on land reform and reallocation. Recognising the complexity and contentiousness of the gendered aspects of the legal debate, she is particularly interested in the way narrative representations of the land maintain or resist stock stories on men's and women's relationships to the land. Professor Harris is contactable through the Centre office.

❖ 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.

David M Anderson and Vigdis Broch-Due (eds) **The Poor are Not Us: Poverty and Pastoralism in Eastern Africa** (James Currey: Oxford, 2000)

David M Anderson and Richard Rathbone (eds) **Africa's Urban Past** (James Currey: Oxford, 1999)

Cathy Campbell, B Williams, and C MacPhail (eds) **Managing HIV/AIDS in South Africa: lessons from industrial settings** (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research: Johannesburg, 1999)

Isaac Fadoyebo: **A Stroke of Unbelievable Luck** edited with an introduction by David Killingray (African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison: 1999)

- Richard Fardon and Graham Furniss (eds) **African Broadcast Cultures: radio in transition** (published (James Currey: Oxford, March 2000)
- Deborah A James, **Songs of the Women Migrants: performance and identity in South Africa** (International African Institute, Edinburgh University Press: January 2000)
- David Killingray and S R Ashton (eds) **British Documents on the end of Empire. The West Indies** (HSMO: London, 1999)
- David Killingray and David Omissi (eds) **Guardians of Empire** (Manchester University Press: 1999)
- Johan Pottier, **Anthropology of Food: The Social Dynamics of Food Security** (Cambridge University Press: 1999)
- Richard Rathbone, **Nkrumah and the chiefs; the politics of chieftaincy in Ghana, 1951-60** (James Currey: Oxford, 2000)
- James Sanders: **South Africa and the Interntional Media, 1972-79: a struggle for representation** (Frank Cass, 1999)
- Philip W Setele, Milton Lewis and Maryinez Lyons (eds) **Histories of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa** (Greenwood Press, London: 1999)

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.

❖ OTHER PUBLICATIONS

African Affairs, the journal of the Royal African Society, is not only celebrating its 99th anniversary this year, but will also be available on line from January. **African Affairs** publishes articles on recent political, social, and economic developments in sub-Saharan countries. Also included are historical studies that illuminate current events on the continent, and shorter 'briefing' articles, which give an expert view of current developments in Africa. Oxford University Press also provides a Table of Contents e-mail alerting service which enables readers to keep up-to-date with what is being published in the journal. This free service is available to subscribers and non-subscribers alike. For further details, or to register for online access, please visit the website at <http://www.afraf.oupjournals.org>

❖ MISCELLANEOUS

The Africa Centre (38 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2E 8JT) is a charity which was established in 1961 to promote cultural, economic and socio-political initiatives in Britain and the rest of Europe, which assist in the development of Africa. To find out more about the Africa Centre e-mail: africacentre@gn.apc.org or visit the website: www.africacentre.org.uk

Scholarships Poverty Alleviation Development Sustainable Agriculture in Uganda. The **Kulika Charitable Trust** was formed in 1981 to provide a scholarship resource for students from developing parts of the world. Over the years, the focus has shifted to meeting the needs of East Africa, and in particular Uganda. **The Kulika Charitable Trust (Uganda):** Kulika's work in Uganda is increasingly being undertaken by this autonomous NGO which is based in Kampala. Many of the present directors have helped advise Kulika (UK) over the years, and the UK Trustees have encouraged a devolution of responsibility to them - extending now to the management of a capital endowment to take the place of regular grants from the UK. *Kulika* is a Luganda word meaning 'congratulations' - a fitting reflection of the many successes of our students. For further information either contact the UK office in Guildford, Surrey on 01483 563567/e-mail: kulika@compuserve.com or in Kampala, Uganda on 256 41 266260/e-mail: kulikaug@imul.com

❖ AFRICAN LANGUAGES

The SOAS Language Centre runs courses in African languages. Further information can be obtained from by phoning the Language Centre on (020 7323 6379

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The Centre of African Studies office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.45 am to 5.15 pm.

SOAS is currently changing its telephone system so some difficulty may be encountered when telephoning.

Please note that London 0171 and 0181 numbers have changed to 0207 and 0208 respectively.

If you are telephoning the UK from abroad please omit the 0 from the area code in all cases e.g. Centre of African Studies = +44 207 323 6395.

PLEASE NOTE that the copy date for the next newsletter will be 11 April