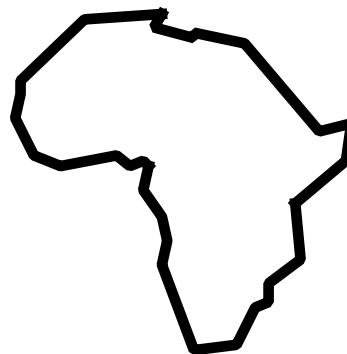


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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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❖ The **Africa Business Group**, run by the **Centre of African Studies** in association with **Africa Confidential**, is holding its first meeting of the academic year on **Thursday 21 October** when Mr Kaye Whiteman (Director of Information and Public Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat) will be speaking on the issues before the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) being held in Durban, South Africa from 12 to 15 November. On Wednesday 3 November, Dr Machiko Nissanke (Senior Lecturer in Economics, SOAS) will be speaking on financial systems and economic development in sub-Saharan Africa. If you would like to attend these meetings, or wish to be sent information about Africa Business Group, please contact Jackie Collis in the Centre office.

❖ The **Centre of African Studies** will be holding a one-day workshop on **Mau Mau: Revisionist Histories of Rebellion** on **Saturday 27 November**. This meeting aims to bring together scholars working on aspects of the history of the Mau Mau Rebellion in Kenya. Participants include established historians in the field, along with graduate students engaged in thesis research. It is hoped that the workshop will be attended by MA students and graduate students. The following speakers have been confirmed: Professor John Lonsdale, Dr David M Anderson, Joanna Lewis, Caroline Elkins, Kenneth Ombongi, David Hyde, Joyce Kannan and Robert Tignor. Offers of papers should be sent to the workshop convenor, Dr David M Anderson, c/o Centre of African Studies. You can register for the workshop by contacting Jackie Collis, Centre of African Studies. The registration form can be downloaded from <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/maumau.html>. To cover the workshop's basic costs there will be a registration fee of £8 (£5 for students/unwaged persons).

❖ Call for papers: **New African Diasporas** is a one-day colloquium which will be held at University College London on **28 April 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. Abstracts of 100 words should be submitted by the **deadline of 1 December** to Dr Khalid Koser, Department of Geography, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AP/tel: +44 (0)171 380 7564/fax: +44 (0)171 380 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: 0171-637 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.

- 6 October *Sacred History, Social History: traditions and texts in the making of a Zimbabwean transnational religious movement* by **Dr David Maxwell (Keele)**
- 13 October *Rethinking African economic history* by **Professor A G Hopkins (Cambridge)**
- 20 October *"Making a passage". Vainiya shipping to Mozambique, 1770-1830* by **Pedro Machado (SOAS)**
- 27 October *Eugenics and juvenile delinquency in colonial Kenya* by **Chloe Campbell (SOAS)**
- 3 November *Colonialism, nationalism and ethnicity in Eritrea, 1930-1990* by **Amanda Wooley (SOAS)**
- 10 November *The late colonial state in Portuguese Africa* by **Professor Malyn Newitt (King's College)**
- 17 November *Percy Fitzgerald and the origins of the South African War* by **Dr Stanley Trapido (Oxford University)**
- 24 November **History Department Transregional Seminar**
- 1 December *Negotiated outcomes: traders, administrators and the gradual emancipation of slaves in the post-Proclamation Gold Coast* by **Trevor Getz (SOAS)**
- 8 December *Intelligence and decolonization: the strange career of the Central African Intelligence and Security Bureau* by **Dr Philip Murphy (Reading)**
- 15 December [Speaker and title tba]

Enquiries to Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the History Department, SOAS (tel: 0171-323 6146).

Political Economy of Development Seminar held on **Tuesdays at 5.00 pm in Room G51**

- 12 October *Parallel Markets for Foreign Exchange and Hyperinflation: the case of Congo-Kinshasa* by **Claude Sumata, (Associate Member, CAS)**
- 19 October *Who Owes Who? Climate Change, Debt, Equity and Survival* by **Andrew Simms (Christian Aid and Jubilee 2000)**
- 26 October *Aid Effectiveness: selectivity and ownership* by **Andrew Rogerson (The World Bank)**
- 9 November *The Baby and the Bathwater: Agricultural Parastatals Revisited* by **Jonathan Kydd and Colin Poulton (Wye College, London University)**
- 23 November *Change in African Farming Systems* by **Steve Wiggins (University of Reading)**
- 30 November *Institutional Analysis of Financial Market Fragmentation in Sub-Saharan Africa: risk-cost configuration approach* by **Machiko Nissanke (SOAS)**

14 December *Science and Power in the Process of Agricultural Development* by Peter E Kenmore (Food and Agricultural Development)

For further 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 held in association with the Centre of African Studies on **Thursdays at 5.00 pm in Room G60**. under the general theme of **Culture in Africa**:

- 14 October A brief review of the course 'Culture in Africa' plus *The Yorùbá Parapò - A Pan-Yorùbá Solidarity Council: reflections on its vision, mission and objectives for Yorùbá culture* by Dr Akin Oyètádé (SOAS)
- 28 October *The Written Word is more Powerful than the Spoken: the meaning of literacy in traditional Christian Ethiopia* by Dr David Appleyard (SOAS)
- 4 November *Approaches to the study of culture in 'Africa'* by Professor Louis Brenner (SOAS)
- 11 November *African Cultures in the Americas: Retentions, Continuities or Transformations? Diaspora writers and the reinvention of African culture* by Dr Nana Wilson-Tagoe (SOAS)
- 25 November *Culture and Nationalism in Swahili Literature* by Dr Farouk Topan (SOAS)
- 8 December *On Bori and the projection of a Hausa National Culture and Identity* by Dr Malami Buba (Wednesday) (SOAS)
- 9 December *Eulogues: the building blocks of Hausa praise poetry* Magaji Y Tsoho (Ahmadu Bello University and Leventis Research Co-operation Programme scholar (CAS)
- 16 December *Akan Philosophical Systems and Cultural Identities* by Dr Kwadwo Osei-Nyame (SOAS)

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

Department of Anthropology and Sociology is holding a series of seminars entitled **Issues in the Anthropology of Urban Space** on **Monday at 5.00 pm in Room G58**. The series, which runs from **18 October to 13 December** has two seminars that might be of interest to Africanists:

- 6 December *Space, Marriage, Family and Kinship in Modern Kenya* by Nici Nelson (Goldsmith's College)
- 13 December *The Struggle for a City: Dislocation, Relocation and Indian Identity in Durban, South Africa* by Parvathi Raman (SOAS)

For further information contact the seminar convenor, Dr Trevor Marchand (e-mail: tm6@soas.ac.uk)

Geography Staff/Postgraduate Research Seminars will be held on **Tuesdays, 4.00 pm**. Many of these will have an Africa-related component and the programme will be advertised on the Postgraduate Board in the Geography Department.

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❖ At **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY)**, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HJ (tel: 0171-387 7050):

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

- 15 October *Religious change in Northern Ghana: the Tale people and the Tonna'ab shrine, 1890s-1990s* by John Parker (SOAS)
- 22 October *The politics of children's masking and second-world realities in Oku (Cameroon)* by Nicholas Argenti (University of East Anglia)
- 29 October *Youth crisis and agricultural revolutions: why West Africa needs GM crops* by Paul Richards (UCL; University of Wageningen)
- 5 November *Indigenous coastal elites and urban populations: the example of the Duala of Cameroon* by Jonathan Derrick (co-author of 'Middlemen of the Cameroons Rivers' (1999))
- 12 November No seminar
- 19 November *The Lebanese diaspora and the Sierra Leone diamond trade* by Caspar Fithen (Oxford Analytica)
- 26 November *Genealogies of morality: the Afro-Cuban nganga was wage-labourer, slave and Maroon* by Stephan Palmié (University of Maryland)
- 3 December *Reshaping women's roles in the Nigerian economy: the Birom of the Jos Plateau* by Hannatu Alahari (Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria/Leventis Research Co-operation Programme scholar (CAS))
- 10 December *How indirect was Indirect Rule in everyday practice? Gumel Native Authority, 1903-1960* by Dalha Waziri (Bayero University, Kano/Leventis Research Co-operation Programme scholar (CAS))

Enquiries or suggestions to Professor Murray Last, Department of Anthropology (UCL)/tel: 0171 504 2446/fax: 0171 380 7728/e-mail: m.last@ucl.ac.uk

Medical Anthropology seminar held on Thursdays at 4.30 pm in the Anthropology Lab.
Of the 8 seminars being held in this series the following relate specifically to Africa.

- 18 November *Children and spirit possession in Malawi* by Isabel de Salis (Brunel)
- 25 November *Earth-eating, blood-sucking; seeking health in western Kenya* by Wenzel Geissler (University of Copenhagen and Cambridge)
- 2 December *AIDS and youth in Zambia and Malawi today* by Angela Browne (Coventry University)

Enquiries to Professor Murray Last, Department of Anthropology (UCL)/tel: 0171 504 2446/fax: 0171 380 7728/e-mail: m.last@ucl.ac.uk

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❖ At the **INSTITUTE OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES**, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS (tel: 0171-862 8844/fax: 0171-255 2160):

Societies of Southern Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries in the **Menzies Room** *Please contact the seminar secretary to confirm the time and venue of the meeting on 27 November
NB: This seminar series no longer meets at weekly or fortnightly intervals.

- 1 October J D F Jones and Ed Wilmsen will talk about Laurens van der Post. J D F Jones (former foreign editor of the Financial Times) is the official biographer of van der Post; Ed Wilmsen has written a seminal article on van der Post's 'ethnographic fictions'
- 15 October Roundtable discussion on the 1999 elections in South Africa with Graeme Bloch (SOAS), Dr Anthony Butler (Birkbeck) and James Sanders (Associate Member, CAS) (at 4.00 pm)
- *27 November **Anti-Apartheid Witness Seminar**: the development of the international policy of sanctions against South Africa. Speakers will include Ronald Segal and Vela Pillay

Organisers: Professor Shula Marks (SOAS), Dr Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck) and Dr Wayne Dooling (SOAS)

The ICS also holds other seminars dealing with **Caribbean Societies**, **Commonwealth Studies**, **Gender in Empire and Commonwealth**. For further information contact the ICS Events and Publicity Officer, ICS (tel: 0207 862 8844/fax: 0207 862 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: 0171-636 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: 0171-836 5454):

African Security Programme Seminar Series held at 5.00 pm in room 332, Department of War Studies, Norfolk Building, Surrey Street (off Strand) London WC2

22 November *Reconsidering Multilateral Diplomacy in Africa* by Dr Funmi Olonisakin and Dr Abiodun Alao (King's College)

29 November *Southern Africa and the Challenges of the New Millenium* by Tunde Idowu (LSE)

Enquiries to the Events and Programmes Office (tel: 0171 848 2756).

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❖ At **BIRKBECK COLLEGE**, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX:

The Post-Colonial Literatures in English Seminar Series held at 6.00 pm in 30 Russell Square

1 November *Representing Trauma in the New South Africa* by Professor Dennis Calder

2 December Dr William Radice will speak on Chaudhuri

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: 0171-580 1122):

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

It is not anticipated that any meetings will be held during the current term. Further information may be obtained from Dr Mandy Banton (Public Records Office) e-mail: mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk

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❖ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AR (tel: 0171 405 7686). All meetings are from 5.15 to 6.30 pm, held on **Tuesdays in Room S600**, St Clements Building, LSE

Comparative Economic History Seminar: Africa, Asia and Latin America.

This seminar series will run only during the Spring and Summer terms 2000. For further information please contact Colin Lewis, Economic History Department, LSE (c.m.lewis@lse.ac.uk)

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❖ **The Royal African Society**, SOAS, (tel: 0171-323 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).

14 October *The 1999 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting* by HE Cheryl Carolus (South African High Commissioner) and Colin Ball (Director, Commonwealth Foundation) (at 12.30 in the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)

14 October *A Democracy? 'Ademacratie?'" Party Deadlock and Political Culture in 1990s Mali* (by Andrew Manley, Freelance journalist and consultant) (at 5.30 in room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with Centre of African Studies)

26 October *African Guerrillas* by Professor Christopher Clapham (Professor of Politics and International Relations, Lancaster University) (at 5.30 in room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with the Centre of African Studies)

1 November *Bridges into the Future: recruiting and retaining minority ethnic Britons into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office* by Linbert Spencer (Liaison Officer, FCO and Minority Communities) (at 6.00 pm at the Commonwealth Club) (jointly with RCS)

- 2 November** *The Mask of Anarchy: the destruction of Liberia and the Religious Dimension of an African Civil War* by Dr Stephen Ellis (African Studies Centre, Leiden: author of book of the same title) (at 5.30 in Room BG05, Brunei Gallery, or G2, SOAS). The publishers, C Hurst & Co will be in attendance with copies of the book and invite those attending to a reception after the meeting) (jointly with Centre of African Studies)
- 3 November** Panel Debate: *The Image of the Commonwealth*. Panel: Sunder Katwala (Senior Research Analyst), Joel Kibaza (Journalist, Financial Times), Kaye Whiteman (Director of Information and Public Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat) (at 6.00 pm at the Commonwealth Club) (jointly with RCS)
- 4 November** *Gender in Culture: Working with Women's Rights in Southern Africa* (by Dr Anne Griffiths, Reader in Law, University of Edinburgh) (at 5.30 in Room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with Centre of African Studies)
- 10 November** *Street Babies: High Chair at the Global Table* (by Father Patrick Shanahan, Catholic Priest and Founder of 'Street Child Africa') (at 5.30 pm in Room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with Centre of African Studies)
- 15 November** *Art, Ritual and Spirit Possession in Benin City* (a talk with slides and film) by Charles Gore (Researcher and Lecturer in Anthropology) (at 5.30 room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with the Centre of African Studies)
- 17 November** *Urban Poverty in Africa* (by Sue Jones, Consultant in Urban Poverty for DfID and World Bank and Dr Nici Nelson (Urban Anthropologist) plus other contributors to the forthcoming volume 'Urban Poverty in Africa: from understanding to alleviation') (at 5.30 in Room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with Centre of African Studies). The publishers, Intermediate Technology Press, will be in attendance with copies of the book, and invite those attending to a reception after the meeting.
- 24 November** *A Review of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting*, a panel discussion led by Robin Oakley (Diplomatic Editor, BBC News) (at 1.00 pm in the Commonwealth Club) (jointly with RCS)
- 30 November** *Visions and Dreams* (a visual arts representation of the cultural reconstruction of Uganda through four artists/teachers at Makerere). There will be a showing of part of this film after an introduction by the producer/director, Zuleika Kingdon (Freelance Video Producer) (at 5.30 in Room BG05, Brunei Gallery, SOAS) (jointly with Centre of African Studies)

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.

Meetings that are held jointly with the RCS need to be booked with Nana-Serwa Mancell, Public Affairs, Royal Commonwealth Society (tel: 0171-930 6733/e-mail: public.affairs@rcsint.org) . Meetings jointly with RCS are held at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2.

For further information on meetings held jointly with the Centre of African Studies please contact Lindsay Allan, Royal African Society (tel: 0171 323 6253/e-mail: ras@soas.ac.uk).

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

A joint conference by Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich is being held on the **15 and 16 October**. The conference, entitled **The Exhibiting Empire: Visual Material** is being held at the National Maritime Museum. Further information can be obtained from Helen Jones (tel: 0208 312 5716/website: <http://www.nmm.ac.uk>)

Following the conference in May 1999 on **Administering Empire: the British Colonial Service in Retrospect** a number of further symposia are being organised. Enquiries should be directed to Michael Twaddle, Institute of Commonwealth Studies (tel: 0207 862 88839/e-mail: mtwaddle@sas.ac.uk)

Worldaware will be organising four meetings on **Sustainable Agriculture**. Details from Christine Price (tel: 0171 831 3844/fax: 0171 831 1746/e-mail: education@worldaware.org.uk/website: <http://www.worldaware.org.uk>)

The Commonwealth Fair organised by the Commonwealth Countries League will be held on **Saturday 6 November** from **10.30 pm to 4.30 pm** at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street (off Kensington High Street). Tickets £2 at the door.

A one-day conference entitled **Toufann and other Tempests: Shakespeare in Post-Colonial Contexts** will be held in The Harkness Hall 2, Birkbeck College, Malet Street on **11 December**. The conference (organised by Dr Mpalive Msiska (Birkbeck College) and Peter Jenkins (The Africa Centre) and Michael Walling (Border Crossings) in conjunction with Michael Walling's production at the Africa Centre of Toufann, a version of the Tempest by Mauritian playwright Dev Virahsawmy) will bring together eminent academics and theatre practitioners to explore ways in which Shakespeare is translated, adapted and appropriated in post-colonial contexts, particularly in Africa and the Caribbean. For further information and registration enquiries contact The Africa Centre, tel: 0171 836 1973)

The Commonwealth Carol Service is being held at **6.15 pm** on **Monday 13 December** in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. All welcome. Free entrance.

❖ UK

The African Studies Centre (Cambridge University) is organising a Research Seminar Series on the theme **New Research in African Studies** on **Mondays at 5pm** from **11 October to 29 November** in the Committee Room, Social and Political Sciences Faculty, New Museums Site, Free School Lane, Cambridge. On **8 November** Dr Vigdis Broch-Due (Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala and Senior Research Associate, Centre of African Studies, University of London) will be speaking on **A Proper Cultivation of Peoples: The colonial reconfiguration of pastoral tribes and places in Kenya**. Further details on <http://www.african.cam.ac.uk> or contact the Administrator (tel/fax: 01223 334396/e-mail: cs218@cus.cam.ac.uk)

African Studies Seminars will be held in the Fellows Dining Room, St Antony's College (Oxford University) on **Thursdays at 5.00 pm** beginning **Thursday 14 October** with **The Politics and Economics of Redistribution in Post-Apartheid South Africa** by Jeremy Seekings and Nicoli Nattrass of the University of Cape Town. For information and bookings tel: 01865 284730.

The Britain Zimbabwe Society, with the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scottish Education and Action for Development and Oxfam in Scotland are organising a dayschool to be held on **Saturday 30 October** from **10.30 am to 4.30 pm**. The meeting, entitled **Whose Land - Whose Liberty? Land and Community in Zimbabwe and Scotland** will be held at the Edinburgh University Chaplaincy, Bristo Square, Edinburgh. Workshops on land tenure, food and trade, music, community links and exchanges, and land and ecology will be held. For further information, registration, and information on accommodation and travel may be obtained from the Britain

Zimbabwe Society, c/o University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL. Tel: 0131 650 2595/6/7/fax: 0131 650 9111.

The Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh are organising a meeting on **Wednesday 3 November** at 5.00 pm, entitled **Democracy the Second Time Around** at which there will be a panel of two speakers: H E Bright Msaka (High Commissioner of Malawi) and Professor Kenneth Ross (General Secretary, Church of Scotland Board of World Mission). Venue: 7 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh. For further information and to book contact P King (tel: 0131 650 3878)

The Centre for Commonwealth Studies (University of Stirling) is holding a one-day symposium entitled **Twentieth Century Malawi: Perspectives on History and Culture** on **Monday 6 December** in the Pathfoot Building. The main aim of this symposium is to provide a forum for discussion of the research being carried out by post-graduates and others who share a common interest in Malawi's history and culture. Papers presented will include discussions of the following subjects: the colonial military; gender relations in missionary hospitals, and literature, culture and political transition. For further information or to offer a relevant paper, please contact Dr John McCracken, Department of History, University of Stirling, FK0 4:A. tel: 01786 467580/e-mail: k.j.mccracken@stir.ac.uk/www.stir.ac.uk/departments/arts.commonwealth.html.

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>.

First announcement of the Centre of African Studies International Conference 2000, University of Edinburgh. The theme of this conference will be **Africa's Indigenous Minorities**. The indigenous minorities would likely include Bushmen, Himba, Tuareg, Hadza, Maasai, etc. Issues would involve human rights (especially land rights, or lack of them), the concept of 'indigenous' (more problematic in Africa than on any other continent, as attested in IWGIA conferences, etc), relations between indigenous peoples and nation states, and between them and incomers (whether Bantu-speakers a few centuries ago or whites more recently), and a host of others. This conference will be held on Wednesday and Thursday (**24 and 25 May**) or during the last week (**31 May and 1 June**). For further information contact Dr Alan Barnard, Centre of African Studies, 7 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LW/e-mail: A.Barnard@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. The key topics this conference will consider are: art, culture, cinema, media, architecture and music. Also to be considered are topics related to politics, economics, and the cultural geographies of African cultural production. This provides a description of some but not all of the topics which the conference would hope to consider. For further information visit <http://www.liv.ac.uk/abe/africa2000/main.html>

❖ EUROPE

The Centro de Estudios Internacionales para el Desarrollo (CEID) has organised the second international electronic symposium **Africa in View of the Third Millenium** from **4 to 29 October**. This symposium is an event through electronic mail which means that papers, communications, opinions and commentaries on the subject will be presented by participants through electronic mail during the weeks of the symposium. For further information contact jreyes@feedback.net.ar

The Institute for African Studies at Bayreuth University is offering a 10 graduate programme entitled **Cultural Production and Conflict Mediation** at Bayreuth University (**24 October to 2 November**) on the role of cultural intervention in political crisis situations. This course is open to advanced post-graduates (PhD students and Masters candidates) in the humanities, arts, political science and development studies who engage in research on a relevant topic (eg Theatre for

Development, Community Development etc). For further information visit the homepage of the University of Bayreuth: <http://www.unit-bayreuth.de/Afrikanologie/IAS>

The University of Ghent is organising an international conference on **Belgium's Africa** from **21 to 23 October 1999**. For further information contact the conference secretariat, Department of African Languages and Cultures, University of Ghent, Rozier 44, 9000 Gent, Belgium/tel: 32 9 2643842/fax: 32 9 2644180/e-mail: belguimsafrica@africana.rug.ac.be or consult the website: <http://africana.rug.ac.be/belguimsafrica>

The Organisation for Peace and Appropriate Development for The Horn of Africa (PADA) are organising a conference entitled '**Africa Ten Years After: Re-examining the Post Cold War Period and the Challenges, Achievements and Failures of the Organization of African Unity**', to be held in the Netherlands from **18 to 20 November**. The experiences and military crises of Post Cold War Africa will be examined from political and economic perspectives, as well as issues facing the Organization of African Unity. For further information telephone: +31 71 5148117/5140953/fax:+31 71 5147550/e-mail: pada.foundation@wxs.nl/webpage: <http://home.wxs.nl/~pada.foundation>

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 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 / jones@rz.uni-leipzig.de At a later date information will be available on the department's home page: <http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~ifa/>

Second Announcement and Call for Papers and Panel Proposals: Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations, 15 to 18 June 2000 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). **Deadline for paper proposals** (with abstracts (no more than 300 words) - **1 December**. For further information e-mail: dbondar@inafr.msk.su

❖ AFRICA

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization is organising a conference on **Industrial Partnerships and Investment in Africa** on **21 October** in Dakar, Senegal. For further information visit the conference website: <http://www.unido.org/cipia.dakar>

The International Herald Tribune is organising a conference on **Southern Africa Trade and Investment Summit**, to be held in Mozambique on **30 November and 1 December**. For further information or to register contact Fiona Cowan, International Herald Tribune, 40 Marsh Wall, London E14 9TP/tel: +44 (0)171 510 5704/fax: (+44 (0)171 987 3463)

Dr John Tokpabere Agberia, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Creative Arts, PO Box 41, Uniport, PO Choba, Port Harcourt, Nigeria/e-mail: penguin@micro.com.ng/tel: +234-01-522910. requests that proposed participants of the **Urhobo Art Conference and Exhibition** scheduled for **15 to 25 December** send registration requests and abstracts direct to him.

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. To offer a poster or paper contact: Mrs Virginia Purchon, 54, Gondar Gardens, London NW6 1HG/tel: 0171 813 3652/fax: 0171 794 8693/e-mail: virginia@purchon.co.uk

❖ AUSTRALIA

An international conference on **New African Perspectives: Africa, Australasia, and the wider world at the end of the twentieth century** is being held on **26 and 28 November** at St George's College, University of Western Australia, Perth. The conference aims to look critically at the African encounter with the twentieth century and with the wider world. Occurring when the nature of African studies is itself under review, it is also a suitable time to take stock of the past and present study of Africa, and its future prospects. This conference will also constitute **The 22nd Annual and International Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific** (AFSAAP '99). Further information can be obtained from the conference web site: <http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/ASCWA/conference99/>

❖ USA

The Humanities Department of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, is holding an international conference on slave narratives entitled **Chronicling our Present; Remembering our Past; Predicting our Future** to be held from **14 to 16 October**. For further information contact Dr Olabisi Gwamna, Department of Humanities, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, OH 45384/fax: 937 376 5793/e-mail: ogwamna@payne.wilberforce.edu or Dr Muriel Wright Brailey, Department for Humanities, 1055 N Bickett Road, Wilberforce, Ohio 45384/fax: 937 376 5793/e-mail: mbrailey@payne.wilberforce.edu

From **12 September to 2 January 2000** National Museum of African Art at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA will be holding a new exhibition entitled **Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity**. To receive the calendar of public programs telephone (202) 357 2700.

OTHER NEWS

❖ CENTRE NEWS

AEGIS:

Patrick Chabal, AEGIS President, writes:

"Following the last AEGIS meeting in Uppsala in May, the network has now been incorporated as a Foundation in the Netherlands. The Leiden African Studies Centre will provide administrative support for the running of the AEGIS Foundation, which will be managed by a Board consisting of the President (Patrick Chabal), the Director of the Leiden African Studies Centre (Gerti Hesselings), and the Director of the Lisbon African Studies Centre (Franz Heimer) – the Board being accountable to the Plenary of all AEGIS member.

AEGIS now has a functioning webpage – <http://aegis.eu.org> – which provides information about member centres as well as a summary of the resources which the network can provide. AEGIS is looking forward to consolidating its research activities and to consider the applications of other European African Studies Centres for membership. Our priorities are, as they always have been, to facilitate contact, research and collaborative work not only

between Africanists from the European Union but also with our colleagues in Africa. We welcome proposals from all those who feel they would benefit from an association with AEGIS."

All enquiries about AEGIS should be addressed to the Centre of African Studies.

❖ 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 full details of application requirements please contact the Centre office.

Linda Waldman (Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology, University of the Witwatersrand) will be based in the Centre of African Studies from September to December. Ms Waldman's research project is 'The Griqua Conundrum: politics in traditional leadership and identity in the Northern Cape, South Africa'.

Dr Goolam Vahed (Lecturer, University of Durban-Westville) will be arriving in January 2000. 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. Please contact the Centre office for full details of application requirements.

The following scholars will be at the Centre of African Studies from September to December:

Ms Hannatu A Alahira (History Department, Ahmadu Bello University) is pursuing research on 'The role of women in the colonial economy of the Jos Plateau from 1900 to 1960';

Mr Magaji Tsoho (Department of Nigerian and African Languages, Ahmadu Bello University) is carrying out research on 'The transformation of Hausa Court Song from 1850 to date', and,

Mr Dalha Waziri (Department of History, Bayero University) is researching 'The history of the Gumel Emirate'.

All of the above can be contacted through the Centre of African Studies

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 will be based at the Centre of African Studies under the above scheme from January to 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'.

Ngassa Dindi (Lecturer in Law, Institute of Finance Management, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania) who will be researching 'Emerging International Standards on Legal Prevention and Judicial Control of Corruption and the Lessons to Tanzania'.

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

We are pleased to report that **Mr H Gachukia Nyaga**, a Kenyan researcher and a 1998 East African Visiting Scholarship scholar at the Centre of African Studies was awarded the competitive British Chevening Scholarship for the year 1999. He is currently pursuing an MSc degree in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His current research interests are in the area of democratisation and civil society in Africa. He plans to write his dissertation on 'Comparative Corruption: a study of Kenya and Indonesia'. He expressed his thanks to the Centre of African Studies saying that the time he spent with the Centre under the EAVS scheme gave him the opportunity and conducive environment to reflect and develop his current research interests.

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) has established a British Council funded LINK with Dr Oga S Abah (Reader in Drama, Department of English and Drama, Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU), Nigeria. Dr Harding and Dr Abah have worked together for many years in theatre and media projects in Nigeria and elsewhere and particularly on community-based drama-building. The LINK will run for three years during which time there will be an exchange of staff between the two departments. The staff from ABU will teach in the Department on the proposed new MA course unit **Media and Performance: Strategies for Participatory Development in Africa**. This course will be available on a number of MA programmes.

The first member of staff from ABU, Dr Ago Abah, will be arriving in the UK in October. It is anticipated that Dr Nana Wilson-Tagoe will complete the exchange by going to ABU in February 2000 to work with students and staff on Caribbean literature.

❖ PUBLICATIONS

The Centre of African Studies is pleased to announce the publication of **Modernity on a Shoestring** edited by Fardon, van Binsbergen & van Dijk. 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.

The Centre is also pleased to announce a recent publication by Jeff Opland (Professorial Research Associate of the Centre of African Studies), entitled **Xhosa Poets and Poetry** (Cape Town, 1998, 384.pp, ISBN 0 86486 420 5; enquiries to Shamiela at dppsales@iafrica.com. Professor Graham Furniss (Head of the Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa, SOAS) wrote: **Xhosa Poets and Poetry**, looks back over two hundred years of documented poetic artistic activity in Xhosa and presents texts, in Xhosa and in eminently readable English translation, along with scholarly and detailed discussion of the social background to the tradition. The book discusses the history of the writing of Xhosa, the institutions which supported and controlled writing, and presents the creativity, knowledge and vision of individual artists. Opland has brought together insights and understandings that he has built up over years of research, and presents them in a form which is both scholarly and approachable.

We would like to include listings of recent publications 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.

The Journal of African Cultural Studies (founded in the Department of the Languages and Cultures of Africa at SOAS, University of London, UK) Previously concerned with the broad fields of African linguistic and cultural studies, the journal now focuses on dimensions of African culture including literature (particular African language literatures), performance, art, music, the role of the media, the relationship between culture and power, etc as well as issues within fields such as popular culture interest, and culture and gender. NB It no longer carries articles which deal with the technical linguistic descriptions of African languages. Further information can be obtained from website:<http://www.carfax.co.uk>

The Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. JSAS is an international publication for work of high academic quality. It aims to generate fresh scholarly inquiry and exposition in the fields of history, economics, sociology, demography, social anthropology, administration, law, political science, international relations, literature and the natural sciences, in so far as they relate to the human condition. It represents a deliberate effort to draw together the various disciplines in social science and its allied fields. JSAS represents a unique opportunity for the study of a wide variety of social problems. It presents work which reflects new theoretical approaches, and work which discusses the methodological framework in general use by students of the area. The region covered embraces the following countries: the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, Angola and Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe and occasionally the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire), Tanzania, Madagascar and Mauritius. For further information please consult <http://www.carfax.co.uk/jss-ad.htm>

❖ **AFRICAN LANGUAGES**

The SOAS Language Centre runs courses in African languages. Further information can be obtained from by phoning the Language Centre on (0)171 323 6379

❖ **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Africa Educational Trust (based at 38 King Street, London WC2E 8JS) provides small grants to assist Africans in education. For further information either e-mail: aet@mcm.com, visit the website: www.africaeducationaltrust.mcm.com or fax: +44 (0)171 379 0090.

ARTICLE 19, the International Centre Against Censorship, works impartially and systematically to identify and oppose censorship world-wide. For further information on ARTICLE 19 and details of publications and subscriptions contact ARTICLE 19, Lancaster House, 33 Islington High Street, London N1 9LH (Tel: 0171 278 9292; Fax: 0171 713 1356; e-mail: article19@gn.apc.org).

The British Council publishes a newsletter entitled **Action Africa** which describes some of the British Council's current work in Africa. For further information contact Louisa Waddingham by fax: (0)171 389 4578/e-mail: Louisa.Waddingham@britcoun.org

Prize and Grant Competition 1999: The Trustees of the Zeena Ralph Memorial Fund wish to promote research and dialogue on 'mixed race' issues which have faced or are facing society, whether in the UK or internationally. There will be two awards in 1999 (i) a prize for an undergraduate or postgraduate essay or dissertation, and (ii) a grant towards expenses for a student or staff research project having a bearing on 'mixed race' issues (fieldwork, workshop etc.). Students currently registered for undergraduate or postgraduate degrees, and staff at the School of Oriental and African Studies are eligible. Essay submissions should be received by 15 October 1999. There is currently no deadline for applications for research funds. Enquiries and applications may be made to the Department of Anthropology, SOAS/tel: 0171 691 3321/e-mail: rn2@soas.ac.uk

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