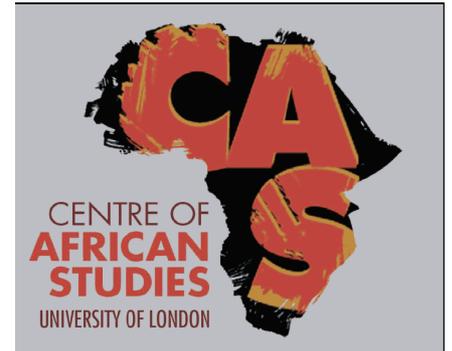


# AFRICAN NEWS



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⌘ **The Africa Business Group**, run by the Centre of African Studies in association with *Africa Confidential*, will be holding two meetings this term. The ABG is a forum for the discussion of African affairs as they affect business, commerce, and finance across the continent. It brings together business people, journalists, diplomats and those in the NGOs with academics and scholars who share expertise on Africa. If you would like further information about membership or meetings, please contact the Centre of African Studies. Attendance is by invitation only.

**22 February**

**‘External Financing Flows to Sub-Saharan Africa in 2006: Selective improvements’**

**Gregory Kronsten (Commerzbank)**

Portfolio and direct investors are very different animals, with different tastes. In some cases such as Nigeria and Zambia, they will like the same countries but for different reasons. Oil and minerals have been favoured sectors in the region for many years. We should now add telecoms, which is also popular even when the macroeconomic framework in the country is flawed. For other sectors, the direct investor is looking for sound economic policy, including low inflation, exchange-rate stability, fiscal discipline and open financial markets. These comprise the sine qua non for the portfolio investor, and it is significant that they are now established in the majority of African countries

**29 March**

**‘Stealing Africa: How Capital Flight is Draining Africa’s Economies’**

**Patrick Smith (Africa Confidential) & John Christianson**

**12.15-2pm, Room 116 at SOAS**

**By Invitation only. Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or  
Email: [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)**

⌘ **Africa Seminar organised by the Centre of African Studies**  
**Thursdays at 5-6.30pm in Room B102, Brunei Gallery building, SOAS**

- 25 January            **William Clarence-Smith** (SOAS)  
Islam and Slavery in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 1 February            **Rodreguez King-Dorset** (Lincoln University)  
London as a Refuge from Slavery
- 8 February            **Benedetta Rossi** (SOAS)  
Dependence and Independence in the Ader: Articulations of  
Slavery and Colonialism in Niger
- 22 February           **Frances Harding** (SOAS)  
No Stranger to Mixed Identities: Paul Robeson and Othello
- 1 March                **Chris Krantz**  
Old Calabar and the Abolition of the British Slave Trade
- 8 March                **Gareth Austin** (LSE)  
Cash Crops and Freedom: Export Agriculture and the Decline  
of Slavery and Debt Bondage in Colonial West Africa
- 15 March               **Mark Smith** (Derbyshire Record Office)  
Sources for the history of slavery held in by Derbyshire Record  
Office
- 22 March               **Scott Anderson** (SOAS)  
Masters, Slaves, Missionaries and Abolitionists: The Wesleyan  
mission and slavery on the Gold Coast, c1835-1855

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## EVENTS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

**Launch of the Women of Africa**, Agency of Cultural Mediation and in Support of the UN Millennium Development Goals: 'Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women', **25 January 2007, 6-9pm, at SOAS, Brunei gallery lecture theatre.**

Chair: Dr Nici Nelson (Goldsmith)

Organiser: Rhoda Wilson (Women of Africa), Angelica Baschiera (CAS)

[www.womenofafricauk.org](http://www.womenofafricauk.org)

For more information contact: [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)

**Roundtable** on Ongoing Research in 7 West African Countries entitled '**Mobility and Migrations in West Africa**'

**12 February, 2-5pm, Room 116, SOAS**

Organiser: Dr Benedetta Rossi, [br4@soas.ac.uk](mailto:br4@soas.ac.uk) or [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)

**Seminar: Prof. Nikolay Dobronravin**, Senior fellow, St. Petersburg Branch, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

**'Language use in African Islamic Medicine'**

**21 February, 5-7pm, Room B104, SOAS**

For more information contact, Dr Dmitry Bondarev, [db5@soas.ac.uk](mailto:db5@soas.ac.uk) or [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)

**Conference: African Trajectories of Slavery: Perceptions, Practices, Experiences (25-26 May 2007)**

The Seminar's focus on 'trajectories of slavery' emphasises agency and process. It aims at advancing our understanding of how socially and historically constituted knowledge about 'slavery' is embodied in a whole set of institutions and in the everyday practices of people in contemporary African societies

For more information contact the convenor, Dr Benedetta Rossi: [br4@soas.ac.uk](mailto:br4@soas.ac.uk) or [cas@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cas@soas.ac.uk)

## EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

### ⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society

The society will present two films in Term 2, however dates are not set yet.

For further information about the films and the society contact Roy Galbraith ([roygal@aol.com](mailto:roygal@aol.com))

### **Report from conference held in October at Redditch Town Hall:**

**Theme " Building Community Partnerships between the UK and Tanzania"**

Organised by Redditch One World Link and Britain –Tanzania Society in collaboration with UKOWLA and DFID Global School Partnerships.

The meeting was chaired by Trevor Jaggar and attended by Liz Fennell and 14 members of BTS and members of other organisations ,some of whom were also members of BTS.[Total 80] The organisation of the conference ,the food and Friday evening's barn dance was of a very high standard.

If you wish to receive a copy of the full report please email: [roygal@aol.com](mailto:roygal@aol.com)

### ⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Zimbabwe Society

For further information visit: [www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm)  
Ranka Primorac [rankaprimorac@aol.com](mailto:rankaprimorac@aol.com)

⌘ **Meetings organized by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society.** For information about membership contact: Anglo-Ethiopian Society c/o The Secretary, PO Box 55506, London SW7 4YP Tel and Fax: 0771 721 0470/E-mail: [secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org](mailto:secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org).

**Tuesday 13th February 2007 @ 7:00pm;**

**Room B102 (Brunei Building, SOAS):**

20 years of visiting the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa - an illustrated talk Prof. Gordon Williams The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, founded nearly 40 years ago by Catherine and Reg Hamlin, is run totally through charitable donations and the only hospital in the world which deals solely with this painful female condition. Girls are frequently married while their bodies are still maturing. They are often malnourished and their pelvis too small to allow a normal delivery of a baby. This often leaves them with severe physical and emotional damage. Most patients can be cured by surgery.

Prof. Williams is currently Consultant of Urology and Surgery of Renal Failure at Hammersmith Hospital, London. The talk is based on his experience of visiting the Fistula Hospital at regular intervals over the past 20 years, and describes the holistic approach that has been developed for the management of these young women.

**Tuesday 27th March 2007 @ 7:00pm;**

**Room B102 (Brunei Building, SOAS):**

An Introduction to Aksumite Coinage -  
an illustrated talk by Vincent West

The kingdom of Aksum minted gold, silver and copper coins from the late third century AD to the early seventh. As many of the kings are otherwise unknown, the coins are a key source for Aksumite history.

Early coins have Greek inscriptions and pagan symbols. After the conversion of Ezanas to Christianity in the fourth century the coins bear the cross and Christian inscriptions, some in the local Semitic language Ge'ez. The use of gold inlay on some silver and copper coins is a unique and unexplained phenomenon. Recent hoards from Arabia and India have extended our knowledge considerably.

For information about meetings contact: [events@anglo-ethiopian.org](mailto:events@anglo-ethiopian.org).

⌘ **Meetings organized by the Friends of Mali UK.** For general information contact [info@friendsofmali-uk.org](mailto:info@friendsofmali-uk.org), website: [www.friendsofmali-uk.org/](http://www.friendsofmali-uk.org/). For up-to-date information on meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (E-mail: [sarahcastle@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahcastle@yahoo.com)).

⌘ **The Royal African Society meetings in association with CAS**

Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG (Tel: 020 7898 4390/E-mail: [ras@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras@soas.ac.uk)) announces the following meeting. The Royal African Society holds many open meetings during the year, information about these

can be found on the RAS website: [www.royalafricansociety.org/](http://www.royalafricansociety.org/)

- 23 January            Is China Good for Africa?  
**Nkosana Moyo, Actis**  
**Professor Stephen Chan, SOAS**  
6pm, Royal Commonwealth Society,  
25 Northumberland Ave
- 30 January            Somalia: Getting it Wrong Again  
Harun Maruf, Freelance Journalist  
David Stephens, former Special Rep for the UN Secretary-  
General, Somalia  
Richard Dowden, Royal African Society  
7pm, Khalili Lecture theatre, SOAS
- 2 February            **Ngugi wa Thiong'o** (title tbc)  
6pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS

Please confirm all meetings by telephone with RAS as, very occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, they may be postponed. In the event of a cancellation or postponement a message will be left on the answer phone.

<b>FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES</b>
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⌘ At the **SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES,**  
**Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG (tel: +44 020**  
**7637 2388)**

**History Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities.) African History**  
**Research Seminar** held on **Wednesdays** in **Room B111** from **17.00-18.30**

There will be no seminar in Term 2. The seminar will resume in Term 3.

Enquiries to David Martin (e-mail: [dm24@soas.ac.uk](mailto:dm24@soas.ac.uk)).

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⌘ At UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL), Gower street, London WC1E 6BT

West Africa Seminar held on Fridays at 4.30pm in Daryll Forde Seminar Room, UCL Anthropology, 14 Taverton St.

For more information, contact Barrie Sharpe ([b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk)); 020-76798649

- 19 January Magic, Prophetism and professional priesthood in Ghanaian Christianity  
**Ioannis Kyriakakis** [UCL]
- 26 January Liminal spaces: changing inter-generational relations among longterm Liberian refugees in Ghana  
**Kate Hampshire** [Durham]
- 2 February Sierra Leone: reform or relapse? Conflict and governance reform 1996-2004  
**Brian Thomson** [Associate Fellow, Chatham House]
- 9 February Yoruba ethnogenesis revisited: religion and nationalism in W. Nigeria  
**Insa Nolte** [Birmingham]
- 23 February From abundance to scarcity: indigenous resource management, conservation and the future for the industrial extraction of forest resources  
**Jerome Lewis** [LSE]
- 2 March Godfather politics in Nigeria  
**Leena Hoffman** [Birmingham]
- 9 March Gender, social change and spiritual power: charismatic Christianity in Ghana  
**Jane Southill** [SOAS]
- 16 March Malian Mud Cloth as Global Commodity  
**Bodil Olesen** [University of Aarhus]

**African Peoples and Pasts Seminar will take place at 6pm in room 612 at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL.**

- 25 January Fishing at the place of the tobacco plants: hunter-gatherer archaeology in Lesotho's mountains

**Prof. Peter Mitchell** (Oxford University)

22 February "Shrine Franchising and the Neolithic in the British Isles: Some Observations based upon the Tallensi, Northern Ghana"  
**Professor Timothy Insoll** (Manchester University)

This will be followed by a wine reception and other refreshments in the staff common room.

If you have any questions you can contact me (j.humphris@ucl.ac.uk), or John (john.giblin@ucl.ac.uk).

## EVENTS

### ⌘ LONDON

**Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE**

All events take place at Chatham House unless related to All Party Parliamentary Groups. Events are free of charge but require registration. If you would like to attend please e-mail edonnelly@chathamhouse.org.uk.

**24 January Launch of Horn of Africa Project 'Ethiopia and Eritrea: Allergic to Persuasion'** by Sally Healy, Associate Fellow, Chatham House & Martin Plaut, Africa Editor, BBC News

Sally Healy of the Africa Programme will introduce a new series on politics in the Horn of Africa with her co-authored briefing paper *Ethiopia and Eritrea: Allergic to Persuasion*. Martin Plaut and Sally will discuss the conclusions of this paper which examines the differing approaches of Ethiopia and Eritrea to diplomacy and the challenges that this poses for the international community – the UN, the US, the EU and the AU – in trying to achieve lasting peace between these two new and highly antagonistic neighbours.

**6 February Launch of pre-election assessment report on Nigeria by the UK All Party Parliamentary Group.**

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**Conference:** The Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum invites you to submit a proposal for '**Money in Africa**', an international and interdisciplinary conference to be held at the **British Museum, London, from March 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2007**. Please see the Call for Papers (attached) for further details about this conference, including the format and deadlines for submissions.

Enquiries regarding the **Money in Africa** conference at the British Museum should be sent to [moneyinafrica@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](mailto:moneyinafrica@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk) or posted to Money in Africa project, Department of Coins and Medals, The British Museum, London WC1B 3DG.

**Conference:** CAMRI Africa Media Series: March 2007

Media and Democracy in Africa Conference, **30-31 March 2007**, University of Westminster, London, UK

If the mass media are the bedrock for freedom and democracy, what has been the relationship between democracy and the mass media in Africa? Has it been a case of poor democracy, poor media? How have the media influenced processes of democracy in Africa?

The conference will on the one hand explore the relationship between African democracy and 'traditional' African media such as newspapers, radio stations, and televisions. On the other hand, it will examine the role played by alternative and new media channels and formats in African democracies. Africa now has different kinds of media servicing democratic processes. Individual papers may, amongst other topics, focus on the:

- Media Democracy in Africa
- NGOs and Activist Media in Africa
- Protest Music, Theatre, Drama
- Political Party Media in Africa
- New Media and Democracy in Africa
- Foreign Media and African Democracy
- Rural and Urban Citizenship in Africa
- Elections, Elites and the Media in Africa
- Human Rights and the Media
- Media Ownership and Access in Africa
- Media Freedom in Africa
- The 'African' Public Sphere
- Media Controls and Constraints in Africa

Conference Team:

Prof. Colin Sparks, Dr. Winston Mano, Wilberforce Dzisah and Ogo Charity Ekwenchi  
CAMRI Africa Media Series Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, School of Media, Arts and Design University of Westminster, Harrow Campus Watford Road, HA1 3TP, UK

Phone: +44 (0) 2079115000 Fax: +44 (0)2079115942

**Conference: The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)** is holding its 17th Annual Conference, entitled "**The Dark Face of Nationalism: Violence, Extremism and the Nation**" (17-19 April 2007) at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE)

This conference will explore those aspects of nationalism that most often make headlines, generating a popular impression of nationalism as an overwhelmingly negative force in world history. This compels us, as scholars in the field of nationalism studies, to confront certain questions addressing the extent to which such an impression may or may not be justified: Are violence and exclusion the inevitable consequences of nationalism? To what extent is the discourse of the nation implicated in the violent ideologies of the last century? What is the relationship between nationalism and ideologies such as fascism, racism and religious

fundamentalism? The conference will address these questions and others, in the course of examining the various manifestations of violent and extreme nationalism, both historical and current, around the globe.

Please note that ASEN cannot cover travel and accommodation costs. Presenters are expected to register for the conference.

Further enquiries are welcome at [asen@lse.ac.uk](mailto:asen@lse.ac.uk)

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/ASEN/conference2007.htm>

## ⌘ UK

**African Studies Seminar, St Antony's College, University of Oxford**, Fellows' Dining Room, St Antony's College, Thursdays, 5.00pm

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| <b>18 January</b>  | <b>T.C. McCaskie</b> (SOAS, London)<br><i>Water wars in Kumasi, Ghana</i>                                                                                          |
| <b>25 January</b>  | <b>Rita Abrahamsen</b> (Aberystwyth University)<br><i>Security beyond the State: The privatisation and transnationalisation of security in Africa</i>              |
| <b>1 February</b>  | <b>Wilima Kalusa</b> (University of Zambia)<br><i>African medical auxiliaries as interpreters of missionary medicine in colonial Mwinilunga, Zambia, 1922-1953</i> |
| <b>8 February</b>  | <b>Patricia Daley</b> (Jesus College, Oxford)<br><i>Ethnicity and political violence in Burundi</i>                                                                |
| <b>15 February</b> | <b>Michael Jennings</b> (Swansea University)<br><i>Building Better People? Development, transformation and modernisation in Tanzania</i>                           |
| <b>22 February</b> | <b>David Anderson</b> (St Cross College, Oxford)<br><i>Che Guevara's African adventures</i>                                                                        |
| <b>1 March</b>     | <b>Richard Waller</b> (Bucknell University)<br><i>Stock theft in colonial Kenya</i>                                                                                |
| <b>8 March</b>     | <b>Jocelyn Alexander</b> (Linacre College, Oxford)<br><i>Prison memoirs and punishment in Zimbabwe</i>                                                             |

Organizer: David Anderson (St Cross College)

Further information: Wanja Knighton, [african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk)

**The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies Seminar series.**

St. Philip's and James Church, by Church Walk, just north of St. Antony's College on the Woodstock Road

**Tuesdays Lectures at 11:00am** (there is usually an half-hour discussion after delivery of the paper)

**30 January** Prof. Terence Ranger (Hon. Fellow, OCMS)  
'Religion and Power in Africa'

**Wednesday Seminars at 11:00am** (Papers are available in order to be read before the seminar)

**14 February** Barbara Mahamba  
'The Roman Catholic Church and Female Education in SW Zimbabwe'

**7 March** Ishmael Baya  
'Christian Enculturation among the Mijikenda in Coastal Kenya'

**21 March** Timothy Wambunya  
'Theological and Philosophical Resources in Luyia'

Please refer to the OCMS website for updating, and for context in Eastern Europe, Asia, or Latin America. OCMS lectures and seminars run around the year apart from Christmas. Contact: Ben Knighton, Dean of the Research Programme, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, St. Philip's & St. James' Church, Woodstock Road, PO Box 70, Oxford, OX2 6HB Tel. +44 01865 556 071 X207 Fax +44 01865 510 823 Visit our Website <http://www.ocms.ac.uk>

**Africa Research Seminar, St Cross College, St Giles, Oxford University**

**Tuesdays, 1pm**

**This seminar is primarily for postgraduate students working on Africa.**

**Lunch is provided however attendance has to be confirmed with the Convenor,**

**Dr Jan-George Deutsch: [jan-george.deutsch@stx.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jan-george.deutsch@stx.ox.ac.uk)**

**30 January** The Development of Newtown Cultural Precinct in the Inner City of Johannesburg and its Implications for Social Justice

**Fana Sihlongonyane** (fana.sihlongonyane@stx.ox.ac.uk)

**06 February** Themes in the Social History of Africa. A Book Proposal  
**Georg Deutsch** (jan-georg.deutsch@stx.ox.ac.uk)

**13 February** TBA

**20 February** Taxation and Empire: Revealing the Skeleton of the Colonial State in Kenya  
**Leigh Gardner** (leigh.gardner@jesus.ox.ac.uk)

**27 February** The Administration of Justice in Relation to Criminal Matters in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika, c. 1933  
**Ellen Feingold** (ellen.feingold@sant.ox.ac.uk)

**06 March** Democratization and Godfather Politics in Nigeria  
**Leena Hoffmann** (leenakoni@yahoo.com)

**History and Politics of Africa Seminar, Dept. of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.** Mondays at 5pm, Seminar Room 2, Queen Elizabeth House.

Contact: Gavin Williams: [gavin.williams@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gavin.williams@politics.ox.ac.uk)

Eric Morier: [eric.morier-genoud@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:eric.morier-genoud@politics.ox.ac.uk)

**29 January** Religion, land and war. The social roots of UNITA, Angola, 1940-1975  
**Didier Peclard** (Swiss Peace Foundation)

**5 February** The Politics of drug war in Nigeria  
**Gernot Klantsching** (Oxford)

**12 February** What has happened to organized labour in Mozambique, Zambia and South Africa?  
**Anne Pitcher** (Colgate University)

**19 February** Privatized urbanism, the entrepreneurial city, and post-public space. City improvement districts in Johannesburg after Apartheid  
**Martin Murray** (SUNY-Binghamton)

**26 February** Southern Africa Social Movements in the Contested Space of Nairobi World Social Forum 2007-01-18  
**Miles Larmer** (Keele University)

**5 March** A Move to Greener Pastures? Goan Migration to East Africa in the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**Magret Frenz** (Oxford)

### **2007 TRAPNELL LECTURE**

**Development Prospects Up in Smoke? What Will Climate Change Mean for Africa?**

**Dr. Camilla Toulmin**, Director – International Institute for Environment and Development

**Friday, 16 February 2007 at 4:30 pm**

**Green College Lecture Theatre**

**Followed by Reception in the Observatory**

**6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**For more information please contact**

**[African-environments@ouce.ox.ac.uk](mailto:African-environments@ouce.ox.ac.uk)**

**<http://african-environments.ouce.ox.ac.uk>**

**Seminar Series, Lent 2007, University of Cambridge**

**A lecture series to mark the 200th anniversary of the Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade**

**The Maxwell Lecture Theatre, New Museums Site, Free School Lane, Cambridge.**

**All lectures take place at 5pm, except for 05 February which starts at 4pm**

### **Slavery and Abolition in the Atlantic World**

**31 January** Dr Christopher Brown (Rutgers University) "Empire in Africa: Early Antislavery and Fantasies of Colonial Possession"

**5 February (4pm)** Professor Robin Law (University of Stirling) "Abolition and Imperialism: International Law and the British Suppression of the Atlantic Slave Trade"

**12 February** Professor Seymour Drescher (University of Pittsburgh) "The Early Birth of a Slow Death of Slavery, and Imperialism"

**26 February** Professor Philip Morgan (Johns Hopkins University) "Ending the Slave Trade: Caribbean and Atlantic Context"

- 5 March** Professor Jonathon Glassman (Northwestern University)  
"Inventing Memories of Slavery in Twentieth-Century Zanzibar: Universal History and Racial Violence"
- 12 March** Professor John Thornton (Boston University) 'Not Pieces but Creatures': African Reservations about the Slave Trade, 1500-1800"

For further details contact Dorian Addison: [da211@cam.ac.uk](mailto:da211@cam.ac.uk) or visit [www.african.cam.ac.uk](http://www.african.cam.ac.uk)

**Research Seminar Series, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh**

held in Faculty Room South, David Hulme Tower, George Square Wednesdays at 4-6pm

- 10 January** The Royal African Society seminar  
**Terence Ranger** (St Anthony's College, University of Oxford)  
State versus City in Rhodesia: Colonial anticipations of Zimbabwe's urban crisis
- 17 January** **John Githongo** (St Anthony's College, University of Oxford)  
Inequality, Ethnicity and Corruption: a Kenyan perspective
- 24 January** **Stefano Ponte** (Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark)  
Better (RED)<sup>TM</sup> than Dead: Africa, celebrities and the new frontier of development aid
- 31 January** **Matthew Happold** (Department of Law, University of Hull)  
Uganda and the International Criminal Court: The case of the Lord's Resistance Army
- 7 February** **Izabela Orlowska** (Department of History, University of Edinburgh)  
Political Legitimacy in Nineteenth-century Ethiopia: Ritual, the written word and re-imagined traditions
- 14 February** **Ed Wilmsen** (University of Texas, USA)  
(Title to be announced)
- 21 February** **David Pratten** (Social Anthropology of Africa, St Anthony's College, University of Oxford)  
The Rugged Life: Youth and violence in southern Nigeria
- 28 February** **Isak Niehaus** (Brunel University)  
Leprosy of a Deadlier Kind: AIDS, Sex and Death in the South African Lowveld

- 7 March**      **Richard Sherrington** (Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge)  
Running with Knives: Courtship, marriage and the struggle for maturity in Tanzania
- 14 March**      **Ola Uduku** (School of Architecture, Edinburgh College of Art)  
Modernism in Architecture and Planning in West Africa: Researching the impact of projects, practice and thinking fifty years on
- 21 March**      **Mirjam de Bruijn** (African Studies Centre, Leiden)  
The Local Memory of Civil War in Central Chad

**The Centre of African Studies (CAS) at the University of Edinburgh** is pleased to announce the second year of its **Visiting Research Fellowship programme**.

**The deadline for applications is 31 January 2007.**

The programme aims at allowing African academics to spend time interacting with colleagues and making use of resources in Scotland. This research initiative, funded for three years by the Scottish Executive, has an annual theme: in year one, it was Civil Society and Development; this (second) year it is Land, Water and Cross-Border Resource Use; and it is anticipated that year three will be dedicated to Health and Infectious Disease.

The Fellowships are intended to give younger African scholars the opportunity to use the University's library resources, develop papers and projects, interact with academics at CAS and across Scotland, and contribute to the intellectual life of the Centre and the University.

Each year the Fellowship scheme funds several young African scholars to spend time in residence at the University of Edinburgh. Fellowships will cover return airfare and a stipend towards accommodation and living expenses for periods of between two and six months. Applicants should be young African scholars, with a Ph.D. or equivalent research experience, who are seeking to develop their careers and who are currently based in an African institution. Unfortunately, applications from people based in Europe or North America cannot be entertained.

Year 2 Research Theme: Land, Water and Cross-Border Resource Use

At the start of a the new millennium, there has been a convergence between a set of development issues turning on the use of land and water. The phenomenon of a perceived shortage of arable land, made more acute by the effects of climate change, is now a matter of concern in very many African countries. In states where land reform is on the agenda, the question of who gets what and where has become politically highly contentious. Meanwhile, the World Bank is encouraging African states to make land tenure reform a priority, and in particular to embrace formal titling. Attempts by donors to rationalise land tenure rub up against a deeply ingrained contention that notionally communal landholding is the best guarantee of security for all, including the poorest sections of society. The debate about land reform can only

gain in importance in the decades to come. Likewise, water is a finite and increasingly scarce resource. The management of water resources is recognized a pressing development issue, but once again the latter is also highly political by its very nature. Given that so many of Africa's international boundary follow watercourses, the management of water embodies an important inter-state or regional dimension. Whereas development interventions tend to be country specific, water is a classic instance of a resource which can only be husbanded through cross-border co-operation, preferably involving border communities themselves. Applications are invited which deal with issues of land and water in their own right or with specific reference to cross-border issues.

If you would like to be considered for a Fellowship during 2007:

1. Send a short C.V. and the names and e-mail addresses of two referees.
2. Send a proposal of not more than 1,000 words on this year's theme, showing your record of past research, how you will benefit from the Fellowship and what you hope to achieve while in Edinburgh.
3. Indicate the period of time you would like to spend in Edinburgh.

Applications or enquiries should be directed to:

Dr. Thomas Molony ([Thomas.Molony@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.Molony@ed.ac.uk))

Centre of African Studies, 21 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD, United Kingdom

**The deadline for applications is 31 January 2007.**

**Conference: GPRG 2007 (18 March 2007) 'Livelihoods and well-being in developing countries: Multidisciplinary approaches'** St Catherine's College, **Oxford, UK**

Papers addressing issues of livelihoods and well-being in developing countries adopting a multi-disciplinary perspective are invited for the GPRG conference 2007.

Please note that there will be no parallel sessions and opportunities to present will be limited. If your paper is not selected for this conference, it will be considered for the CSAE 2007 Conference on Economic Development in Africa, 18-20 March 2007, which will include multidisciplinary sessions on livelihoods and wellbeing.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please upload an abstract by Friday 15 December 2006 at <http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/conferences>. If accepted for the conference, all authors will need to submit completed papers by Friday 9 February 2007 for inclusion in the final programme.

**PhD candidates**

PhD candidates must complete the submission form on the conference website and email a FULL paper to [csae.conference@economics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:csae.conference@economics.ox.ac.uk).

A draft paper or full outline will also be considered.

**Participants requesting funding**

The GPRG hopes to obtain funding for African participants travelling from Africa and presenters from Africa may be eligible for full travel and participation costs. Those wishing to apply for these funds must complete the submission form on the conference website and email a FULL paper to [csae.conference@economics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:csae.conference@economics.ox.ac.uk).

For more information about the GPRG and the conference programme as it becomes available please visit our website at <http://www.gprg.org/>

**IMPERIAL MIGRATIONS SEMINAR SERIES, Leeds University Centre of African Studies. Contact details for more information: [s.d.doyle@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.d.doyle@leeds.ac.uk)**

**All seminars will be at 515 in Emmanuel Centre, room 2**  
[http://www.teachingspace.leeds.ac.uk/building\\_details.asp?ID=8](http://www.teachingspace.leeds.ac.uk/building_details.asp?ID=8)

**6 February** Conversion narratives and political practice in 1940s and 50s in  
East Africa

Dr. Derek Peterson (University of Cambridge)

**20 February** Partition diasporas. Migration in Bengal, 1947-70'

Dr. Joya Chatterji (LSE)

**6 March** 'Mau Mau and the Myths of Empire: Coming to Terms with Britain's Colonial Past'

Prof. David Anderson (University of Oxford)

**13 March** 'The Paris Police Prefecture and Algerian migrants (1945-1962)'

Emmanuel Blanchard (CESDIP-CNRS)

**Conference: The State, Mining and Development in Africa (13-14 September 2007)**, Leeds University Centre of African Studies, Review of African Political Economy

Africa has a long history of mining. It remains a continent with some of the richest world reserves of minerals and its oil is earmarked by the US and other western consumers. The mining sector is recognised by many international institutions and policy groups as a vehicle for promoting growth and development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

High commodity prices add to the clamour among western development policy organisations, and African leaders, to ensure the continent benefits from encouraging investment in mining and oil production. That rhetoric takes place alongside

reminders of Africa's history of optimism with regard to development promises; the buffers of what has been called 'the resource curse' and the relative underperformance of resource and mineral rich economies compared with countries that do not have natural resource abundance.

This conference brings together pressure groups and academics to explore three key themes:

- what lessons have been learnt from the resource curse days of the 70s, 80s and 90s?;
- what opportunities for resource led growth have emerged in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?;
- what resistance exists within the continent to the continued politics of dispossession and primitive accumulation that has characterised much resource extraction?

The focus of the meeting will be analysis of case studies from Ghana, Sudan, Zambia and South Africa. This will not exclude other country cases or comparative contributions.

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Professor Raymond Bush: [R.C.Bush@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:R.C.Bush@leeds.ac.uk)

## **LEEDS University Centre of African Studies Seminar Series:**

### **1. Centre for French and Francophone Cultural Studies:**

Prof Ieme Van der Poel (University of Amsterdam) will be speaking about her two-volume study (L'Harmattan 2006) of the Congo Railway, from a historical, theoretical and literary perspective:

"Congo-Océan (1921-1934): a controversial colonial railway"

**Tuesday 13th February, at 5.15pm**, in the Michael Sadler building, room 134, Leeds University

### **2. "Provisional Programme" for a Symposium organised by two members of the Institute of Post-colonial Studies at Leeds:**

"Parallel Lines, Parallel Lives? Comparative Approaches and Dialogues in Postcolonial Studies, with a Specific Focus on Relations between Africa and the Americas"

a two-day symposium hosted by the Institute of Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, University of Leeds, **Thursday 15 February – Friday 16 February 2007**

Guest speakers: Mary Louise Pratt, Charles Forsdick, Anthony Hurley

Contact: (for the former) [a.j.stafford@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.stafford@leeds.ac.uk); and (for the latter) either ditto, or [t.pitman@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:t.pitman@leeds.ac.uk)

## ⌘ EUROPE

**Call for Papers: AEGIS European Conference on African Studies 11-14 July 2007, Leiden, The Netherlands (Deadline for submission of panel: 1 August 2006. Deadline for submission of papers: 31 December 2006).**

The second biannual conference of the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) will take place in Leiden on 11-14 July 2007. The Theme of the Conference is: *African Alternatives: Initiative and Creativity beyond Current Constraints*. The conference will focus on the constraints that are restricting Africa's development and growth, and on new initiatives coming from African entrepreneurial activities, trade, self-help organizations, associational life, politics and religion at grassroots level.

For further information on submission and registration: [www.aegis-eu.org](http://www.aegis-eu.org) or Email: [conference@aegis-eu.org](mailto:conference@aegis-eu.org). For hotel and registration Email: [hoteslandregistration@aegis-eu.org](mailto:hoteslandregistration@aegis-eu.org)

**Call for papers: Afrikanistentag 2007 (23-25 July 2007). Deadline for Abstract: 31 January 2007.**

Department of African Studies, Spitalgasse 2, Court 5, A-1090 Vienna  
[www.univie.ac.at/afrikanistik/afrikanistentag07.htm](http://www.univie.ac.at/afrikanistik/afrikanistentag07.htm) [afrikanistentag07@univie.ac.at](mailto:afrikanistentag07@univie.ac.at)  
Theme: Various fields of African Studies (primarily linguistics, literature studies, history) will be considered.

Here you find the **registration form** as [.doc file](#) and as [.pdf file](#)

Please send abstract to one of the following addresses

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<http://www.univie.ac.at/afrikanistik/afrikanistentag07.htm>

The conference fee is € 30,- (students € 15,-). The fee has to be paid on July 23, 2007 at the beginning of the conference.

We regret that there is no conference budget for travel and hotel expenses. You will have to cover your own travel and accommodation costs.

**Conference: Informalizing Economies and New Organising Strategies in Africa**  
at the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden (20-22 April 2007).

Informal Economies in Africa have been experiencing a rapid expansion in the last few decades. This trend is taking place in the context of neo-liberal models of development, whereby international financial institutions advocate policies of privatization, economic liberalisation and deregulation. This has far-reaching consequences. Growing numbers of redundant workers and declining regulated wage work opportunities have resulted in new floods of entrants into the informal economy.

Main themes:

- Associations emerging from within the informal economy
- Organising across the formal-informal divide
- Transnational organising
- Gender dynamics

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## ⌘ AFRICA

**Conference:** We are pleased to announce that the Department of Geography, Institute of African Research and Studies, Cairo University is organizing a two-day international Symposium on **Energy in Africa "Possibilities and Problems"** during March 2007 in Cairo, Egypt. It is great pleasure to invite you to attend this Symposium.

*Main topics*

All basic and applied branches of Geographical and environmental researches related to energy in Africa with special emphasis on:

- 1- Geography of energy in Africa
- 2- Environmental effects are the result of energy in Africa
- 3- The political dimensions of the energy problems in Africa
- 4- The economic dimensions of energy production in Africa
- 5- The cultural pattern of the population in Africa and its impact on the production and consumption of energy

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**Conference: African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE) (13-25 May 2007), Stellenbosch, South Africa Organised by The Department of Trade and Industry with The Embassy of France in South Africa and the French Institute of South Africa**

The African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE) is inspired by and draws on the experience of the Cambridge advanced Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE). Ha-Joon Chang (University of Cambridge), CAPORDE course director, is a member of the APORDE steering committee, along with Christopher Cramer (SOAS, University of London). APORDE is a joint initiative of the Department of Trade and Industry (The Dti), the Embassy of France and the French Institute of South Africa (IFAS). Nicolas Pons-Vignon (IFAS) is the APORDE Course director and Nkosi Madula (The Dti) is Deputy Course director.

Provisional Programme: [www.ifas.org.za/research/pdf/Aporde-programme.pdf](http://www.ifas.org.za/research/pdf/Aporde-programme.pdf)

**Conference: For the Annual Conference of the International Federation for Theatre Research (IFTR)/ Fédération internationale pour la recherche théâtrale (FIRT). To be held at the H.B. Thom Theatre Centre and the Arts Building, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa (10-14 July 2007)**

**The theme for this conference is Theatre in Africa - Africa in the Theatre**

The conference is to be hosted by the Centre for Theatre and Performance Studies at the University of Stellenbosch in association with the US Department of Drama, the South African Theatre Journal and Consultus.

The conference will have more than 200 international scholars, and will include keynote addresses by prominent academics and writers such as the IFTR/FIRT President Janelle Reinelt of the University of Warwick, UK, John Conteh-Morgan of Ohio State University, USA; Femi Osifisan of Ibadan University, Nigeria, and Jane Taylor of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.

For more information see the Website: <http://www.iftr2007.co.za>  
<<http://www.iftr2007.co.za/>> Or contact the Conference Organiser (Temple Hauptfleisch) at the Conference office e-mail: IFTR2007@sun.ac.za

**Call for Paper: International Conference on Democracy in Africa.  
Theme: Is Nigeria Democratising? (5-7 June 2007) at Obafemi Awolowo  
University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria  
Deadline for Abstract (28 February 2007)**

Faculty of Arts Conference 2007 aims at subjecting to scholarly examination the problematic of democracy in Nigeria. Is the problem of the future of Nigeria correctly conceptualised as the search for democracy? Are we chasing an illusion because we have posed the wrong fundamental question? Are there viable alternative conceptualizations? What, at any rate, is democracy? In view of the essentially contested nature of the idea of democracy, have we explored carefully enough all possible and existing models of democracy? Is there a model of feasible democracy for Nigeria? If there is what is it? In order not to beg any question, we shall assume the validity of talking about democracy and development. What is the relationship between democracy and development? What are the historical and cultural requests and constraints on development and democracy? What is the role of class and gender in development and democracy? Is there a tension between assumed vehicles of democracy (e.g. NGO) and development? What is the relevance of economic and political ideologies in democracy and development?

It is sometimes asserted that the failure of democracy in Nigeria will endanger democratic development of the African continent. Could it be the other way round? Could it be that the failure of democratic development in other African states will be fatal to Nigeria? These questions can be answered if we pay attention to comparing experiences in African countries.

Papers that engage any of the following and related issues are therefore invited for presentation at this conference:

- Models of Democracy/Models of Development
- Democracy and Development: which way?
- National Liberation and Democracy (Historical Context)
- Democracy and Development in the Nigerian context:
  - The Economy, Democracy and Development
  - The Political Institution, Democracy and Development
  - Culture, Development and Democracy
- Globalization, Democracy, and Culture in Nigeria
- Democracy, African Communalism and Communitarianism
- The Nationality Question
- Violence, Democracy and Development in Nigeria
- NGOs, Democracy and Development
- Corruption, Development and Democracy.
- Democracy, Development, One Party, and Multiparty State.
- Ethnic Nationalism, Development, and Democracy
- Literature, Art, and Democracy.
- Science, Technology and Democracy
- Comparative Democratic Experiences

Abstracts of proposed papers should not exceed three hundred (300) words. Each should reflect the title of the paper and author' contact details (institutional affiliation,

e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers). We also welcome short research notes that speak to any of these themes.

All submissions are to be made electronically through the e-mail address below. Abstracts are to be received by **28 February 2007**. Authors of accepted abstracts would be informed by 30 March 2007 while full papers should be submitted by 30 April 2007. All correspondence should be directed to:

The Organising Committee  
Faculty of Arts Conference 2007  
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Obafemi Awolowo University  
Ile-Ife, Osun State, 220005  
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Email: [artsoauconference@yahoo.com](mailto:artsoauconference@yahoo.com).

Updates on the conference will be available from the web pages of the Faculty of Arts, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife:

<http://www.oauife.edu.ng/faculties/arts/index.htm>.

## ⌘ USA

### **Call for Papers: African Film Conference, (9-10 November 2007)**

**Abstract submission deadline: 31 May 2007** at Center for African Studies  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The African film conference in Urbana-Champaign will explore how an appreciation of films as mode of expression and form can be combined with an understanding of their content. Cinema has a more pronounced public dimension than some of the other arts; it creates an audience and depends on it for its survival, and filmmaking itself can be situated within the history, economy, politics, and broader cultural trends of postcolonial Africa. The conference will aim to foster a dialogue between film scholars, critics, and the social science interpreters, users, and enthusiasts of African films, and will try to achieve, among other things, a greater sensibility for film as a medium among the latter. We seek abstracts from scholars and writers interested in participating in this project.

We invite contributions on thematic and stylistic development in African filmmaking and on the way the films reflect and feed upon urban popular culture. A subset of related themes involve the connections to international film making styles or to the ethnographic and documentary film traditions, including considerations of emerging regional and national styles within Africa. We would like to see sober and carefully documented studies of continuity with older African verbal, dramatic, and visual arts, or of the emergence in film of new expressive manners breaking away from them. Film music and soundtracks, the use of traditional and popular musical genres in the films, the influence of international film scores, and a documentation of the impetus that films give to national musical composition could enrich our reflection on modern Africa. Who the domestic audiences of these films are, the reactions of these audiences to the films, and the training and careers of African directors and actors can

as well bear more sustained attention. Of particular interest to us are the popular film and video industries on which relatively little gets written, for example the one in Nigeria. Finally, our understanding of the subject matter and the style of African films can be deepened by an understanding of the broader political economy of the African film industries, the role of public and private financing from home and abroad, the share in revenue of domestic and export markets, the initiatives for co-production or the sharing of post-production facilities, among African countries and between them and the countries of the north.

Please send abstracts of 250-300 words to either one of us, by e-mail or by post.

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**Conference: 39th Annual Liberian Studies Association (LSA39) (23-25 March 2007)**

at Indiana University, home to the Liberian Collections Project

**Theme: Liberia: Performing the Symbols of the Past, Reinventing the Symbols of the Future.**

We encourage the formation of interdisciplinary panels that address this central theme or other topics of interest to scholars of Liberian studies. A specific call for paper abstracts will follow shortly.

LSA39 will include:

- \* Papers and Panels Sessions
- \* Reception at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures
- \* The traditional Liberian Banquet

Indiana University is preparing special exhibits for the conference, including a display of the W.V.S. Tubman Papers and the story of their recovery and restoration at the Mathers Museum.

Registration Fees-(includes lunches, banquet, reception)

Early Registration Discount (by January 15th)

[http://www.onliberia.org/lsa\\_membership.htm](http://www.onliberia.org/lsa_membership.htm)

**Conference: Popular Cultures in Africa at the University of Texas (30 March-1 April 2007).**

The conference will focus on the histories, genres, meanings, purposes and impact of popular cultures in Africa. In the context of past and contemporary developments, we ask the question: what are the meanings, purposes and influences of popular cultures in the continent?

The aim of the conference is to examine how popular cultures have evolved and contributed to the character of Africa. Among the themes of interest are the following:

- Activism in popular culture
- Popular culture as a means for diasporic or transoceanic conversations
- The future of TV, Radio, Cinema, or Theatre in Africa
- HIV/AIDS and popular culture

And many other topics. For a full programme and to submit proposals contact:

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Conference Coordinator: Tyler Fleming: [tyler.fleming@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:tyler.fleming@mail.utexas.edu)

[www.utexas.edu/conferences/africa](http://www.utexas.edu/conferences/africa)

**Conference: Centre for Africa Peace & Conflict Resolution and The Pan African Studies Program presents the 16th Annual Africa/ Diaspora Conference (26-28 April 2007)**

**Theme: Building a culture of peace in the Africa Diaspora: Best Practices & Models** at California State University, Sacramento, USA.

The conference examines the state of conflict resolution programs and peace works in/on Africa, with a focus on identifying the best practices and models as well as develop some benchmarks/instruments for program assessment and evaluation.

Papers/Proposals that are based on Case studies and best practices are highly invited: e.g. alternative dispute resolution(ADR), peacebuilding/peacemaking, peace education; conflict early warning, environmental justice, democracy & governance, human rights, peace accords, post-conflict reconciliation, Truth/Peace & Reconciliation Commissions; restorative justice; Reintegration of rebel/former combatants; power sharing agreements; government of national unity; community development; trade cooperatives;

Conference preliminary program will be available in February '07 at : [www.csus.edu/org/capcr](http://www.csus.edu/org/capcr).

Please email/fax/mail your proposals for papers or panels to:

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Ph. (916) 278 -6282; FAX (916) 278 -3429. Email:uwaziee@csus.edu

Conference preliminary program will be available in February '07 at : [www.csus.edu/org/capcr](http://www.csus.edu/org/capcr).

**Conference: The Nicholson Center for British Studies at the University of Chicago is pleased to present: Economies of Empire: British Political Economy and Modernization**

**(8-9 February 2007) at The University of Chicago**

British imperial expansion was a transformative experience for both colonized and colonizer, and this conference will explore those transformations through a fresh examination of economic modernization.

The Nicholson Center invites proposals for papers that address aspects of the following questions:

- \* How did British imperial expansion shape the development of colonial economies and post-colonial economic nationalism?
- \* To what extent did Britain's great economic transformation result from smaller changes in information dissemination, taste, styles of production, and methods of distribution?
- \* How, when, and why did Britain's economic changes manifest themselves in the economic identity of Britons?
- \* When and why did they see themselves participating in a national economy, an imperial or Atlantic economy, and/or a global economy?

This conference is sponsored by a generous grant from the Andrew W.Mellon Foundation.

Questions about the conference or any other Nicholson Center event may be addressed to Eva Wilhelm at 773-834-3403 or [ewilhelm@uchicago.edu](mailto:ewilhelm@uchicago.edu).

**Symposium on Law, Colonialism, and Domestic Violence in Africa and in Comparative Perspective (13-14 April 2007) Stanford University, USA**

European colonialism in Africa involved efforts to remake African societies in accordance with prevailing European cultural paradigms and to have Africans fulfill metropolitan needs. Africans responded to European efforts to tinker with their societies, their economies, and their polities in a range of ways. Some embraced the opportunities provided by colonialism; some resisted them; and most probably ignored them as long as they could until they were drawn inexorably into communities shaped by wider colonial and international economies.

Sooner or later, colonialism intruded into the social organization of households and families. Occasionally, it allowed women to claim more substantial legal rights. More often, colonialism enhanced men's power and authority over their wives and children. Not surprisingly, asymmetries of power and unequal access to resources within households led to incidents of domestic violence, and cases involving domestic violence found their way into colonial courts. In many places, such cases became one of the major sites of interaction between Africans and colonial systems of rule.

This symposium seeks to use evidence of domestic violence to examine the social and legal histories of the "family" during the colonial era. We are interested in examining domestic violence over time and in interrogating these trends for what they may reveal about changing dynamics within households. Theories of domestic violence suggest that household members live in complex webs of relationships that change over time and in relationship to wider changes in the economy, society, in the intensification of colonialism, and in cultural and religious ideas and practices.

We understand domestic violence to involve not only violence within intimate relationships against women, but also violence against children, elders, siblings, and dependents. We are especially interested in papers that examine historical instances of domestic violence and interpret them broadly within historical contexts. We expect that papers will examine domestic violence within broader histories of households and families and in relationship to rights within households and within colonial societies. Other themes may include colonial notions of acceptable punishment and obligation in “customary” conjugal behavior, the relationship between constructed gender norms and acts of violence, and the ways in which coping with domestic violence through legal avenues may challenge public and private boundaries in social life.

The organizers of this symposium are particularly interested in papers dealing with court cases surrounding domestic violence, although papers on colonial policies regarding domestic violence that provide insights into the legal and social history of the family in colonial Africa are welcome. We also welcome papers that examine current debates about domestic violence and the family in relationship to colonial inheritances. Finally, we are interested in papers that provide comparative perspectives to the issues of domestic violence in colonial Africa through studies of other colonial contexts.

By linking law, colonialism, and domestic violence, this will explore the range of ways the study of law in colonial Africa can provide new insights into the social history of change in colonial Africa and the meanings of those changes.

For more information contact Richard Roberts ([rroberts@stanford.edu](mailto:rroberts@stanford.edu))

**Conference: Performing Africa! Visualizing Africa (April 18 -21, 2007)**

New Perspectives in African Performing and Visual Arts: First Biannual International Conference for Performers, Visual Artists, Educators, Teachers and Scholars.

Baker University Center

Ohio University, Athens OH

Conference Directors:

Dr. Paschal Yao Younge and Dr. Zelma Badu-Younge

Website: [www.ohiou.edu/africanarts](http://www.ohiou.edu/africanarts)

**Visit by President of Liberia, 15 February 2007, Washington, D.C.** - Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf will deliver the keynote address at the *Liberia Private Sector Investment Forum* on February 15, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. The event coincides with the one-year anniversary of her historic election as Liberia's first female President and Africa's first democratically elected female Head of State. The one-day Private Sector Investment Forum, hosted by the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) in cooperation and co-sponsorship with the Government of Liberia, the International Finance Corporation, and the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation, is designed to strengthen the international business community's engagement with Liberia.

The *Liberia Private Sector Investment Forum* will bring together businesses to learn about investment incentives and opportunities in the "new" Liberia. Liberia is ideally situated to be a gateway to the rest of West Africa. Investment opportunities in vital sectors including agriculture, mining and natural resources, energy, construction, transportation, and tourism will be highlighted during sector-specific workshops at the Forum. Potential investors will hear directly from companies currently doing business

in Liberia. Both the governments of the Republic of Liberia and the United States are expected to participate at a high level.

**The Private Sector Investment Forum** will follow two days of intensive government-only deliberations during the Liberia Donors **Conference on February 13 and 14, 2007 in Washington, D.C.** Outcomes of the Liberia Donors Conference will also be highlighted during the Private Sector Forum.

**Inquiries about the Liberia Private Sector Investment Forum** should be directed to Daniel Wolf at [dwolf@afriacncl.org](mailto:dwolf@afriacncl.org). Media inquiries should be directed to Ilda Diffley at [idiffley@afriacncl.org](mailto:idiffley@afriacncl.org) Visit CCA's website at [www.afriacncl.org](http://www.afriacncl.org) for additional registration and program information.

Visit CCA's website at [www.afriacncl.org](http://www.afriacncl.org).

## CAS NEWS

A new ESRC project has just started at the Department of Anthropology, SOAS, entitled “**Refugees and the Law: An ethnography of the British Asylum System**”.

Dr Solomon Afework and Dr John Campbell (SOAS) are heading the project

**Abstract:** Driven largely by political concerns the asylum & immigration system in Britain has been the subject of extensive legislative and policy reform since 1997, yet there is little reliable information about how the system actually functions or how it affects asylum applicants. The asylum system clearly awards certain ‘rights’ (of residence, Protection and future citizenship) to acknowledged ‘refugees’, but it also disciplines and excludes far larger numbers of asylum applicants and ‘illegal’ immigrants. The system is regulated by national and international law; the former, implemented by the Home Office, tends towards a restrictive approach to asylum while the latter provides judges with a broader set of legal instrument with which to assess asylum cases.

This project seeks to shed light on the tensions in and work of the asylum system by focusing on the experience of asylum applicants from the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia & Eritrea) through: (1) undertaking research with refugee communities in the UK about the situation experienced by individual asylum applicants; (2) researching the work of immigration lawyers/case-workers who prepare and argue individual asylum cases; and (3) by analyzing the work of the immigration (and, where necessary, the Administrative) Courts as they determine asylum claims. Fieldwork began in January 2007 and continues through to January 2009.

## ⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

**LEVENTIS NIGERIAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN LONDON (PREVIOUSLY LEVENTIS RESEARCH CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME). SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2006**

**DR FREEBORN O ODIBOH, DEPARTMENT OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY**

Creative Reformation of existing Traditions in African Art: The Iconography of the Abayomi Barber School

**DR BOLAJI O BATEYE, DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES,  
OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, IFE-IFE**  
Female Leaders of New Generation Churches as Change/Agents in  
Yoruba Land and in the Diaspora in London

The Leventis Foundation supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies (University of London) and colleagues in Nigerian universities. Successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, based at 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 scheme might be particularly appropriate for scholars working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. The deadline for the next round of applications is **1 May 2007**. Further information may be obtained from the CAS office or website.

#### **VISITING SCHOLARSHIP FOR EASTERN AFRICAN ACADEMICS**

The Visiting Scholarship for Eastern African Academics is currently being suspended pending re-evaluation during 2006/07.

The Centre of African Studies gratefully acknowledges its collaboration with Goodenough College, which provides our visitors with accommodation. Visitors to London are recommended to visit the Goodenough Club website: [www.club.goodenough.ac.uk](http://www.club.goodenough.ac.uk)

### **⌘ LIST OF JOURNALS ON AFRICAN STUDIES**

#### **◆ Routledge African Studies Journals:**

##### ***1. Development Southern Africa***

**Editor: Caroline Kihato**, *Development Bank of Southern Africa*

Volume Number: 24, 2007, 5 issues per year

Print ISSN: 0376-835X, Online ISSN: 1470-3637

**Development Southern Africa** offers a platform for expressing views and encouraging debate among development specialists, policy decision makers, scholars and students in the wider professional fraternity and especially in southern Africa. The journal publishes articles that reflect innovative thinking on key development challenges and policy issues facing South Africa and other countries in the southern African region.

##### ***2. Journal of African Cultural Studies***

**Editor: Frances Harding**, *School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK*

Volume Number: 19, 2007, 2 issues per year

Print ISSN: 1369-6815, Online ISSN: 1469-9346

The ***Journal of African Cultural Studies*** is an international journal providing a forum for perceptions of African culture from inside and outside Africa, with a special commitment to African scholarship. It focuses on dimensions of African culture including African literatures both oral and written, performance arts, visual arts, music, the role of the media, the relationship between culture and power, as well as issues within such fields as popular culture in Africa, sociolinguistic topics of cultural interest, and culture and

gender.

### **3. *Journal of Southern African Studies***

**Editors: Wayne Dooling**, *School of Oriental and African Studies, UK*,

**JoAnn McGregor**, *University of Reading, UK*,

**David Simon**, *Royal Holloway, University of London, UK*

Volume Number: 33, 2007, 4 issues per year

Print ISSN: 0305-7070, Online ISSN: 1465-3893

The *Journal of Southern African Studies* is an international publication for work of high academic quality on issues of interest and concern in the region of Southern Africa. It aims at generating fresh scholarly enquiry and rigorous exposition in the many different disciplines of the social sciences and humanities. It seeks to encourage inter-disciplinary analysis, strong comparative perspectives and research that reflect new theoretical or methodological approaches.

**African Identities**, Volume 19, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 1369-6815, Online ISSN: 1469-9346

**African Studies**, Volume 66, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0002-0184, Online ISSN: 1469-2872

**Journal of Contemporary African Studies**, Volume 25, 3 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0258-9001, Online ISSN: 1469-9397

**Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies**, Volume 34, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0258-9346, Online ISSN: 1470-1014

**Review of African Political Economy**, Volume 34, 4 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0305-6244, Online ISSN: 1740- 1720

**The Journal of North African Studies**, Volume 12, 4 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 1362-9387, Online ISSN

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### **African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal**

#### **SPECIAL ISSUE CALL FOR PAPERS**

#### **Navigating African Diaspora: Crossing, Belonging and Presence**

The new international journal *African and Black Diaspora* seeks manuscripts that critically examine notions of

crossing, belonging and presence in the context of African and Black Diaspora.

Given that diaspora is a distinctive historical experience, with its own particular history and forms of subjectivity and

relationality, in what ways does the intersectionality of crossing, belonging and presence offer a conceptual grid for

historicized analysis of the trans/national movement of individuals and groups of African and Black Diaspora?

How might these notions articulate the particularities of African and Black Diaspora and their transoceanic,

trans-imperial narratives in marking the terror of empire? How do notions of crossing, belonging and presence

provide for a critical reading of the traveling cultures of the African and black diaspora? In what ways do crossing,

belonging and presence serve as site for a critical discourse for African and Black Diaspora in the age of globalization?

#### **Submission Details**

Please send all submissions to the editors:

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\*\*\*\*\*The deadline for submission to the special issue is March 30th, 2007\*\*\*\*\*

For further information about **African & Black Diaspora**, please contact the marketing coordinator, Alexis Goodyear:

alexis.goodyear@tandf.co.uk

◆ **Africa, Journal of the International African Institute.**

The International African Institute promotes international research, conferences and publications on African Societies, cultures and languages and encourages the application of research and science to practical affairs in Africa.

The Journal is published by Edinburgh University Press, 22 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LF

◆ **African Affairs, Journal of the Royal African Society.**

Funded in 1901, it is one of the oldest journal concerning current events in Africa.

Published 4 times a year, it contains articles on a wide range of subjects on contemporary events in Africa.

The Journal is published by Oxford University Press.

[www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org](http://www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org)

◆ **Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, P.O. Box 43418, London, SE11 4XZ**

**African Renaissance:** a bi-monthly, multidisciplinary international journal published since 2004, has launched a book programme. Under the programme, the journal, which is a cross between an academic publication and any higher-end policy-oriented report, will publish every year 5-6 books based on contributions to the journal. The book programme has already started (see some of the titles in “Forthcoming Titles below). Usually an editor is appointed to edit each volume, and the editor asks authors of selected contributions to update/expand/beef up/revise their contributions - as the case may be.

For previous issues of African Renaissance, see:

[http://adonisandabbey.com/show\\_journal1.php?list\\_journals=2&sub\\_Journal=Submit](http://adonisandabbey.com/show_journal1.php?list_journals=2&sub_Journal=Submit)

**African Journal of Business of Economic Research**, a peer-reviewed academic journal, which made its debut in January this year, has come out with a combined volume 2 and 3. The journal is published three times a year. Also 1-2 books are to be published each year from the contributions to the journal. For details of the current edition, please see:

[Volume 2&3, November 2006](#)

◆ **Pambazuka News** is the authoritative pan African electronic weekly newsletter and platform for social justice in Africa providing cutting edge commentary and in-depth analysis on politics and current affairs, development, human rights, refugees, gender issues and culture in Africa. To view online, go to <http://www.pambazuka.org/>

◆ **Postable:** As you may know Postamble is a graduate journal based in the Center for African Studies at the University of Cape Town. This innovative new publication is committed to featuring original postgraduate work of a high academic standard which is of value to the promotion of multi-disciplinary study of Africa within the university environment. Submissions cover a wide range of humanities, arts and social sciences topics focusing on the study of Africa. This online publication allows for the exploration of alternative forms of research presentation that may include creative writing, visual essays, the use of digital film and sound, digital photography favoring works of an academic nature. Postamble is a peer-reviewed journal edited by an editorial committee comprised of students and academic staff from the Faculty of Humanities. We believe that our online journal offers a unique opportunity for graduate students to publish their work

For more information on submissions, online subscriptions and future issues visit the postamble website at: [www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/postamble](http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/postamble). If you have any other inquiries, please feel free to contact us via e-mail at [amble@humanities.uct.ac.za](mailto:amble@humanities.uct.ac.za).

◆ **African Analyst:** Omega Investment Research and Shikana Media's launched a new journal entitled **African Analyst**. A quarterly print publication covering the business, political and social issues that impact global confidence in Africa's private sector, African Analyst provides in-depth and thought-provoking insight from the world's leading thinkers and opinion shapers on African affairs, as is evident from the first edition. Authors include: **Amre Moussa**, Secretary General of the League of African States, **Sir Malcolm Rifkind**, former UK Foreign Secretary, **David Hale**, Global Economist and founder of Chicago-based Hale Advisors, **Tony Hawkins**, Professor of Economics, University of Zimbabwe, and others. [www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst](http://www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst)

□ **\*JSTOR NEWS\*** - JSTOR's "**Open Africa**" Initiative From 1st July 2006 JSTOR will waive participation fees for any academic or not-for-profit educational institution in Africa. This means that JSTOR will be available free of charge to many institutions in Africa for at least 3 years. If you have any links with African institutions you may want to publicise this. For more information see: <http://www.jstor.org/news/2006.06/openafrica.html>

□ **Africa Report:** A new Quarterly Journal, part of the Jeune Afrique team based in Paris, that provides accurate, incisive and comprehensive reports on all African countries. This is a vital read for academics, policy makers, and business people working in or on Africa. Many leading figures such as Nelson Mandela, K Y Amoako, Trevor Manuel, Gordon Brown have contributed to the journal. [www.theafricareport.com](http://www.theafricareport.com)

## ⌘ FUNDING

### **British Academy research funding: forthcoming deadlines**

The British Academy offers various awards for postdoctoral research in the humanities and social sciences, which are listed below. For further information contact +44 (0) 20 7969 5217 or email: [grants@britac.ac.uk](mailto:grants@britac.ac.uk)

### **Applications are invited for the following schemes:**

#### **Research Leave Fellowships and Senior Research Fellowships**

Awards provide two-year or one-year research leave, for established scholars to undertake or complete a programme of sustained research.

Next deadline: April 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/readfell.html>.

#### **Research Grants**

Small Research Grants and Larger Research Grants are available for collaborative or individual research April 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/research.html>.

#### **Conference Grants**

Grants are available for bringing key speakers to conferences held in the UK; and individual travel grants to overseas conferences.

Next deadline: April 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/conferences.html>.

#### **International Activities**

The Academy has a number of special schemes with partner institutions to support research in particular countries or regions.

Next Deadline: April 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/intact.html>.

#### **Visiting Fellowships**

A new scheme, launched in 2005, provides support for research visits to Britain of between two and four months by early-career scholars from outside the UK.

Deadline for applications: April 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visprof.html>.

#### **UK-Africa Academic Partnerships Scheme**

Grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years are available to support the development of ongoing links between the UK and African research centres and institutions.

Next deadline: April 2007

Further information and application form visit: [www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html) or contact [overseas@britac.ac.uk](mailto:overseas@britac.ac.uk)

#### **Full Economic Costing**

The British Academy has been given resources by its funding body, the Office of Science and Technology (OST), to meet 80% of the Full Economic Costs (FEC) of research in four schemes:

- Research Leave Fellowships

- Postdoctoral Fellowships (full details available in December)
- Larger Research Grants
- Visiting Fellowships

The remaining schemes are exempt from the FEC regime. The Academy has, however, been invited by the OST to collect robust data on the Full Economic Costs of research carried out under the Small Research Grants scheme, and the various international schemes, with a view to bringing these programmes within the FEC environment at a later stage. The Academy will be most grateful for the cooperation of the UK academic community in gathering this information.

To have news about forthcoming events organised by the Academy, reminders about upcoming grants application deadlines and information about other Academy activities delivered directly to your inbox, please subscribe to our email bulletin <http://www.britac.ac.uk/news/bulletin/index.html>.

The British Academy is seeking to raise awareness of its various activities within the UK academic community. We believe you may be an appropriate person to contact in your institution. If we are wrong please let us know to whom we should address our messages by replying to <mailto:universityrelations@britac.ac.uk> with 'change details' in the subject line.

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### **Commonwealth Scholarship Commission**

Scholarships are being offered for both Masters and PhD study by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. For more information please visit their website: <http://www.csfp-online.org/countries.html> or contact Elizabeth Martin ([e.martin@acu.ac.uk](mailto:e.martin@acu.ac.uk))

### **British Institute of East Africa: Graduate Training Scheme**

The British Institute supports research into the later archaeology, anthropology, languages, cultures and history of Eastern Africa. The Graduate Training Scheme enables recent graduates with good degrees to spend a short period in the region. Applicants must have completed a BA or Master degree and should in the first instance submit an application to the Centre of African Studies, Oxford: [african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk)

### **Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh: Visiting Research fellowships**

The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is pleased to announce its new visiting research fellowship programme. The programme aims at allowing African academics to do their research and spend time in residence at the University of Edinburgh.

*This year theme is: African Environment* (Deadline: **30 November 2006**)

To be considered for a fellowship during 2007, please provide a short CV with two referees (name and emails), a 1000 words proposal on this year's theme, showing your record of past research, how you will benefit from the fellowship and what you hope to achieve, and indicate the period of time you would like to spend in Edinburgh

Applications and enquiries to: Prof. Paul Nugent: [paul.nugent@ed.ac.uk](mailto:paul.nugent@ed.ac.uk)

### **European Grants**

For European grants visit: [www.welcomeurope.com/doc/eu-funding2006.pdf](http://www.welcomeurope.com/doc/eu-funding2006.pdf)

### **Harvard Alumni for Social Action (HASA) Scholarship Fund for Graduate Students from Africa.**

This is a newly established fund by former Harvard students to support the Higher Education's condition in Africa, and to help develop more facilities for African Universities and Higher Education Institutions, especially after the AIDS/HIV pandemic and its disastrous consequences for higher education in Africa.

For more information on the fund and on application procedure contact:

David Rothman: [rothmandavidj@msm.com](mailto:rothmandavidj@msm.com) Emily Mandelstam: [emandelstam@aol.com](mailto:emandelstam@aol.com) Paula Tavrow: [ptavrow@yahoo.com](mailto:ptavrow@yahoo.com)

### **The Martin Lynn Scholarship.**

Thanks to the generosity of the family of the late Martin Lynn, the Royal Historical Society has pleasure in announcing the establishment of an annual award in his memory. Martin Lynn was Professor of African History in the Queen's University, Belfast, the first scholar to hold a chair in African history in Ireland. His scholarly career was devoted to the history of West Africa and he published most extensively and importantly on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century history of Nigeria. His scholarly achievements were matched by the reputation he enjoyed as an exciting and concerned teacher and a delightful, generous colleague and friend.

This new award reflects the interests of the man it commemorates. Annually the Society will make an award of up to £1,000 to assist an historian pursuing postgraduate research on a topic in African history. Eligible students will be registered with a university history department in the United Kingdom and will have successfully completed their first year of full time or first two years of part-time study by the time the award is taken up. Applicants intending to use the award to carry out research *within* Africa will be especially welcomed.

**The closing date for applicants will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.** Potential applicants should use the form on the Society's website, [www.rhs.ac.uk](http://www.rhs.ac.uk).

### **Leverhulme Trust, UK**

The Leverhulme Trust invites applications from teams of established researchers for its research programme grants. Programmes should explore significant issues in the social sciences, in the humanities and, to a lesser extent, in the sciences.

See [http://www.researchresearch.com/jump.cfm/fop/EN/\\_/173451](http://www.researchresearch.com/jump.cfm/fop/EN/_/173451)

### **COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL AWARDS**

#### **Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK**

The Arts and Humanities Research Council invites applications for its collaborative doctoral awards in the arts and humanities.

See [http://www.researchresearch.com/jump.cfm/fop/EN/\\_/157418](http://www.researchresearch.com/jump.cfm/fop/EN/_/157418)

### **Please see the Sub-Saharan Africa focus in the current VW Foundation International Grants:**

<http://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/foerderung/auslandsorientiert.html?L=1>

### **SOAS SCHOLARSHIP**

The AHRC 2007 annual postgraduate competition is now open. The **closing date** for the next competition is **Tuesday, 1 May 2007**. However, please note that SOAS has its own internal deadlines, which are detailed below and also on our scholarships website: [www.soas.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.soas.ac.uk/scholarships).

Applicants to SOAS can apply for awards through the Research Preparation Master's Scheme, the Professional Preparation Master's Scheme (Taught Masters) or through the Doctoral Awards Scheme (Research). Funding is no longer available for students who only want to do a Masters programme. Applications may only be submitted where the applicant intends to continue with further research or professional practice and this must be demonstrated in the application.

Applicants must hold a formal offer of a place at SOAS before an application for an award can be forwarded to the AHRC but applicants should not wait for a decision on their application before beginning the AHRC application process. If AHRC applicants have not already applied for a place at SOAS they should do so without delay. Competition for all AHRC awards is extremely fierce, and most successful applicants in the Masters schemes will have a good first class degree. Applicants in the Doctoral Awards scheme are normally expected to have, or to be undertaking, a Masters degree or similar qualification, or to have already begun a research programme.

The AHRC expects applicants to consult the documentation on the website (<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/>), and to download the Guide for Applicants and the application forms. Full instructions are given in the "Notes on completing the application forms", which is downloadable with the application form. They have not supplied us with printed copies of the application material.

**All applications must be at the AHRC by Tuesday 1 May 2007.** Late Applications will not be accepted. The track of the application form should be: applicant to referee 1 to referee 2 to Head of SOAS Department or Programme Convenor to Scholarships Officer (SOAS Registry) to AHRC

Applications must reach the **Scholarships Officer, SOAS, Registry**, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London, WC1H 0XG after SOAS academic departments have added their supporting statements by **Friday, 13 April 2007**, in order to allow time for checking, resolution of any queries or problems (particularly concerning evaluation of overseas qualifications or UK/EU status), photocopying and posting to the AHRC.

⌘ <b>MISCELLANEOUS/ARTS</b>
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⌘ **ARTS**

**October Gallery**, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL,  
[www.octobergallery.co.uk](http://www.octobergallery.co.uk)

**From Courage to Freedom**

El Anatsui – Romauld Hazoume – Owusu Ankomak

**22February – 28 April 20**

The gallery has commissioned the three named above African leading visual artists from West Africa to create works to mark the bicentenary of the UK's Parliament Abolition of the trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

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Africa Business Group Website: [www.soas.ac.uk/centres/centreinfo.cfm?navid=681](http://www.soas.ac.uk/centres/centreinfo.cfm?navid=681)  
AEGIS website: <http://www.aegis-eu.org>

**The Centre of African Studies office is open on  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11.00 am to 16.30.**

**PLEASE NOTE that the copy date for the next newsletter will be 20 March 2007**