Event: 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.

28 February  The Guardian’s Katine Project
Madeleine Bunting (The Guardian)

06 March  Title to be confirmed
Dr Hugo Slim (Corporate for Crisis)

12.15-2pm, Room 116 at SOAS

By Invitation only
Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email: cas@soas.ac.uk
ASAUK 2008

African Studies Association of the UK Biennial Conference

Department of Education & Social Sciences
University of Central Lancashire
PRESTON, UK PR1 2HE
11th – 13th September 2008

'The Presence of the Past? Africa in the 21st Century', African Studies Association of the UK Biennial Conference, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, 11-13 September 2008. The ASAUK Conference always seeks to facilitate discussions between Africanist scholars who ordinarily would have few opportunities to talk, despite working on similar themes, either because they are working on different geographical areas or within different academic disciplines.

The conference aims to bring together Africanists from all over the world and from various disciplines to discuss the past and current developments in Africa and African Studies. The conference organisers would particularly welcome postgraduate presentations on their current or recently completed research. Papers are invited on all themes relating to the continent, inclusive of time, period and space parameters as well as interdisciplinary perspectives. Though not seeking to limit contributions on new areas of research, themes of particular interest include Popular Culture and Cultural Production; African Urban Culture, Social Movements and Popular Culture; Contesting Local Knowledge; Mining and African Development; Contesting the State: Africa and the International Financial Institutions; The African Diaspora; Childhood and Youth; Human Rights and Citizenship; Colonialism, Rural Transformation and African Resistance; Gender and African Development; The African Union and African Security; Conflict and Conflict Resolution; Africa and the Challenge of the Developmental State; The Land Question; Africa and Globalisation; Education and Development; Politics and Democratic Renewal; and Africa 200 Years after the Abolition of Atlantic Slavery.

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Mo Ibrahim Foundation ‘Governance for Development in Africa Initiative’ launched at SOAS

The Centre of African Studies, University of London, at SOAS has received a tremendous boost with a donation to fund an initiative on Governance for Development in Africa, which will create a dedicated environment to support Africans to study both the legal aspects of governance and the links between economic development and governance.

This extraordinary gift from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation aims to enable Africans to improve the quality of governance in their countries by supporting them to build their skills and talents within an expert academic environment.

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation’s £1.375 million gift will fund four dedicated programmes at SOAS: Leadership Development Fellowships; Residential Schools in Africa; Governance Lectures; and PhD Scholarships.

Prof Paul Webley, Director and Principal explains, ‘This gift will have a tremendous impact, not only for SOAS, but for the future of Africa. We are delighted that Dr Mo Ibrahim and his fellow Trustees are working with SOAS on such an exciting project, which will have a impact on Africa for years to come’.

We encourage enquiries about Applications for PhDs on topics relating to Governance and Development in Africa and for Visiting Fellowships on the topics of Leadership and Development (the latter applies also to non-academic applicants: the scheme will target young people with demonstrable leadership potential within their sector, enabling them to develop knowledge, contacts, and strategic plans during an 8-10 week period based in London).

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Researching Violence and Conflict: Methodological and Ethical Considerations

The Centre of African Studies, University of London is pleased to announce a two-day Conference on ‘Researching Violence and Conflict: Methodological and Ethical Considerations,’ to be held at SOAS, University of London, 8-9 May 2008.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 February 2008

Researching violence and conflict can be challenging for a variety of reasons, including security risks to researchers and informants, restricted or lack of access to informants and fieldsites, and the unpredictability of the level of security in the research environment. Traditional methodological approaches (participant observation, surveys, random sampling, etc.) may not be usable without significant adaptation, and new methods may be called for. In addition, such research carries ethical challenges about how informants and information should be represented so as to protect the confidentiality of sources and to minimize the risks that the research may be used for ends which could ultimately bring harm to subjects. Current debates over the ethical implications of social scientists working for military forces capture many ethical issues worthy of examination and debate.

Papers are invited that directly address methodological and/or ethical themes, or that incorporate methodological innovation and ethical considerations into the research. Possible themes to consider include:

Methodological considerations:
- How have established methodological approaches been adapted for use in conflict settings?
- What innovative research tools for use have been used in the study of violence and conflict (case studies welcome)
- What problems are involved in the reliability of information in situations where rumour is rife and confirmation of data may be difficult or impossible?
- What kinds of challenges of studying extreme forms of suffering while avoiding the ‘disaster voyeur’ moniker?
- How can access be obtained to all parties to the conflict and what are researchers’ responsibilities of representation and protection of informants?

Ethical questions:
- How should perspectives of informants that may be reprehensible, criminal, and dangerous be represented?
- Is it desirable or possible to achieve and maintain objectivity in researching violent conflict?
- What control and responsibilities do researchers have over how their analysis is used? How might this affect their decisions about how to present their findings and the possible merits of self-censorship?
- Is it ethically responsible to provide information that may be used by military for strategic or humanitarian purposes? What are the benefits and disadvantages of working with security forces? Does the potential to influence strategic and policy decisions of parties to the conflict justify researchers’ involvement, and if so what kind of ethical code should govern such practices?
- What is the researcher’s responsibility to subjects in terms not only of protecting their confidentiality, but also helping to minimize the risk of retribution to or targeting of civilians?

- What role (if any) is there for an ‘activist researcher’ to use their research to help bring about an end to the conflict they study? What are the risks of this role?

Abstracts of not more than 500 words should be submitted for review by 15 February to:
Centre of African Studies, University of London
SOAS-University of London
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Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG
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Papers selected for inclusion will be notified by 5 March 2008. Participants from Africa are particularly encouraged.

Ononyx Series of events and workshop led by Leona Campbell (January to September 2008)
Sunday 20 January at 5pm-9pm, Brunei gallery lecture theatre, SOAS
Sunday 17 February at 4-8pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS
Sunday 2 March at 4-8pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS
Sunday 20 April at 5pm-9pm, Brunei gallery lecture theatre, SOAS

The aim of these events/workshops is to change the stereotype of Black Men in the UK and address issues of identity and belonging with film screenings and debates.
For more information and tickets contact: Leona Campbell on Leona@ononyx.org or 07931878469

Talk  Heart of Darfur. Hope and Humanity in the World’s Worst War Zone by Lisa Blaker
18 February, Room 116, 3-5pm

Africa Seminar  Disease of Travelling: African Migration to Cairo and Beyond by Robert
Mc Kenzie (Anthropology Dept, SOAS)
Thursday 21 February, 5-6.30pm, Room

Conference: Mark 50 years since the publication of Achebe’s Things’ Fall Apart (10-11 October 2008) at SOAS. Co-hosted by Institute of English Studies and Africa Department at School of Oriental and African Studies
For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk
**EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

- **Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society**
  
  Meeting ‘The Problem of Malaria’ with **Stephen O’Brien MP** and Dr Chris Curtis and Dr Chris Drakeley, Khalili Lecture Theatre, **30 January at 6.45pm-9pm, SOAS**

  6.45pm  
  Introduction by Stephen O’Brien M.P.  
  Chairman of All Party Parliamentary Committee on Malaria and Shadow Minister of Health

  7.15pm  
  An overview current knowledge by Dr Chris Curtis  
  Emeritus Professor of Medical Entomology London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

  8 pm  
  Panel discussion. The above speakers will be joined by Dr Chris Drakeley of LSHTM

  9 pm  
  Vote of thanks by Trevor Jaggar Chairman of BTS {UK Chapter} and Close

  For more information contact Roy Galbraith (roygal@aol.com)

- **Meetings organized by the Britain Zimbabwe Society**

  For further information visit: www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm
  Ranka Primorac 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 0771 721 0470  
  E-mail: secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org.

  **Thursday 6th March, 7:00pm**
  **Room B102 (Brunei Building)**
  School of Oriental and African Studies
  Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1

  **Making Ethiopian doctors since 1968 –**

  An illustrated talk by Prof. Eldryd Parry, Trustee, THET

  In 1968 the first locally educated Ethiopian doctors graduated from Haile Sellassie I University. Now, there are new medical schools, many more students are being trained, specialist postgraduate programmes are established and valuable research has been done, driven by some remarkable people. THET (The Tropical Health and Education Trust) has worked with the medical schools towards their goals, but events and imbalances have taken their toll on the health service and have driven the search for methods to establish equitable health care.

  This meeting of the Society will be open to non-members.

- **Meetings organized by the Friends of Mali UK.** For general information contact info@friendsofmali-uk.org, website: www.friendsofmali-uk.org/. For up-to-date information on meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (E-mail:
Meetings organized by SudanSSUK.
The 21st AGM was held in junction with a Symposium on Saturday 8th September 2007 at 9.45-4.50pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS.
The Symposium main themes were: ‘The politics of Petroleum and Sudan’s Relations’; ‘The Merowe Dam: Different points of view’; Update on political/economic situation in Sudan
For more information contact: SudanSSUK@aol.com

The Royal African Society meetings in association with CAS
36 Gordon Square, London WC1H
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The Royal African Society holds many open meetings during the year, information about these can be found on the RAS website: www.royalafricansociety.org/

February 11th, 6pm, Upper Meeting Room, LIDC, 36 Gordon Square, WC1H 0PD
Book Launch: Wizard of the Nile: The Hunt for Africa’s Most Wanted by Matthew Green
A penetrating insight into the heart of one of the worst conflicts in the world ~ Jon Snow

February (full details tbc)
Prospects for Democracy in the new DRC
Speakers: Denis Kalume, Interior Minister, Government of DRC; Professor Theodore Trefon, KU Leuven University; Anneke Van Woudenberg, Human Rights Watch, Francesca Bomboko, Bureau d'Etudes, de Recherche et de Consulting International (BERCI)

Sustainable development in the DRC
Baroness Shriti Vadera, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DFID, Olivier Kamitatu, Minister for Planning, Government of DRC

Africa Asia Centre: RAS at SOAS
'Making Sense of Chinese Oil Investment in Africa', Dr. Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, University of Oxford,
28 February Lower Meeting Room, LIDC, 36 Gordon Square, WC1H 0PD

'China's Role in Human Rights Abuses in Africa: Clarifying Issues of Culpability', Professor Chandra Lekha Sriram, Chair in Human Rights and Director, Centre on Human Rights in Conflict, School of Law, University of East London 22 April 2008 (venue tbc)
FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

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 B101 from 17.00-19.00

30 January  Christopher Prior
‘The Firing Interrupted my Bath’: The White Flag League Revolt of 1924 and the Sudan Political Service

6 February  Hakeem Tijani
The Foundation of British Anti-Communist Policies in Nigeria, 1945-1960

13 February  Reading week, no seminar

20 February  Sloan Mahone
Trauma and Personhood in Late Colonial Kenya

27 February  Mike Jennings
title tba

5 March  Stacey Hynd
Death and Mercy in the Archives: Capital Punishment and Colonial Rule in British Africa, c.1908-1968

12 March  Francesca Locatelli
title tba

For list of seminars contact: David Martin (e-mail: dm24@soas.ac.uk)
NOTE: Updated seminar schedules can be found on the new SOAS website at: http://www.soas.ac.uk/academics/departments/history/events/seminars.html

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 Taviton St.

18 February  Jose Munoz
The limits of governmental empathy: Taxing cattle trade in Northern Cameroon

For more information, contact Barrie Sharpe (b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk ;020-76798649

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At LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LSE), Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE, UK; Tel: +44 (0)20 7405 7686

Scenario building - planning for a future with HIV/AIDS. A tool for political and socio-economic dialogue
AIDS presents long term problems - both in its impact and in its possible solutions. Taking the long-term view on the impacts of the epidemic, of policy decisions and through engagement with key stakeholders will be critical to ensure a dialogue on the political, social and economic basis. Building scenarios enables such a dialogue. The workshop is aimed at professionals in the private and public sectors and from NGOs. It will guide participants through a methodology of building and using scenarios as well as how to work with existing scenarios. The sessions will be interactive and strengthened by the high-calibre of experienced and skilled participants.
For further information please see the attached invitation/registrationform. For any further queries please email: a.s.barnett@lse.ac.uk

EVENTS

LONDON
Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St James’s Square, London SW1Y 4LE
If you would like to attend the events listed below please e-mail Ahmed Soliman: asoliman@chathamhouse.org.uk

Tuesday 29 January 2008, 13.15 – 14.15, Chatham House
Sierra Leone: An Agenda for Change
Speaker
HE Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
Seven years after a successful British military and humanitarian intervention, Sierra Leone last year enjoyed its first democratic change of government in many years. Sierra Leone is currently bottom of the UN Human Development Index, and the new President has promised to tackle the country’s many challenges with a highly ambitious programme of reforms. With the UK still Sierra Leone’s major development partner, the President will outline his plans for the country.
The presentation will be on the record. The questions and answers will be under the Chatham House Rule.

Tuesday 29 January 2008, 16.00-17.00, Chatham House
Mortality in the Democratic Republic of Congo – An Ongoing Crisis
Speakers
Dr Richard Brennan, Health Director, International Rescue Committee
Dr Pascal Ngoy Leya, International Rescue Committee
Chair
Dr Muzong Kodi –Chatham House Associate Fellow, British Congo Forum Convenor
The International Rescue Committee will be publishing the findings of its 5th Survey of Mortality in the Democratic Republic of Congo on January 22nd. Previous IRC surveys asserted the Congo to be the greatest humanitarian crisis in the last 60 years. Two of the new survey’s lead authors, Dr Richard Brennan, IRC’s Health Director based in New York, and Dr Pascal Ngoy Leya, who as acting Health
Director in DR Congo was in-country focal point for the organisation of the last two surveys, will present an update on the current humanitarian situation in the Congo with reference to mortality.

Tuesday 12 February 2008, 13.30 – 14.30, Chatham House
Explaining South Africa's position on Sudan and Darfur
Speaker
Laurie Nathan, University of Cape Town
Chair
Sally Healy, Associate Fellow, Chatham House, Horn of Africa Group Convenor
On the face of it, Laurie Nathan will argue, South Africa's position on Sudan and Darfur is baffling and incongruous, apparently inconsistent with the country's historical struggle against oppression, its constitutional values and its foreign policy commitment to promote human rights. In this talk Laurie Nathan will attempt to explain that position and show that it exemplifies many of the key features of foreign policy under President Mbeki. In particular, he will argue, the position highlights an anti-imperialist policy emphasis that colours and sometimes overrides the commitment to human rights.

Wednesday 13 February 2008, 17.30 – 18.30, Chatham House
Book presentation: The Wizard of the Nile
Speaker
Mathew Green, Author and now Financial Times West Africa Correspondent
Wizard of the Nile is Matthew Green’s account of his search for Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). The LRA claims to be fighting the Ugandan Government to bring the biblical Ten Commandments to Uganda, but is famed for the brutal torture and abduction of thousands of people across the region.

Conference ‘What is Masculinity? How useful is it as a Historical Category?’ Birkbeck College, University of London (15-16 May, 2008)
In recent years, there has been an explosion in scholarship that questions masculinity in history. This vibrant new approach has incorporated many different theoretical and empirical considerations in historical scholarship. This conference aims to provide a discussion across fields and time period specialism. We hope the conference will provide discussion of the latest thinking, debates and contention in this field, and that it will serve as a review of ‘where we are now’ in terms of scholarship in the field of masculinity studies. The highest quality papers in this conference will be published in a single volume collection, by Palgrave Macmillan.
For more information: Dr Sean Brady, Birkbeck College University of London, s.brady@bbk.ac.uk

UK

African Studies Seminar, Michaelmas Term 2007, Fellows’ Dining Room, St Antony’s College, Thursdays, 5.00 pm

24 January  Chima Korieh (Marquette University)
‘African voices: a letter of petition from colonial Nigeria’

31 January  Emma Hunter (African Studies, Oxford)
‘Political languages in twentieth century Kilimanjaro’

7 February  Nicholas Cheeseman (Jesus College, Oxford)
‘Political parties and coalition building in Africa’

14 February  
Ricardo S.M. Soares de Oliveira (St Peter’s College)
‘The political economies of war and peace in postcolonial Angola’

21 February  
Kenneth Simala (Maseno University, Kenya)
‘Kiswahili poetry, print media and religious identity politics in Kenya’

28 February  
James Brennan (SOAS, London)
‘Journalists, spies, & forgeries: Information politics and the Cold War in East Africa, 1954-1970’

6 March  
David Turton & Marco Bassi (African Studies, Oxford)
‘Environmental change in the Lower Omo Valley, southwestern Ethiopia’

Organizer: Professor David Anderson (St Cross College)
For information please contact Sabrina Souza (sabrina.souza@africa.ox.ac.uk)
# African History, Politics, and Geography Seminar, Hilary term

Mondays at 5 pm, Seminar Room, History Faculty, George Street

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Convenors:
Patricia Daley (Jesus College)
Luisa Pinto Teixeira (Instituto Camões)
Jan-Georg Deutsch (St. Cross College)

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Research Seminar Series, Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge, at 5.00pm on a Monday, in the The Mond Building Seminar Room, Free School Lane, Cambridge, CB2 3RF

28 January Dr Guillaume Lachenal (Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris) "Viruses as Resources. Transnational research on AIDS and the neo-liberal moment in Cameroon"
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Papers on any topics related to African economic development, including in a comparative context, are welcome. This conference will largely consist of parallel sessions, with two plenary sessions.

**Funding**

The CSAE hopes to obtain funds for African presenters who are currently living and working in Africa and who will be travelling from Africa to the conference. Funding will cover all participation and travel costs for successful applicants. Applicants must complete the submission form on the conference website and submit a full paper for consideration. Please mark your application ‘applying for funding’.

For more information about the Centre, and the conference programme (as it becomes available) you may wish to consult our web site at [http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk](http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk).

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Religious institutions have been at the forefront of human welfare for centuries. In Africa it is often difficult to untangle religious organisations from the agency of development. Religion, rather than declining as had been predicted with the advent of secular development, is taking an increasingly central and vibrant role in African political and developmental life. The African case demonstrates how secularisation theories had failed in assuming that in a modernising context the non-secular would gradually recede from public life. The reality is the non-secular in Africa is often pervading the spaces that the secular has singularly failed to address. Contemporary critiques of development theory assert that ‘development’ poses solutions to development problems in a peculiarly apolitical, antiseptic, neutral way. It fails to provide solutions that encompass human needs; food security and shelter is materially important but so is a sense of community and belonging. In Africa the ‘faith’ dimension is important and plays a significant role in promoting non-governmental public action. Religious organisations and faith communities have wide networks, social resources and often unique access to people who are poor, marginalised and excluded. Religious organisations represent a particularly significant component of civil society; and faith-based development has strong ethical foundations that become particularly important in the absence of alternative worldviews, social norms and political ideologies. This conference aims to understand the role of religion within development and politics and develop our understanding of the role and position of religious organisations and actors within more traditional conceptualisations of public action and its relationship to the state in Africa. The focus will be on Christian, Muslim and traditional religious organisations and institutions in, for, and against the political and broader development processes in post-colonial Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference will be organised around the following tentative themes:

1. Filling the vacuum of the African state: tension or collaboration?

This theme aims to explore the relationship between religious organisations and the African state. How do religious organisations define their role in the post-colonial state? How do religious organisations critique or plug the gaps in the so-called ‘weak’ African state? How do religious organisations cope with prejudices and forms of control from secular organisations?

2. Faiths and development: religion and modernity

This theme aims to explore the relationship between religious organisations and development. How do religious actors and ideas contribute to development in contemporary Africa? Can we speak of a unique ‘religious’ answer to development? How do religious organisations forge their own identity as development is becoming increasingly technical, technology-led and driven by agendas such as the Millennium Development Goals?

3. Faiths and responses to health crises: the case of HIV/AIDS

This theme aims to examine the major contributions religious organisations are making in the battle against HIV/AIDS. How do religious organisations negotiate the problematic relationships between public health, religious doctrine and political discourse? What role do different kinds of religious organisation play in providing healthcare? What is the relationship between religious organisations, the state and development agencies with respect to healthcare?

Funding will be available for speakers from Africa. Information on how to apply for funding will be available on CAS website (www.cas.ed.ac.uk). Posters from postgraduate students are welcome and they will be displayed during the conference. For any questions, please contact the conference organisers or the Centre of African Studies in Edinburgh.

Conference organisers:

Dr Barbara Bompani
CALL FOR PAPERS: ‘COERCIVE NETWORKS’: VIOLENCE, PUNISHMENT AND THE COLONIAL CONDITION

Faculty of History, University of Cambridge
Friday, 9th May 2008
Venue: Robinson College, Cambridge

This workshop aims to investigate coercive networks: the relationships between strategies of violence, the law and governance in the colonial and postcolonial world. Studies of violence and punishment have become integral to the understanding of colonial and postcolonial states. At the same time, these studies have become increasingly concentrated upon single institutions and practices, such as imprisonment or corporal punishment. This literature is predicated upon the assumption that the colonial state held a monopoly of the use of force, when in fact non-state actors could be just as prominent in the practices of penal violence that sustained colonial rule.

This workshop will approach strategies of violence through wider empirical and theoretical frameworks. It will integrate studies of individual penal techniques, with less studied practices such as vigilantism, punitive expeditions and summary justice to analyse the wider ‘coercive networks’ and strategies of violence in colonial governance. This workshop aims to move beyond conceptualizations of colonial punishments as a disciplinary strategy which are centred around Foucauldian understandings of discipline. The aim is to bring out the tensions inherent in practices of punishment and violence in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Economies of violence are constantly created and maintained, and investigating this process involves studying the relationship between social structures and discourses of power, the tensions between law and social custom, and between the aims and outcomes of the violence itself. As such, papers are welcomed on topics including (but not limited to):

• State Violence
• Punishment
• Extra-Judicial Violence
• Communal Conflict
• Torture
‘Coercive Networks’ is an interdisciplinary workshop, with a focus on both theoretical approaches to the study of violence, and on individual case studies. The aim of the workshop is to encourage discussion both between disciplines, and between graduate students and established researchers.

Abstract proposals of 300-500 words should be submitted to Taylor C. Sherman (tcs31@cam.ac.uk) or Stacey Hynd (sh562@cam.ac.uk) by 30 January 2008. Please direct any enquiries about the workshop or attending this event to Stacey Hynd.

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CALL: West of England and Wales PSA Postgraduate Conference
University of Bristol, 1st March 2008
www.southwest-2008.org.uk

The 2008 PSA Postgraduate Conference (West of England and Wales), which is being hosted this year by the University of Bristol's Department of Politics, will take place on 1st March, 2008. It offers postgraduate students the chance to share ideas in a friendly and supportive research environment, and to benefit from the vibrant research community in the West of England and Wales.

We're seeking paper and/or panel submissions on all aspects of politics and international relations. Past conferences have touched upon a diverse range of themes, and we are keen to make this year's conference similarly eclectic. We therefore welcome submissions focusing on topics as wide-reaching as development, comparative politics, political economy, securitisation, conflict and post-war recovery, social movements and activism, post-positivist and critical approaches, gender studies, labour movements, and so on. Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to 14th February, 2008.

Please visit the conference website for further details, including information about registration, submitting an abstract, and traveling to the conference. The full Call for Papers can also be downloaded in Word or PDF format from the site:
<http://www.southwest-2008.org.uk>

You can also email the conference team for further information:
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In October 2008, the CEAN (Centre for African Studies – Politics, Society and International Relations) will be fifty. Created initially to bring together the varied research being conducted on (at that time colonial) Africa at Bordeaux University, it soon found its own scientific identity in the analysis of politics in Africa. It is one of the two “Joined Research Units” (UMR) recognized by the CNRS within the Bordeaux Institute of Political Studies (“Sciences Po Bordeaux”). As a host laboratory of the Political Science Doctoral School of Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV University and the Institute of Political Studies, it is involved in a variety of Masters and PhD courses.

The CEAN wishes to mark its fiftieth anniversary by holding an international Meeting of political analysis on Africa. There are many questions to be addressed: who, at the beginning of the 21st century, can truly claim to understand the full scope of the many realities of “Africa” – sub-Saharan regions, Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts, diasporas and emigration? The intention is to address this set of questions from a perspective that is directly political, taking the word in its broadest acception, by studying not only the Republic but also the republic.

This approach is necessarily multidisciplinary, in the image of the activity of the CEAN over the last twenty years – an activity that is very much that of an inter-disciplinary centre of political studies focussed on the many different faces of Africa. We are therefore inviting political scientists, historians, geographers, anthropologists, sociologists, economists and specialists in law and the arts to converge from their different standpoints towards political analysis through this study of the Republic.

The themes of the conference are:
1. The state in its historicity
2. The relationship between the individual and the citizen
3. Categories of states, political dynamics of institutional design
4. Perceptions of power, political representations and practices
5. The Republic and globalization

This approach in the form of a profusion of questions may evolve as we receive proposals. The Meeting must be an opportunity for genuine work in an international atmosphere, and for a fruitful encounter between “Africanists” and non-Africanists. It is also for this reason that the CEAN has decided to “invite” two countries – South Africa and Brazil – with which it is developing growing scientific relations and which will have a major role to play in the future in the evolution of an “Africanism” rid once and for all of any “orientalist” taint.

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CALL: "Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations"
June 16-19 2009, Moscow, Russia

Panel proposals (within 500 words in any of the Conference working languages) which will be received by February 1, 2008.

Organised by the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies under the Russian Academy of Sciences in co-operation with the School of History, Political Science and Law of the Russian State University for the Humanities.

The aim of the Conference, like that of the four previous ones, is to bring together the researchers doing the respective problematics in the whole variety of its contexts, within the framework of different academic schools and traditions from the positions of a wide range of disciplines: social anthropology, archaeology, history, political science, sociology, philosophy, psychology, etc.

The objective of the Conference is to discuss the following issues:
- hierarchical and net structures in the history of cultures and civilizations;
- civilizational and evolutionary models of socio-political development;
- historical and ethno-cultural variability of the forms of socio-political organization;
- from simple societies to the world-system: pathways and forms of political integration;
- socio-political and cultural-mental factors of social transformations;
- cultural and socio-biological foundations of dominance in human societies;
- ideology and legitimation of power in different civilizational contexts;
- cultural models of power's perception in different civilizations;
- violence and non-violence in the history of political institutions;
- access to information as a means of political manipulation and mobilization;
- power, society, and culture in the era of globalization;
- the study of hierarchy and power: schools, trends, and methods.

Suggestions for discussion of any other aspects of the general problematics of the Conference reflected in its title, are also welcomed.

The working languages of the Conference are Russian and English.

The Conference participant-s registration fee is 150 euros (or the equivalent sum in US dollars or Russian rubles) which includes the visa application support at the Russian Foreign Ministry, culture program, Conference Book of Abstracts, reception, coffee-breaks, is to be paid on the spot upon arrival. The fee for an accompanying person is 70 euros (or the equivalent sum in US dollars or Russian rubles) includes the visa application support at the Russian Foreign Ministry and participation in culture program. The Organizing Committee can assist in accommodation booking at the hotel of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Downtown Moscow.

For further information you may consult the Internet sites:
http://all-hotels.ru/moscow/. Please do note that the figures above may be subjected to some changes due to processes in transnational and national economy which are obviously out of the Organizing Committee’s control. If such changes happen, the Organizing Committee will try its best to inform the Conference participants as soon as possible. All the correspondence should be sent for the Conference Secretaries, Dr. Oleg I. Kavykin and Ms. Anastasia A. Banschikova, preferably by e-mail (conf2009@conf2009.ru), or either by fax (+ 7 495 202 0786), or by ordinary mail (Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 30/1 Spiridonovka St., 123001 Moscow, Russia). The telephone number is: + 7 495 291 4119.

AFRICA

CALL: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ‘POLITICAL ECONOMIES OF DISPLACEMENT IN POST-2000 ZIMBABWE’
Wits University Campus, Johannesburg, 9-11 June 2008
Organised by
Nordic Africa Institute
Uppsala, Sweden and
Forced Migration Studies Programme
Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa

This conference emerges from an ongoing collaborative research project initiated in late 2006 by the Nordic Africa Institute entitled Political Economies of Displacement in Post-2000 Zimbabwe. The project links researchers located within and outside Zimbabwe who share an active interest in mapping the complex dynamics of change related to the crises, uncertainties and multiple displacements of contemporary Zimbabwe and their effects on neighbouring states and diasporas further afield.

Recognising that within the multiple spheres of transformation that emerge in the present times of turbulence, the boundaries and relationships between the official and the unofficial, the legal and the illegal, the public and the private, are constantly being redefined. This is part of what explains the paradox of displacement: namely, that while it produces profoundly negative effects for large numbers of people, it also generates complex and creative dynamics of survival, inventiveness, productivity and even prosperity for some.

Understanding this requires broader intellectual reflection on how ‘displacement’ and ‘the displaced’ are conceptualised and studied. This means, among other things, moving beyond homogenising labels often used to describe situations and populations affected by forced displacement. It also demands that we look beyond the violence and victimisation of subjected populations by acknowledging their heterogeneity, their individual and collective resourcefulness, and their abilities to address displacement and loss while creating alternative futures.

In line with the overall project, the Conference is especially interested in investigating the following kinds of questions in the context of post-2000 Zimbabwe:

- How and why have particular displacements (material and symbolic) been generated, and how are they understood by those involved;
- What new dynamics and patterns of inclusion and exclusion have emerged, and how is this reshaping categories of belonging and generating new ideas of state, nation, citizenship and kinship;
- How have systems and practices of rule, politics, and sovereignty altered in Zimbabwe and elsewhere in the region;
• How have modes of production, exchange, distribution and accumulation been reconfigured at different scales and in different locations.

The Conference seeks especially (but not only) empirically grounded contributions from researchers from different disciplines, whose work on post-2000 Zimbabwe (yet with linkages to other times and places), helps to address some of these issues. Abstracts of approximately 350 words should be submitted to the following mail address by 15 February 2008: displacement.conference@gmail.com

You might consider relating your abstract to one or several of the following themes:

1. Agrarian Displacements, Replacements and Resettlement
2. Reshaping Youth, Gender and Belonging in Cities
3. Displacement Economies and Changing Modes of Investment and Exchange
4. Border Crossings, Mobile Livelihoods and Reinventions of Kinship
5. Diasporic Divides and Diverse Futures
6. Altered States of Security, Politics and Development

Funds will be made available for those participants successfully selected from within Southern Africa to assist them with the costs of travel and subsistence in attending the conference.

Those whose abstracts have been accepted will be informed by mid-March 2008. Papers by presenters will be expected in advance by 16 May 2008. Several keynote speakers will provide innovative conceptual framings to situate, stimulate, and move the discussions beyond the context-specific focus on post-2000 Zimbabwe. These will include such renowned scholars as Jane Guyer (Johns Hopkins University), Achille Mbembe (Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research), Brian Raftopoulos (Solidarity Peace Trust, formerly of Institute of Development Studies, University of Zimbabwe), and Finn Stepputat (Danish Institute for International Studies), and possibly others.

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This conference is designed to draw attention to the missing link in the futile attempts to develop the African continent – culture. This is clearly illustrated in the 1995 report of the World Commission on Culture and Development: “Development divorced from its human or cultural context is growth without a soul. Economic development in its full flowering is a part of a people’s culture”. The purpose of this conference is to provide a platform for the generation, interaction and refinement of ideas. As an advocacy body, the ICACD Secretariat aims to push for the conclusions drawn at ICACD 2008 and subsequent programmes into the framework of policy-making on the African continent.

For the programme to have the global attention and the desired impact, the ICACD Secretariat is presently looking for progressive websites focused on culture and development and your website has been identified as a very useful one. We would be most grateful to have a link at your website where a click would take people to the ICACD.
Registration for participation in ICACD 2008 is currently going on, and abstracts are being received from interested presenters from Africa and beyond.

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CALL: NEW MEDIA AND RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATIONS
IN AFRICA An international conference to be held in
ABUJA, NIGERIA JULY 10-12, 2008

The main goal of this conference is to cast a critical look at Africa's rapidly evolving religious media scene. It is particularly interested in the challenges of balancing freedom of expression and freedom of religion and belief in Africa's fast-growing media sector. Since the early 1990s, following political liberalization in Africa, the media landscape has altered radically due to deregulation and the emergence of new communication and informational technologies. There has been a rapid increase in the numbers of radio and television stations, newspapers and magazines, computers, and mobile phone networks. With this media diversification have come new opportunities for ownership, production, and participation. Religious leaders and activists in particular have appropriated these new media outlets for strengthening and expanding their communities, and gaining public recognition for their organizations. In some, more competitive, public spheres, the media may also be used to defame or marginalize religious others, which can lead to conflict, and even, violence. In rarer cases, the media have developed programming to promote interreligious dialogue.

CONFERENCE HOSTS
Centre for the Study of African Culture and Communication, Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt

SCOPE OF CONFERENCE
The conference aims to encourage the study of the expanding range of religious media, as well as coverage of religion, in a globalizing Africa:

• media types may include: audio- and video-cassettes, films, CDs, DVDs, loudspeakers, pamphlets, posters, flyers, banners, billboards, telephony, photography, radio, television, and computer-mediated communication and information (websites, emails, blogs, listservs, discussion boards)
• studies could range from formal and large-scale, to informal and small-scale, media forms and technologies
• levels of inquiry could be on media creation, circulation, and/or consumption
• focus could be on a particular locality, denomination/organization, media type or technology, national, regional, or transnational context
• studies could also address some thematic or problematic, or theoretical or methodological issue (or combination of issues), such as ethnicity, gender, conflict and peace, mediation, authenticity, representation, commodification, censorship, (de)(re)regulation, media convergence, etc.
• diverse disciplinary perspectives (e.g. media studies, communications, journalism, advertising, public relations, religious studies, sociology and anthropology, history, law, cultural and literary studies, linguistics, political science, visual/oral/aural and performing arts, etc.) are welcome

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE
The conference will be divided into two parts. The first, the **academic part** (*Thursday, July 10 - Saturday July 12*), will precede the more public, second half of the conference (*Saturday July 12*). We hope to be able to accommodate between 50-75 papers in the academic section, along with some **plenary lectures**. A **pre-conference workshop** on research methodology and work in progress is envisaged (for the **afternoon of Thursday, July 10**), along with visits to local media houses and religious institutions. These will include licensing, programming, transmission, and media ethics, for example. In the **public forum**, political and religious leaders, media professionals, and civil society leaders will discuss current issues pertaining to religious broadcasting policy and practice in Africa today. **Optional excursions** will be available on the final day (*Sunday, July 13*).

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- How is Africa’s religious landscape being changed by the new religious media?
- How are the modern media generating new religious communities and publics?
- How might these new publics challenge or complement pre-existing religious actors and organizations?
- In what ways are newer religious organizations, such as the Pentecostals, using the media to advance political and economic agendas?
- Are we witnessing the development of new forms of religious activism and proselytism in Africa today due to the upsurge in media growth and diversification?
- Which religious groups benefit most or least from Africa’s more liberalized and mass-mediatized public spheres?
- How have traditional forms of communication or notions of power been incorporated into the new religious media?
- What is the impact of the new religious media on popular culture and the entertainment industry, and vice versa?
- Can we now talk about manifestations of religion as media, and media as religion?
- How might the conventional divisions and differences between state-run and independent media be reconfigured by new religious media?

**GUIDELINES FOR PAPER AND PANEL SUBMISSIONS**

Abstracts for either individual papers or panels of between 250-500 words should be submitted to both conference directors:

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- **Dr. Benjamin Soares**, African Studies Centre, Leiden, the Netherlands  
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  as well as to **Dr. Walter Ihejirika** from the Centre for the Study of African Culture and Communication  
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Deadline for abstracts: **March 31, 2008** (successful applicants will be notified during April 2008)

Deadline for full papers: **June 30, 2008**

All participants will be expected to pay a conference registration fee of $40 or 5000 Nigerian naira. Some funding may be available to help defray travel and accommodation costs of participants. However, participants are encouraged to obtain financial support from their host institutions.
Conference: "Transcending Boundaries, Bridging the Continent": The 16th Annual Boston University Graduate Research Conference in African Studies. The conference will take place in Boston, Massachusetts, 14-15 March 2008.

This Conference is an interdisciplinary forum in which students can exchange ideas, share research, and expand collegial networks. In past years, participants have presented course research, dissertation proposals, thesis chapters, methodological models, and other works in progress. While there are no strict thematic guidelines, special consideration will be given to papers with multidisciplinary application and/or cross-regional appeal.

The deadline for paper submissions is 1 February 2008. Please send your name, affiliation, and a 250 word paper abstract to ascgrcon@bu.edu. Questions can also be sent to this address.

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California State University, Sacramento, The college of Health & Human Services, The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution & The Pan African Studies Program
This conference examines the state of African youth in the USA and Africa, with a focus on discussing inter- and intracultural and group challenges, including crime and other conflicts. Together, we will examine the prospects for bridging the gaps among African youth, as well as identify best practices and models for youth empowerment, leadership development, crime prevention, networking, and family stability.
We strongly encourage submission of paper proposals that are based on case studies and best practices on domestic and international youth issues: e.g. youth development and leadership, peer relations, U.S.-African youth study abroad exchanges, community outreach, crime prevention and peace building/peacemaking, peace education, African youth parenting: family; art expression, media and value formation, African-African American relations, girl-child education; Child soldiers; youth gangs/cults; etc.
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Conference: Wars and Conflicts in Africa, University of Texas at Austin. (28-30 March 2008)
Special WOCAL 6 World Congress of African Linguistics University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil August 11-15, 2008.

The conference theme is Exploring the African Language Connection in the Americas. We welcome papers addressing the conference theme, focusing on issues related to the contact between African languages and European and Indigenous languages in the Americas, or any other topic related to African languages and linguistics.

**February 18, 2008 is the deadline for the submission of an abstract,** in English or French. Abstracts should be sent in PDF format or postscript attachments to the following email address: gela@usp.br.

You can see general information on the site: [http://www.fflch.usp.br/dl/wocal6special/index.htm](http://www.fflch.usp.br/dl/wocal6special/index.htm)

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**Dr Moses Mamman,** Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria and his research title is ‘Stigma and Discrimination: Obstacle to Effective HIV/AIDS Control amongst Transport Workers in North-Western Nigeria’

**Dr Ibrahim Malumfashi,** Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto and his research title is: ‘Outporing of Literary Masterpieces: An excavation from Hausa Literary History’
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MEMBERS RECENT PUBLICATIONS


**Ben Fine** and Kate Bayliss (eds), 2007.*Privatization and Alternative Public Sector Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa: Delivering on Electricity and Water*, Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan,


2008 Invited comment on Didier Fassin et al "Life & Times of Magda A: Biography as Ethnography of Violence in South Africa" Current Anthropology

2007  co-authored with David Whittaker  *Chinua Achebe’s Things Fall Apart*, Routledge


**Gareth Austin** 2007  *'Labour and land in Ghana, 1879-1939: a shifting ratio and an institutional revolution’*, Australian Economic History Review (special issue on 'Factor Prices and the Performance of Less Industrialised Countries), 47: 1 pp. 95-120.


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: Lutz Marten, 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.

   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.

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

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

7. Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Volume 25, 3 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0258-9001,
8. Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies. Volume 34, 2 Issues per year,
Print ISSN: 0258-9346, Online ISSN: 1470-1014

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

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

11. African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal
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1. 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_journall.php?list_journals=2&subJournal=Submit

2. African Journal of Business of Economic Research, a peer-reviewed academic journal, which made its debut in January this year, has come our 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
3. **Review of Nigerian Affairs** a quarterly multidisciplinary journal of Nigerian politics and society debuts in early March. The journal is a cross between an academic publication and any quality newsfeature publication. To contribute to the journal, contact: editor@adonis-abbey.com (Dr Jideofor Adibe)

♦ **African Performance Review.** a triennial, peer-reviewed journal of the African Theatre Association (AfTA) debuts in March.
To contribute to the journal, contact: The Editor, (Dr Osita Okagbua)
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Department of Drama, Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0)207 919-7581. Email: AfTA@gold.ac.uk

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♦ **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.
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While African Development remains a preoccupation, policy craftsmen and a multiplicity of domestic and international actors have been engaged in the quest for solutions to the myriad problems associated with poverty and underdevelopment. This series is designed to encourage innovative thinking on a broad range of development issues. Thus its remit extends to all fields of intellectual inquiry with the aim to highlight the advantages of interdisciplinary perspective.

The series welcome proposals from collected papers as well as monographs from recent PhDs no less than from established scholars. Book proposals should be sent to the Editor Dr J Senghor: jcsenghor@yahoo.com
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

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: March 2008
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
Next deadline: March 2008
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: March 2008
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: March 2008
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: March 2008
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: November 2008
Further information and application form visit: www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html or contact 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
• 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.

The British Academy has introduced **a new scheme for mid-career scholars** to enable them
to develop a significant research project. The British Academy Research Development
Awards (BARDA) scheme replaces the previous programmes for Research Leave Fellowships
and Larger Research Grants. Applications are particularly encouraged from scholars who can
demonstrate that they are developing an innovative line of research, with the potential to make
a significant difference to their field and to their career profile. Awards are tenable for up to
three years, at up to £150,000 FEC. The deadline for applications is **15 October 2008** for
awards to be taken up after April 2008. Awards will be announced at the end of **March 2009**.

Details and application forms are available from [www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html)

Contact: Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217 or email: grants@britac.ac.uk

**Also from the British Academy:**

(1) **Postdoctoral Fellowships**
The British Academy invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships, tenable for three years.
The scheme is designed to enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their
experience of research and teaching in a university environment, which will develop their
*curriculum vitae* and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the
end of the Fellowship. The deadline for outline submissions is **15 October 2008**.

Further details and application forms are available from
[www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.html)

Contact: British Academy Research Posts Department 020 7969 5265
or email posts@britac.ac.uk

(2) **Research Development Awards**
The British Academy invites applications from mid-career scholars to enable them to develop
a significant research project. Applications are particularly encouraged from scholars who can
demonstrate that they are developing an innovative line of research with the potential to make
a significant difference to their field and to their career profile. Awards are tenable for up to
three years, at up to £150,000 FEC. The deadline for applications is **15 October 2008**.

Further details and application forms are available from
[www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html)

Contact: British Academy Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217
or email grants@britac.a.c.uk

**Special Joint Project Programmes: Commonwealth Countries**
Funds are available to support joint projects between UK-based academics and those based in
Commonwealth institutions. The scheme is administered in partnership with the *Association of
Commonwealth Universities* (ACU), and information may be sought from either the ACU or the
*International Relations Department* at the British Academy.

Level of award: Up to £5,000
Period of award: Up to two years.
Closing date: 30 September 2008
Method of application: The British partner should apply on the BA/ACU Joint Project form, available from the ACU website. (Look under Scholarships and Fellowships, and click on ‘Other awards administered by the ACU’)
Website: http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/commcoun.html

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.

University of London Central Research Fund Grants 2007/08
The closing dates for applications are:
Autumn Term: 12 October 2007
Summer Term: 14 March 2008
For more information and application pack contact: Linda West: Linda.west@london.ac.uk or visit www.london.ac.uk/crf

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in funding partnership with the Office of the Third Sector (OTS) and The Barrow Cadbury Trust wish to commission an independent, multidisciplinary Research Centre for the Third Sector. The Centre will develop knowledge and expertise about, with and for the Third Sector, to include the Voluntary and Community Sector and Social Enterprise, bringing together a critical mass of research expertise, resources and intellectual leadership to support research of the highest international standing, to provide top quality analysis and provide the necessary evidence base to better understand key Third Sector issues and underpin policy and practice.

The initiative will support a single Research Centre, although where the necessary range of capabilities cannot be drawn from the departments or schools of a single institution, formal partnerships between institutions are appropriate. The Research Centre will be supported by three Capacity Building Clusters, aiming to create a new generation of high quality researchers committed to the co-production of knowledge and its application to the Third Sector.

A total of £10.25million is currently available for the initiative as a whole. Under this call, proposals are invited for the Research Centre (up to £9million FEC over five years) and each Capacity Building Cluster (up to £1million over five years).

The deadline for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on Thursday 27th March 2008. Full details of the call, including a link to application forms, can be accessed directly from the ESRC’s web pages at:
http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities or contact Ian Farnden, ESRC Research Directorate (ian.farnden@esrc.ac.uk)

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)
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

European Grants

For European grants visit: 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  
Emily Mandelstam: emandelstam@aol.com  
Paula Tavrow: 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 19th and 20th 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 31st, 2008. Potential applicants should use the form on the Society’s website, 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.

1) 100 Research Fellowships whose deadline is 4 pm on Thursday 8 November 2007

2) 20 Studentships whose deadline is 4 pm on Tuesday 8 January 2008
3) 15 Study Abroad Fellowships whose deadline is 4 pm on Thursday 8 November 2007

Please note that while applications for Research Fellowships can only be made on the electronic online application system, for (2) and (3) above, applications by fax or email cannot be accepted.

The Trust also invites applications for the following awards:

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Application materials are available from the Trust’s website: [www.leverhulme.ac.uk](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk)

**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:


**SOAS SCHOLARSHIP**

The AHRC 2007 annual postgraduate competition is now open. The **closing date** for the next competition is **1 May 2008**. 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/](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 1 May 2008. 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 April 2008 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.

Friends of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies Student Bursaries
The Institute offers two Master’s Degrees:
MA Understanding & Securing Human Rights
Unique multi-disciplinary course designed to provide practical training in human rights, offering the opportunity of a placement with an international human rights organisation

MSc Globalization & Development
Multi-disciplinary and policy-oriented course for students seeking to further understand the impacts of globalization on human security and development

The Friends Bursaries will pay full tuition fees for one Home/EU student and one Overseas student. Eligible students may be enrolled for either of our two master’s courses for full-time or part-time study. Awards will be made to candidates who have an outstanding academic record and/or whose track record of practical work in the fields of human rights or development will enable them to both contribute to and gain substantial benefit from the course.

Applicants must have been accepted on the course by 31st May 2008 to be considered for the awards.

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Further details are available from our website at http://www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/degrees.htm

Fellowship from The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have established a Human Rights Fellowship Programme for Students from Least Developed Countries (LDC).

The overall objectives of this project are:
To increase the understanding of the LDC fellows of current human rights issues at the international level and give them an insight into the work of the United Nations and OHCHR; and
To provide OHCHR and the United Nations human rights mechanisms with the
assistance and contribution of outstanding students or graduates from LDCs. To qualify for the fellowship, candidates from the countries listed below must be graduate students or holders of a graduate degree in a discipline related to the work of the United Nations (e.g. international law, political science, social sciences, history or other related topics). Experience with or a specialization in human rights will be considered an asset. Candidates should be less than 30 years old at the time they send their candidature.

The 2008 fellowship is open to candidates from:

The 2007 fellowship will be run in English. The deadline for applications is 20 August 2008.

The Programme will consist of both training and practical exposure to the work of OHCHR. The training will be conducted in the form of seminars and debates that will allow for a maximum exchange of views. A significant part of the training will also be devoted to practical skills exercises that will strengthen the fellows' professional skills and abilities and help them to better adapt to the multicultural and international working environment of OHCHR. Once the training segment is completed, the fellows will be assigned to an OHCHR Branch. Upon the completion of their fellowship both the supervisor and the fellow will be required to complete a final report describing what was achieved during the fellowship. At the end of the Programme, every fellow will be requested to complete an evaluation questionnaire on his/her assignment and to share his/her feedback with the organizers.

More information, including the application forms, is available at the link: http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/ldcfellowship.htm

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French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Ibadan offers:

1. Young European Scholars Field Research Grants to assist young European researchers (doctoral or post-doctoral) to undertake field research in Nigeria in the Social Sciences and Humanities.
Amount to be requested up to 1500 Euro.
For more information contact: ifraibsecretariat@yahoo.fr or ifra_ibadan@yahoo.fr
2. Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Field Research Grants for West African Nationals to assist young West African to undertake research in Nigeria in the Social Sciences and Humanities.
For more information contact: ifraibsecretariat@yahoo.fr or ifra_ibadan@yahoo.fr

Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) 2007-08 Competition
Awards available to students from eligible countries to participate in a graduate level exchange program in Canada
The Government of Canada offers scholarships as part of the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Program (CCSP) and Government of Canada Awards (GCA). These scholarships are tenable at recognized Canadian publicly funded Universities, or Colleges where applicable, that meet the requirements below.

The goal of the Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) is to encourage Canadian universities and colleges to develop or expand their exchange programs. The objective is to provide opportunities for students of the eligible countries listed below to participate in existing exchange programs.
The GSEP is funded by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT). The agency responsible for financial and administrative matters is the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE).

Criteria for Eligibility
Students must be citizens who are enrolled full-time and paying tuition fees at their home institution, in one of the countries listed below, for the full duration of the exchange. More than one exchange program at a given university, or college where applicable, may apply.

If there is no existing graduate exchange, please note that we will also consider graduate research applications which involve a new or established collaboration between a professor from a Canadian and foreign university that may develop into an institutional partnership.

The Canadian institution must apply on behalf of the student. Eligible countries include:
Asia-Pacific region: Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Kiribati, Malaysia, Maldives, Nauru, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Latin America and the Caribbean region: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Helena, Saint Kitt's, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Venezuela
Sub-Saharan Africa region: Botswana, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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An Image of Nagaland
A photographic exhibition by
Pól Ó Géibheannaigh
17 January – 22 March 2008

The photographs included in this exhibition were taken in and around Kohima the capital of Nagaland in north-eastern India in December, 2000. They show the participation of tribes of Nagaland in the first Hornbill Festival celebrating the sacred bird of the Naga peoples, an annual festival that now takes place between the 1st & 5th of December every year. All of the Naga tribes unite to celebrate the occasion.

The Festival is named after the Hornbill bird which is a part of Naga identity that shows up in the folklore of most of the state’s tribes which is deeply embedded in their cultural history. The imagery, the costume, the enactment of totemic dance is all a part of an ancient ritual, but the circumstances in which these photographs were taken were far removed from a simple anthropological recording of a people’s past. These pictures celebrate a sense of identity which marks a period of optimism in north-eastern India after the difficult period of Naga history.

The state of Nagaland boasts 16 major tribes; a number of these are presented here. The names of the tribes are not a typical recitation of Indian ethnic groups - Angami, Ao, Chakhesang, Chang, Khiamniungan, Kachari, Konyak, Kukis, Lothas, Phom, Pochury, Rengma, Sumi, Sangtam, Yimchungru, and the Zeliang.

In 1947, two-thirds of the land of the Nagas was apportioned to the Indian Federal Union and the rest of their territory fell within the borders of Burma/Myanmar. In the years following 1947, a sense of Naga nationalism arose with the generation of A.Z.Phizo, one of the nationalist leaders who emerged in the period of Indo-Naga war, even down to very recent times a troubled relationship has persisted between New Delhi and the Naga people.
When these photographs were taken in 2000 a ceasefire had just been arranged between the Indian government and the National Nagaland Socialist Council, the Issak-Muviah (NSCN-IM). The Nagas were able, almost for the first time since the establishment of the Indian Federal Union, to celebrate their culture. It is in this atmosphere that they celebrated in 2000 the Hornbill festival.

For the photographer, to be at Kohima at the cessation of hostilities, as a guest of the Ao tribe of the Naga, was an honour. Pól travelled amongst the various tribes and regions and captured these and other images of Nagaland.

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**October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL**
The October Gallery often host exhibitions by Artists from Africa and Diaspora. Check the website for more information www.octobergallery.co.uk

**British Museum:** Box Office on +44 (0)20 7323 8181
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**Inhuman Traffic:**
The Business of the Slave Trade

Until 06 April, Room 69a

This small exhibition explores how the Transatlantic Slave Trade functioned. It covers more than 500 years, including the Parliamentary Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807. It features resistance leaders including Toussaint l'Ouverture, Olaudah Equiano and Nanny of the Maroons, and their continuing legacy of the struggle to end enslavement. Admission free
National Gallery

Scratch the Surface' is part of the National Gallery's contribution to a range of activities and events commemorating the 200th anniversary of the 1807 Act to abolish the British trade in African people. Although the Act did not end slavery itself, it was the first attempt by the British to legally bring the trade to a close.

In this exhibition we examine the role that the slave trade played in the lives of two people featured in portraits in our collection: Zoffany's portrait of 'Mrs Oswald' and Sir Joshua Reynolds's 'Colonel Tarleton'.

Colonel Tarleton, as MP for Liverpool in the 1790s, argued very strongly in Parliament against the abolition of the trade. Mrs Oswald, along with her husband Richard Oswald, owed part of their wealth to a number of plantations in the Americas. The painting of Mrs Oswald was bought by the Gallery in 1938, while the Tarleton portrait was bequeathed to the Gallery by one of his descendants in the early 1950s.

As part of the exhibition, 2004 Turner Prize nominee, Yinka Shonibare MBE, has been invited to create a new installation in response to these two portraits. This stunning new work will go on display in the Barry Rooms.

Other events commemorating the anniversary include related film screenings and Talks at 1pm every Wednesday in September explore Scratch the Surface. Highlights include Yinka Shonibare, MBE, discussing the creation of his installation (5 September), and an exploration of the politics of dress, with exhibition costume maker Mary Charlton.

Some areas of the Gallery will be closed for staff training on Monday mornings until 11am.

- Time: 10am - 6pm daily, Wednesday 10am - 9pm
- Admission: free
- Address: Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DN
- Nearest stations: Charing Cross, Leicester Square, Embankment and Westminster

Trade and Empire: Remembering Slavery is on at the Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Rd, Manchester M15 6ER until 13 April 2008.
New Research Projects

Language and linguistic studies of Southern African languages
This BA-funded project involves SOAS, the University of Botswana, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of Namibia and aims to provide a collaborative framework for research on the linguistics of Southern African languages so as to create a shared knowledge base, develop analyses, compare methodologies and to discuss perspectives for the future.
For more information contact Dr Lutz Marten: lm5@soas.ac.uk

COMPETE
As global fossil energy resources become constrained, bioenergy is emerging as a major potential resource to supply the energy services currently provided by these fossil fuels. Africa and Latin America have, in theory, very large areas of land resources ‘available’ for bioenergy production. However, the production of biomass for energy on the scales necessary to supply significant shares of national and global energy provision, will result in very substantial impacts (positive and negative) on the ecosystems and cultures of these target regions. The protection of biodiversity, rural livelihoods and management of scarce water resources are critical considerations in any analysis of the potential for sustainable bioenergy provision.
The objective of this Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems - Africa (COMPETE) is to stimulate sustainable bioenergy implementation in Africa. COMPETE will establish a platform for policy dialogue and capacity building in the major multi- and bi-lateral funding organisations and key stakeholders throughout the bioenergy provision and supply chains.
The COMPETE partnership comprises 20 European and 23 non-European partners - 11 partners from 7 African countries, 3 regional African policy and financing bodies (African Development Bank; Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network of Southern Africa; UEMOA - Biomass Energy Regional Program), 9 partners from Latin America and Asia - and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). The COMPETE project duration will be from January 2007 until December 2009.
For more information on the COMPETE project, please consult the website www.compete-bioafrica.net or contact Dr Rocio A Diaz-Chavez CEP Imperial College (r.diaz-chavez@imperial.ac.uk)

"The commodity chain of the household: from survey design to policy planning".
Drs Coast and Leone (LSE) and Dr Randall (UCL) are beginning a new project "The commodity chain of the household: from survey design to policy planning". It aims to establish how the concept of the household is defined and used in household surveys in sub-Saharan Africa and the implications of these definitions for analyses and policy-making, using Tanzania as a case study.
One strand of the methodology involves in-depth semi-structured interviews with household survey commissioners, producers and consumers - both national and international - to identify how the concept of the household is produced, understood and used at all different stages of the data production and use chain.

If you have been involved in the commissioning, design, implementation, or use of household survey data in sub-Saharan Africa, and would like to participate in the study, we would be interested in interviewing you. Please contact e.coast@lse.ac.uk

This work will be funded as part of the ESRC's Survey Design and Measurement Initiative
http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/Survey.aspx
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