



Centre of African Studies

University of London



AFRICAN NEWS

Newsletter of the Centre of African Studies, SOAS

⌘ **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.

29 May

Environmental Markets, What might Africa offer?

Barbara Heinzen (Consultant & Research Associate at the Centre of African studies, Univ. of London)

12.15-2pm, Room 116 at SOAS

By Invitation only

Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email:

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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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Conference: 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, **04-05 July 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.

Africa Seminars

All seminars take place on Thursdays in Room B102, SOAS, at 5-6.30pm

- 24 April** *A culture in transition – personal insights of a development worker in Agadez Niger.* Thomas Knoll (Univ. of Tübingen)
In junction with the exhibition: Retracing Heinrich Barth/Brunei gallery, SOAS
- 01 May** *Islam and Arabic into West Africa.* Prof J Hunwick
- 02 May** *The painting and the pen. Approaches to Heinrich Barth and his African Heritage*
Prof. Achim Von Oppen, (Univ. of Bayreuth)
In junction with the exhibition: Retracing Heinrich Barth/Brunei gallery, SOAS
NOTE: ROOM B111 AT 4pm
- 29 May** *Niger: the paradoxes of chronic aid.* Dr Benedetta Rossi (Univ. of Liverpool)
In junction with the exhibition: Retracing Heinrich Barth/Brunei gallery, SOAS
- 05 June** *The current rebellion in Northern Niger: Causes, Context and Actors,* Y Guichaoua
In junction with the exhibition: Retracing Heinrich Barth/Brunei gallery, SOAS

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

Conference: Seeking Refuge: caught between bureaucracy, lawyers and public indifference?

April 16th-17th, 2009 at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London

Funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council

What is the situation confronting 'refugees' and immigrants who enter Europe and North America? While this issue has received considerable attention in the press, there has been too little in-depth research examining the issues which confront those who seek asylum. This conference seeks to remedy that gap by bringing together innovative new research – by anthropologists, sociologists, lawyers, historians, social scientists, asylum/immigrant advocates and human rights activists – in the form of cutting-edge case studies of the political institutions, bureaucratic obstacles, legal issues and socio-political process that asylum seekers are forced to confront.

Case studies are invited on:

- The impact of national and regional immigration controls – including regional cooperation pacts e.g. linking the EU and North Africa, the US and Canada – on individuals seeking asylum. How do individuals enter? Do these barriers force asylum seekers to enter illegally and if so at what cost? Does illegal entry affect an individual's subsequent ability to claim asylum?
- The experience of individuals who are or have sought asylum. How do individuals navigate asylum procedures? What if any is the key to obtaining recognition? What are the barriers?
- Lawyers, lawyering and immigration-related litigation?
- The importance of cultural, gender, religious or class differences in the outcome of asylum appeals?
- The impact of asylum and immigration policies on the rights of asylum applicants and immigrants?
- The role of key institutions – e.g. the 'home office', courts, police, NGOs, community groups, political parties/groups – on refugees and asylum decisions?
- The impact of 9/11 and the introduction of terrorist legislation on the ability of individuals to seek and obtain asylum?

To register and for updates (e.g. information on fees, hotels, booking a place, key note speakers etc) see: www.nomadit.co.uk/refuge.

Paper abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted online by November 1st 2008. Individuals will receive notification of acceptance by November 15th. Complete papers should be submitted for circulation by March 15, 2009.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the conference convener Dr. John R. Campbell (jc58@soas.ac.uk).

⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society

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

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⌘ 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.

Wednesday 14th May 2008 @ 7:00pm;

Room B102 (Brunei Building, SOAS):

Out of Egypt: Coptic Christianity and links to Ethiopia - an illustrated talk by Valeria Coke

This talk discusses the origins and nature of Coptic Christianity in Egypt, and is based on two personal pilgrimages undertaken by the speaker to Egypt in 2003 and 2007. Valeria Coke visited Ethiopia in 2000, and in her talk she also examines various links with the Church in Ethiopia from the earliest times (the mission of Frumentius from Axum to Alexandria in the fourth century) to the journey of the Emperor Haile Selassie to attend the consecration of St Mark's Cathedral in Cairo in 1958.

Valeria Coke is a lecturer and tour guide. She has given lectures in, and led groups to, England, Europe and America. For many years she has acted as a guide at the Victoria and Albert Museum. She has a particular interest in eastern and early Christianity and besides undertaking visits to Christian centres in Ethiopia and Egypt has visited present day Christian communities and places associated with early Christianity in Armenia, Syria and eastern Turkey.

Thursday 19th June 2008 @ 7:00pm;

Room B102, (Brunei Building, SOAS)

Lalibela: towards an archaeological context - an illustrated talk by Niall Finneran

This contribution seeks to highlight the very neglected archaeological potential of the study of medieval Ethiopia. Hitherto, Lalibela has been the focus of extensive art-historical and architectural-historical study, but the site effectively exists in a limbo, archaeologically, geographically and chronologically. Using a landscape archaeology approach (and largely ignoring the churches themselves!), this lecture seeks to place both the Zagwe dynasty and the site of Lalibela itself into some sort of archaeological context, highlighting the importance of a strong local social memory and its importance to understanding the mechanisms of the Zagwe in their landscape.

Niall Finneran has studied the archaeology of Ethiopia over many years, publishing several articles and most recently a book, "The Archaeology of Ethiopia".

Tuesday 16th September 2008 @ 7:00pm:

Room B102, (Brunei Building, SOAS)

The Painting of History and Legend of King Lalibela - an illustrated talk by Gerald Gotzen

Synopsis - Famous throughout Ethiopia is the story of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon. The pictorial saga is displayed in the souvenir shops especially for the tourists. Forty years ago, Merigeta Afework, a priest in Lalibela painted the history of King Lalibela. Although we were not successful in obtaining this historic painting for the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, a younger artist Haile Mariam Tadesse has now painted a copy in his own style which can be seen in the gallery of the museum in Addis Ababa. A new generation of Ethiopians and tourists are aware of the chronicle of King Lalibela who was responsible for constructing (with the assistance of the angels according to the legend) this sanctuary in stone.

During the mid 1960's the speaker and his wife Elly were employed as the managers of the Seven Olives hotel in Lalibela by one of the grand-daughters of Emperor Haile Selassie, Princess Ruth Desta; they have continued to maintain close connections with the country for over 40 years.

Tuesday 4th November 2008 @ 7:00pm:

Room B102, (Brunei Building, SOAS)

The Fish Eagle's Lament – Travels in South West Ethiopia - an illustrated talk by Gerard Pillai

Over fifty fascinating tribes currently live in the South West of Ethiopia. Despite the onset of the 21st century many of them still follow customs and rituals centuries old. Gerard encounters tribes like the Mursi, who wear large clay lip plates; the Hamar, whose initiation into adulthood involves jumping over bulls; the Nyangatom, who beautify their bodies by scarring patterns using thorns.

Gerard is a keen photographer and his narrative will be complemented by numerous vivid slides of outstanding clarity and composition. The audience will get an intimate and heartfelt visual and verbal insight into the customs, dress, food, landscape and wildlife of one of the last true tribal lands in Africa.

This meeting of the Society are 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: sarahcastle@yahoo.com)

⌘ **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 Contact: ras_research@soas.ac.uk
www.royalafricansociety.org

DIAMONDS: FROM NATURAL RESOURCES TO NATIONAL ASSETS

Wednesday 1st May, 6pm, Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J

The stability and prosperity of nations such as Botswana has been built with the revenues from the prudent management of natural resources. Many other African states, by contrast, wealth from natural resources has proven more a burden than a blessing. With focus shifting to the role of industry and markets as drivers of sustainable development, the role of the natural resources extraction industry as an agent for development in Africa is coming under ever greater scrutiny. *Speakers:* Nicky Oppenheimer (De Beers), Professor Paul Collier (Oxford University), Professor Jane Nelson (Harvard University), Richard Dowden (Royal African Society). RSVP: alys.johnson@geolsoc.org.uk

ETHIOPIA FAMILY DAY with the British Museum

Monday 5th May, all day (free), British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1B

Coinciding with the exhibition of Ethiopian painting 'Church and Emperor', the Ethiopia Family day - organised by the RAS and the British Museum - will showcase cultural events and workshops including traditional and modern Ethiopian music and dance, talks and storytelling. Visit www.britishmuseum.ac.uk for full programme.

HIV/AIDS: THE NEXT 25 YEARS

Thursday 8th May, 6pm, Royal Commonwealth Society, 25 Northumberland Ave, WC2N

HIV/AIDS is the worst pandemic of our time. Despite rapid scientific advances, there is still no vaccine or cure. Access to antiretrovirals remains inequitable. It is especially in Africa where the real catastrophe is unfolding. In addition to the social impact of HIV/AIDS, the discussion will consider how the pandemic threatens the stability of national governments like Zimbabwe and Kenya. *Followed by a reception to celebrate the launch of HIV/AIDS: A Very Short Introduction by Alan Whiteside. Speakers:* Professor Alan Whiteside (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Lesley Laswon (writer). In association with OUP and the Royal Commonwealth Society.

BOOK LAUNCH: BRITAIN IN AFRICA by Tom Porteus

Monday 12th May, 5.30pm, Chatham House, 10 St James' Square, SW1Y

Why has Africa become a top priority for New Labour's foreign policy? What interests and values is the UK seeking to promote? Why has aid to Africa more than tripled over the past decade? How has the UK's involvement in the War on Terror affected its aims in Africa? Tom Porteus sets out the balance sheet of Britain's Africa policy since 1997 and exposes the contradictions. RSVP: asoliman@chathamhouse.org.uk. In association with Zed Books, IAI and Chatham House.

RAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 21st May, 5.45pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS

Speaker: ALEX DE WAAL on Darfur

Followed by a reception to launch *Darfur: A new history of a long war* by Alex de Waal and Julie Flint

Alex de Waal is a fellow of the Global Equity Initiative at Harvard University, and Director of the Social Science Research Council. He has written extensively on East Africa and has published two other books for the African Arguments series: *Darfur: a short history of a long war*, with Julie Flint, and *AIDS and Power: Why there is no political crisis - yet*. In association with Zed Books and IAI.

NEW RAS PUBLICATION

COURTING CONFLICT? JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE ICC IN AFRICA

Edited by Nicholas Waddell and Phil Clark

Established to prosecute those responsible for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, the International Criminal Court has a global mandate. However, its activities have concentrated on African countries marked by ongoing violent conflict. Key recent developments have seen the work of the Court take more concrete shape. In the process, the critical challenges and dilemmas raised by the ICC have also come to the fore. During what is a defining period for the Court, this collection of essays investigates the politics of the ICC's interventions in Africa.

'*Courting Conflict?* provides the context in which the first five years of the ICC's work in Africa should be assessed. Anyone interested in international justice will be enriched by the insights offered by this hugely impressive collection.' ~ *Justice Richard Goldstone, former Prosecutor of the UN International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda*

A full version of this publication is available online: www.royalafricansociety.org. A hard copy of this publication is available on request at £2.50 (p&p) per copy. Email ras@soas.ac.uk.

AFRICA COMMENTARIES continue at www.royalafricansociety.org with Africa experts on the Zimbabwe elections

RAS BRANCH MEETINGS

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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

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| 16 April | Jan Janzen (University of Konstanz)
Commemorative Politics in Colonial Algeria:
European Commemoration and the Algerian |
| 23 April | Andreas Eckert (University of Hamburg)
'African Labour History and the History of Work in Africa |
| 30 April | Hannah Whittaker (SOAS)
Pursuing Pastoralists: Somali Kenyans and the Shifta War, 1963-8 |
| 7 May: | Jessica Dionne (SOAS)
Medical Auxiliaries in Mozambique: The Campaign Against Malaria, c.1960-
c.1980 |

Convenor: Dr. John Parker (jp23@soas.ac.uk)

To join the African History Seminar mailing list, email David.martin@soas.ac.uk

A current seminar list, seminar abstracts, and an archive of previous seminars can be found on the African History Seminar webpage at:

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/academics/departments/history/events/>

⌘ **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.

No seminars take place in Term 3

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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

**Conference: A New Global Climate Deal?
Achieving real collaboration for a low carbon future**

16 - 17 June 2008

**For more information contact Chatham House Conferences :
conferences@email.chathamhouse.org.uk**

London Business School Africa Day 2008: *Empowering Africa, Investing in Education, Securing our Future.* Saturday 17 May at the Regent's park Campus
To register: Africa.club@london.edu

Earthwatch Lecture – ‘Ghanaian Communities & Conservation’, Thursday 8th May 2008, 7.00pm - 8.30pm, at the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

John Mason & Prof. Patrick Ofori-Danson.

Two talks on Earthwatch's work with the Nature Conservation Research Centre of Ghana (NCRC) to develop research and conservation projects to the benefit not only of the environment, but also the livelihoods of the local populations through community- based ecotourism.

John Mason, Executive Director of the NCRC, will give an historical overview of this programme, its scope and its achievements, while Prof. Patrick Ofori-Danson, of the University of Ghana, will specifically tell us about his work on the West African manatees still to be found in Ghanaian waters.

For tickets and more information, please contact our Events Department on (01865) 318856; events@earthwatch.org.uk;

http://www.earthwatch.org/europe/get_involved/events08/ghana

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,
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Africa - China Business and Investment Networking Event, 22nd May 2008 at The Foreign Press Association, Pall Mall
"okra eXpress is delighted to host the Africa - China Business and Investment Networking Event at the Foreign Press Association, on 22nd May 2008 at 10.30am to 2.30pm. Respectable diplomats, including Dr Khalid Al Mubarak, **Press Counsellor, Sudanese Embassy**, Mr Medard Nze – Ekome, **Acting Ambassador, Gabonese Embassy**, Mr Carlos Alberto, **Political Counsellor, Angola Embassy** will provide insights into their country's relationship with China. Renowned speaker and Industry expert, Ms Razia Khan, Chief Economist, Standard Chartered Bank will give the key note speech. China's trade with Africa increased from \$10 billion in 2000 to \$50 billion in 2006 to make it the third largest trading partner with Africa after the United States and France. Africa is open for business. The event will also stimulate discussions around business investments in some of the African states and a number of diplomats from the African Embassies in the UK will attend to showcase their investment opportunities. Please click on the link below to obtain further information, register your attendance and take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Discount Rate. Bookings are on a first come, first served basis. <http://www.okraexpress.com/africa-chinabusinessandinvestmentnetwork> Enquiries register@okraexpress.com

Conference: African-Caribbean Women Leadership Association in support of the UN Millennium Development Goal

Theme: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

SOAS, Brunei gallery lecture theatre, Thursday 26 June at 6pm-9pm

For more information and to reserve a place contact: admin@acwal.org

SCOLMA (the UK Libraries and Archives Group on Africa)

2008 annual conference:

On the Brink? Endangered Archives and Endangered Languages in Africa

Tuesday 10 June 2008, 10.00 - 17.00

British Library Conference Centre, British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee and registration

10.40 – 12.30 Endangered archives

“Introduction to the Endangered Archives Programme”

Cathy Collins, Administrator, Endangered Archives Programme, British Library

“Endangered archives of Sudanese trade unions, 1899–2005”

Dr Siddig Elzailae, London Metropolitan University

“Archiving a Cameroonian photographic studio”

Professor David Zeitlyn, University of Kent

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch and SCOLMA AGM

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the British Library exhibitions and bookshop.

2.00 – 2.30 Presentation: Aluka digital library

2.30 – 3.30 Endangered languages

“Current research on endangered languages and language documentation”

Professor Peter K. Austin, Director, Endangered Languages Academic Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

“Bainouk as a case study of endangered languages in Africa”

Dr Friederike Luepke, Endangered Languages Academic Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

4.00 – 5.00 Keynote: Paul Lihoma, Director, National Archives of Malawi

“Challenges of African archives: the case of the National Archives of Malawi”

SCOLMA is grateful to the Southern African Book Development Education Trust (SABDET) and to Aluka for conference sponsorship, and to the British Library for providing the venue. Fee (including lunch and refreshments): £35 (concessions £15)

Further information at:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/scolma/conference.htm>

To register, please contact Ros Buck, SCOLMA Secretary, email: rbuck@oxfam.org.uk, or by post: Ros Buck, Librarian, Library, International Division, Oxfam GB, Oxfam House, John Smith Drive, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2JY.

Please make cheques payable to SCOLMA. (For BACS payments please contact Ian Cooke, SCOLMA Treasurer, email: ian.cooke@bl.uk)

Registration closes on Friday 6th June.

⌘ UK

“Sudan Programme”

An International Conference on:

‘Elections in Sudan 2009: Will They be Free and Fair?’

Saturday 17th May 2008 (9.30 am until 7.00 pm)

Nissan lecture Theatre, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University

Provisional Programme

Session 1

1st Lecture: Sayyid A. M. Nahas (Head, General Elections Authority)

2nd Lecture: Professor Awad Hag Ali (Secretary of the Census Council and Director General of the Central Bureau of Statistics)

Session 2

Responses from Political Parties and Others

Session 3

Comments and Discussion

ALL WELCOME

[Capacity is limited so please reserve a place before you come]

A Lecture on:

“Negotiating Disarmament and Arms Control in Sudan”

By

Dr Richard Barltrop
(Consultant and Researcher on Sudan)

Thursday 29th May 2008

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

(Lecture, Discussion followed by Refreshments)

The Nissan Lecture Theatre, St. Antony’s College, Oxford

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AFRICAN STUDIES SEMINARS & EVENTS

Trinity Term 2008

All seminars to be held at 5pm in the Fellows Dining Room, St Antony’s College unless otherwise specified.

Wk	Date	
	1 May 2.30pm	Workshop: Print Cultures in West Africa 1860-1960 Karin Barber (University of Birmingham); Stephanie Newell (University of Sussex); Dav Pratten (University of Oxford); Kate Skinner (University of Birmingham); Nara Muniz Improta (University of Stirling)
3	Tuesday 6th May, All Soul’s College, 5pm	Evans-Pritchard Lecture , Dr Richard Vokes (University of Canterbury, New Zealand) Broadcasting networks: secret networks, new radio stations, and the Rwandan genocide c 1994
	Wednesday 7 th , All Soul’s College, 5pm	Evans-Pritchard Lecture , Dr Richard Vokes (University of Canterbury, New Zealand) Secret societies and the origins of crisis in the African Great Lakes
	8 May, 2.30pm	Southern Africa Graduate Seminar , William Beinart (University of Oxford – convenor)
4	15 May 2.30pm	Workshop: New Research on Nigeria , Adam Higazi (University of Oxford - convenor); Pauline von Hellermann (University of York); Oliver Owen (University of Oxford); Leer Hoffman (University of Birmingham); David Bennett (University of Roehampton); Gern Klantschnig (University of Oxford)
5	22 May Dahrendorf	Two Princes, but no King: The Battle for Authority amongst Ibadan's Hausa Chiefs Ami Shah (University of Oxford)
6	29 May	Fighting Crime, Building the Nation: 'Moral Citizenship' in Contemporary South Africa, Thomas Kirsch (Goldsmith’s, London)
7	Tuesday	African Studies Annual Lecture , Jean Comaroff (University of Chicago)

	3 June	Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College
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For further details please contact: Katie McKeown kathleen.mckeown@africa.ox.ac.uk

AFRICAN STUDIES LECTURES & RESEARCH SEMINARS

January-June 2008

Held at **THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR MISSION STUDIES**

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

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

6.5.08 Dr John E. G. Sutton (University of Oxford)

'Tribes, Groups, Peoples: From anthropology to history in East Africa'

20.5.08 Prof. Andrew Walls (Princeton Theological Seminary)

'"The Morning Star of Africa": Nineteenth-century visions of Sierra Leone and of the future of Africa'

10.6.08 Prof. David Maxwell (Professor of African History, Keele University)

'Mission in the Congo'

WEDNESDAY SEMINARS AT 11:00AM (Papers are available in order to be read before the seminar)

16.4.08 George Kalu

'The Basis of Christian Involvement in Creation Care'

23.4.08 Barbara Mahamba

'The Catholic Church and Girls and Women's Education in South-Western Zimbabwe'

4.6.08 Nanyak Goifa

'Mission Theology in the Evangelization of Northern Nigeria, 1893 and 2000'

18.6.08 Etienne Mbusa

'Comparison of Practices of Pastorship in the Kimbanguist and Anglican Churches in Congo'

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, Ph.D Programme Leader,

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Tuesday 20th May , 1-2pm

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CONFERENCE: '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
- Human Rights Violations
- Theoretical and Methodological Approaches

‘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.

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Directions:

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⌘ EUROPE

Conference: Penser la République Think Republic Pensar a República

State, Government, Social Compass in Africa

Political Analysis on Africa for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the CEAN

(1958-2008) Bordeaux Institute of Political Studies, Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV University, 3-5 September 2008

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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Conference: Africa’s Development: Possibility and Constraints, Moscow, 22-24 May, 2008

The Academic Council on Problems of African Countries and the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, are organizing in Moscow on May 22-24, 2008 the 11th Conference of Africanists titled "Africa's Development: Possibilities and Constraints".

Please address all the **panel proposals** and inquires to:

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Conference: "Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations"

June 16-19 2009, Moscow, Russia

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,*1 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://moscow-hotels.net> and <http://all-hotels.ru/moscow/>.

<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 to 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

Conference: 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.

For further queries, please contact: Amanda Hammar (amanda.hammar@nai.uu.se) or Tania Berger (tania.berger@nai.uu.se) at the Nordic Africa Institute, and Loren Landau (Loren.Landau@wits.ac.za) at the Forced Migration Studies Programme at Wits University.

**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?

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- 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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as well as to **Dr. Walter Ihejirika** from the Centre for the Study of African Culture and Communication WIhejirika@yahoo.com

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.

⌘ USA

Conference: The 17th Annual African/Diaspora Conference: African Youth in America & Africa: Bridging the Gaps - 1 – 3 May 2008

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 on Religion & Religious Identities in Africa and the African Diaspora. Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 22-25, 2008.

Religious beliefs and identities have among other things shaped the nature of human experience in Africa and the African Diaspora. It is also a known fact that religious beliefs and identities have influenced human behavior in both religious and non-religious ways in different societies. These influences have included positive and negative consequences in the ordering of society in Africa and the African Diaspora. Another critical aspect in trying to explore the concept of religion is what constitutes religion and religious beliefs? To date,

scholars of religion have divergent views on this issue. To what extent is this applicable to Africans and peoples of African descent? What roles have religion and religious identities played in nation-building efforts in Africa and the African Diaspora? This conference will explore these and other related issues. In addition, participants are invited to explore other topics such as, but not limited to the following:

- * Religion and conflicts
- * Religion, health and wellbeing
- * Religion, State and political participation
- * Religious denominations and community development
- * Current scholarship on religion and religious Identities
- * African religious identities in the Diaspora
- * Religious identities in immigrant communities
- * Pentecostalism in Africa and the African Diaspora
- * Inter-religious encounters in Africa and the African Diaspora – Islam, Christianity and African Traditional Religions
- * Religion, Education and the making of the nation.

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CALL: LANGUAGE IN AFRICAN PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS: GLOBAL TRENDS, ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES

A Conference hosted by the Yale Program in African Languages at the Yale Council on African Studies, OCTOBER 2-4, 2008

As the world continues to become more and more of a global village - especially through the power of the Internet and electronic media, transfer of cultural practices has become the norm. However the cultures of those with global economic and political power have tended to overshadow those of countries whose influence is local. This conference will bring together scholars across disciplines to discuss trends in African popular cultures and how these have impacted African languages.

The conference will investigate some of the developments in the performing and visual arts in Africa, with special focus on choice and forms of language used. We will ask how African

languages have changed in this new environment and look at some of the reworking of oral tradition, at works influenced by time spent outside Africa, and at new worldwide markets for products of popular African culture composed in African languages and argots.

Yale Program in African Languages invites papers addressing this theme or one of the following sub-themes:

- *Language and electronic and print media*
- *Language and visual arts*
- *Language and performing arts*
- *Popular culture and technology*
- *Popular culture and HIV/AIDS*
- *Language in sports and leisure*
- *Popular culture and urban language varieties*
- *Fiction and publishing*
- *Language and fashion and design*

Send abstracts via Email (preferred) to african.studies@yale.edu
or via Fax to: 203-432-5963.

Abstracts should be **300 words**, and should be received by **May 31, 2008**.

For information call African Studies 203-432-3436.

⌘ BRASIL

Conference: 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.

For more information contact: gela@usp.br

You can see general information on the site:

<http://www.fflch.usp.br/dl/wocal6special/index.htm>

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⌘ ASIA

Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance will be held on October 19-22, 2008 at the Dusit Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines. The theme of the congress is "Gender and Climate Change".

Women and environment experts have raised concern over the absence of women in the discourse and debate on climate change, a global mainstream issue that is currently impacting the entire world. The involvement of women in areas of environmental management and governance should not be perceived as an afterthought. Women's roles are of considerable importance in the promotion of environmental ethics.

The current imperative is for women to understand the phenomenon of climate change and its impacts and implications at the individual, household, community and national levels. Studies show that women have a definite information deficit on climate politics and climate protection. Only with this information can women take their proper, significant and strategic role in the issue of climate change.

Invited to this congress are women parliamentarians, women in decision - making and governance, environment organizations, youth Leaders and Media Practitioners The Congress will have the following objectives:

Overall Purpose: To provide a forum for women legislators, and women in decision making and environment organizations at all levels, in formulating gender-responsive legislation and policies.

Specific Objectives:

a) To understand the phenomenon of climate change, its impacts and implications; b). to review and examine the gender aspects of climate change and formulate appropriate actions to address such; c). to define the roles women can play in addressing the issues of climate change at the global, national and sub-national levels; and d). to identify and define the action agenda for parliamentarians, policy advocates and women leaders to support global and national actions to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Congress Proceedings:

The discussion on gender and climate change will be organized around identifying the challenges to action as well as defining the appropriate responses to effectively address the impacts of climate change. Inputs to the discussion will be collected and organized around: 1) geographic location and 2) types of actions: i.e. preparedness, risk reduction: building community resilience; adaptation; and mitigation. Cross cutting these discussions will be the identification of technologies in aid of responding to climate change.

The focus of the discussions will revolve around defining and elaborating actions (i.e. preparedness, disaster risk reduction, adaptation, and mitigation) to cope with climate change and its impacts.

Preparedness and disaster risk reduction is about building individual and community capacities to position themselves and their communities so that the likelihood of climate change-induced disasters is reduced; the intensity or adverse impacts of disasters are cushioned and that inhabitants are able to respond promptly, expeditiously and effectively. Adaptation entails actions that moderate harm, or exploit benefits, of climate change. Mitigation entails actions that minimizes or cushions the adverse impacts of climate change.

In all of these actions, special attention will be given to defining how women and gender could be mainstreamed. In other words, the Congress should define how women can be given the social space to participate, influence, and benefit from global and local responses to climate change.

The registration fee for the four day congress is one hundred eight thousand Philippine Pesos (P108, 000). per person for single room accommodations and Eighty eight thousand Philippine Pesos (P88, 000). per person for twin room sharing accommodations (two persons in one room). We are sending you the detailed information sheet (which contains the registration form) as an attachment to this email.

The training will be held on Oct 19-22, 2008. However, the participants will be requested to be in Manila the day before, October 18, 2008 and leave Manila only on October 23, 2008.

The overnight hotel accommodation on October 18, 2008 is already included in the fee. Participants will be billeted in the Dusit Hotel, the venue of the congress and hotels near the Dusit Hotel, accessible within walking distance. Room accommodations in the Dusit Hotel, the venue of the Congress will be on a first come - first served basis.

You can also download the full information sheet and registration form for this Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance from our website, <<http://www.capwip.org>>

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⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVENTIS NIGERIAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP 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 **31 May 2008**. Further information may be obtained from the CAS office or website.

The Two Leventis Scholars for 2007 were:

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'*

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

⌘ MEMBERS RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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◆ Africa Confidential

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For the Editorial board of the above Africa Confidential, a new Journal looking at the relationship between Africa and Asia

www.africa-asia-confidential.com

◆ 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.

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

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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, Online ISSN: 1469-9397

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

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

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

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

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The Journal is published by Oxford University Press.

www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org

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

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_journal1.php?list_journals=2&sub_Journal=Submit

2. **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](#)

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 Jidefor 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)

African Performance Review,

Department of Drama, Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0)207 919-7581. Email: AfTA@gold.ac.uk

◆ **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/>

◆ **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

□ **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.

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◆ **SOUTHSCAN**, now in its 22nd year, is a print and online service producing bi-weekly and monthly periodicals focusing on Southern and Central Africa. We are an authoritative source on our region; our analysts and correspondents present impartial reports on current economic, political and security issues from key African centres and from Brussels, London and Washington. If your college or institution is not already a subscriber please visit our website and look at some sample issues: <http://southscan.gn.apc.org/samples/sampintro.html>

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□ **Postamble** is a postgraduate journal of the Faculty of Humanities located in the Centre for African Studies and published bi-annually online. Postamble is committed to featuring original post graduate student 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 involving 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 favouring works of an academic nature.

Postamble is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes general, as well as thematically focussed special issues. The journal is edited by an editorial committee comprised of students and academic staff from the Faculty of Humanities.

For more information on submissions, online subscriptions and future issues email: amble@humanities.uct.ac.za

◆ **Ecquid Novi: African Journalism Studies.** The Journal has just been re-launched and more information can be found on <http://www.wisc.edu/wisconsinpress/journals/journals/ajs.html>

◆ **South African Journal of International Affairs**

Now celebrating its 15th year of publication, the South African Journal of International Affairs (SAJIA) is going commercial!!

The South African Journal of International Affairs (SAJIA) is the flagship publication of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), an independent, non-governmental think-tank based in Johannesburg.

We have recently contracted with Taylor & Francis, an international commercial publisher, to publish the *SAJIA*. In doing so, we join a prestigious stable of international academic journals. While the Journal remains under the editorial control of the Institute, increased promotional and marketing activity by the new publisher will ensure that we achieve an even wider distribution in Africa and across the globe.

The *SAJIA* is a vital and strategic component of the SAIIA's mandate to educate, inform and facilitate dialogue amongst people concerned with South Africa and Africa in the world. We proactively seek articles by leading African academics, policymakers, journalists and business leaders (especially those based outside South Africa), and also welcome unsolicited submissions.

We also wish to announce the following important news:

- The Journal has a new Editor, Anne J. Gordon, who brings with her 35 years of experience of research, writing and editing on a wide range of international and development issues. The National Director of the SAIIA, Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, remains in her position as Editor-in-Chief.
- The Journal will also have a new look, along with some other possible changes to the format. New "Guidelines for Contributors" will be available on the SAIIA website by the end of February 2008.
- From 2009, the Journal will publish three issues per year, and will therefore be actively seeking submissions. We will continue to commission articles, especially for special issues, but we are looking for unsolicited contributions which fit within the parameters of the "Call for Papers".

For more information, see the SAIIA website, www.saiia.org.za, or contact Anne Gordon, Editor, by e-mail at sajia.editor@saiia.org.za.

◆ **RELAUNCH of African Journal of Political Science**

Editor: Adenkule Amuwo (kunle10995@yahoo.com)

Managing Editor: Diana Coetzee (afacpub@vodamail.co.za)

The Journal (AJPS) is the peer-reviewed Journal published twice a year on behalf of the African Association of Political Science(AAPS). It covers exciting and topical issues that, not matter how often they are broached, analyzed and interrogated, cannot vanish from contemporary Afrocentric scholarship for as long as the African condition or crisis remains.

◆ **International African Institute**

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The W Charitable Foundation has generously provided SOAS with three scholarships for students undertaking the full-time MSc Development Studies programme. Each scholarship will cover the cost of fees at the international rate (£11,460) and provides for living expenses (£12,000) for a total award of £23,460.

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Four new Research Student Fellowships 2007 were awarded in 2007/08.

The SOAS Research Student Fellowships 2008 are available for students who are proposing to register full-time for an MPhil/PhD at the School in 2008/09. Only **new** research students may apply: those already enrolled on a research degree programme at SOAS are not eligible. Award-holders must possess a good Masters degree from a UK University or equivalent qualification. Candidates completing a Masters degree may apply. The Fellowships consist of a remittance of fees at home/EU level and a bursary of £10,600 per annum (2007/2008 rate). New awards offered in 2008 are valid only for the 2008/09 academic session but, subject to satisfactory progress, they may be renewed for the normal duration of a full-time student's registration*. Overseas fee payers are recommended to apply also for an ORSAS award, which meets the difference between the higher and lower fees.

*The normal duration of a full-time student's registration is three years. The award is therefore renewable for up to a further two years.

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Eight SOAS Bursaries 2007 were awarded in 2007/08.

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Candidates in their final year of study for a first degree may also apply. New awards offered in 2008 are valid only for the 2008/2009 academic session.

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Thirty Open Scholarships 2007 were offered in 2007/08, 20 for students liable to pay overseas fees and 10 for students liable to pay UK/EU level fees.

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One William Ross Scholarship 2007 was awarded in 2007/08. The William Ross Murray Scholarship is a scholarship shared with International Student House (ISH). SOAS remits the Overseas rate of tuition fees and ISH provides free accommodation and a small contribution in food vouchers to be spent in the ISH restaurant.

The William Ross Murray Scholarship 2008 is for students from a developing country, liable to pay the overseas tuition fee level, who are proposing to register full-time for the LLM degree at SOAS in the academic session 2008/09. The scholarship is for an LLM student with high academic achievements. Please note that only students who are holding an unconditional offer by the Scholarship closing date will be considered.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND - ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP 2008

One Alumni Scholarship 2007 was awarded in 2007/08.

The Alumni Scholarship 2008 will be allocated on merit to one student who applies for and is awarded a SOAS Open Scholarship 2008. The value of this scholarship is £1,000. The selection will be made by the SOAS Bursary, Open Scholarship & Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Advisory Panel.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS - ADMINISTERED BY THE SCHOOL

Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme (ORSAS) 2008

Four ORS awards 2007 were awarded in 2007/08.

ORS awards 2008 are available to applicants intending to commence a full-time research degree in 2008/09 and those who are enrolled in their first year or second year of full-time research degree study at the School in 2007/08.

Applicants must be in receipt of an offer to undertake a full-time research degree at the School in 2008/09 or be enrolled in their first year or second year of full-time research degree study at the School in 2007/08. In addition, applicants must be liable to pay tuition fees at the rate for international students. Students who are already enrolled in their first year at SOAS in 2007/08 should note that they are not eligible to apply for ORS support if they intend to be away on fieldwork for the whole of their second year.

The value of the award is the difference between the tuition fee for an international postgraduate student and a UK/EU postgraduate student. New awards offered in 2008 are valid only for the 2008/09 academic session but, subject to satisfactory progress, they may be renewed for the normal duration of a full-time student's registration*. (*The normal duration is three years. For students who take up an ORS award in their second year, the award is renewable for one year only. For students who take up an ORS award in their third year, the award is not renewable).

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2009.

MILLICHOPE FOUNDATION BURSARIES 2008

Three Millichope Foundation Bursaries 2007 were awarded in 2007/08.

The Millichope Foundation Bursaries 2008 will be allocated on merit to three students who apply for and are awarded a SOAS Open Scholarship 2008. The value of this bursary is £1,000.

Application forms for all scholarships and bursaries can be found at www.soas.ac.uk (click Admissions/Postgraduate/Scholarships)

V SCHOOL PRIZES

There is no information available on the website about School Prizes. Those required to make nominations are so informed by the Scholarships Officer (as100@soas.ac.uk)

The Prizes given annually by the School are:

Undergraduate School Prizes 2007/2008

The Scholarships Committee has reviewed the Undergraduate School Prizes, which have at various times been called penultimate year and Year 2 prizes. However, both formulations have had their problems. Please note that the Committee has made use of a new formulation to be used for the Undergraduate School Prizes which is as follows:

There are 18 Undergraduate School Prizes

- a. each Examinations Sub-board is asked to submit the name of: 1) the best year 2 student who is registered at SOAS for a three-year degree; or 2) the best year 2**

student going abroad on their third year who is registered at SOAS for a four-year degree; or 3) the best year 3 student who went abroad on their second year who is registered at SOAS for a four-year degree.

- b. the Prize is awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the sub-board and with consultation with the Head of Department, has most distinguished him/herself during the academic year through course work, examination results and other relevant criteria.
- c. the Prize of £90 takes the form of an award of book tokens.
- d. Prizes may not be split and therefore only one student can be nominated and awarded the Prize.
- e. The names should be submitted by the Chairs of the Undergraduate Sub-Board of Examiners to the Scholarships Officer in the Undergraduate School Prize Nomination form, which will be e-mailed to the Chairs in May.
- f. Unspent Prize money cannot be carried over
- g. If, in the opinion of the Examinations Sub-Board, it is felt that there is no candidate who has sufficiently distinguished him/herself to merit a Prize, the Scholarships Officer must be informed that there is no nomination.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 4 July 2008.

Best Undergraduate Finalist Prizes 2007/2008.

Three Prizes will be awarded to those finalists who, in the opinion of the School Board of Examiners, have most distinguished themselves throughout their programme of study.

Nominations should be submitted by the Chair of the School Board of Examiners to the Scholarships Officer in the Undergraduate Finalist Prize Nomination form, which will be e-mailed to the Chair in May. The Prize takes the form of a cheque for £150.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 4 July 2008.

Taught Masters' Prizes 2006/2007

Four Prizes are awarded to successful taught master degree students who, in the opinion of the Advisory Panel, have most distinguished themselves in all elements of the assessment for Taught Masters degrees in the academic session 2006/07.

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The Prize takes the form of a cheque for £100.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 25 January 2009.

Study of Religions Language Prize (Humphrey J Fisher Prize) 2007/2008

In the past years, the Humphrey J Fisher Prize for religion and language was awarded each year to the best penultimate year student taking religion and language. However, the reason we felt that the prize should not refer exclusively to penultimate-year students was that some students who went abroad did not get marks at all for the year abroad and were given 4 units credit for successful complete of the year abroad. This meant that no results were available for the Chair of the Sub-Board of Examiners to consider for the performance in the year abroad.

Therefore, it has been agreed that the Humphrey J Fisher Prize for Religions and Language should now be awarded as follows:

For a three year degree, the Prize for Religions and Language would relate to meritorious work on both sides of the degree in the 1st and 2nd year.

For a four year degree, the Prize would relate to:

- 1) meritorious work on both sides of the degree in the 1st and 2nd year for students going abroad during their third year**
- or**
- 2) meritorious work on both sides of the degree in the 1st and 3rd year (and possibly 2nd year provided there are results available) for students going abroad during their 2nd year.**

Programmes such as African Studies and Study of Religions, South Asian Studies and Study of Religions and South East Asian Studies and Study of Religions would also be eligible provided there is a significant language component i.e. only students who take **more than 1 language-acquisition course per year** could be considered for this prize.

The Prize of £90 takes the form of an award of book tokens.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 4 July 2008. The nomination should be submitted by the Chair of the Undergraduate Examination Sub-board (Study of Religions) to the Scholarships Officer in the Humphrey J Fisher Prize for Religion and Language nomination form, which will be e-mailed to the Chair in May.

For more information on SOAS scholarships visit Scholarship website: www.soas.ac.uk (click Admissions/Postgraduate/Scholarships)

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

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

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

Contact: British Academy Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217

or email grants@britac.a.cuk

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 web site. (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:

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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:

Research Awards	Closing Date
Research Fellowships	November 2008
Study Abroad Fellowships	November 2008
Study Abroad Studentships	January 2009
Emeritus Fellowships	February 2009
Early Career Fellowships	March 2009

Application materials are available from the Trust's website: 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

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

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

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:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

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>
<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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Assistant professor/Professeur adjointe

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⌘ **The Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1H**
www.soas.ac.uk/gallery

Retracing Heinrich Barth
17th of April to 21st June 2008

19th century German explorer Heinrich Barth was one of the first Europeans to recognise the significance and richness of African history and culture. Travelling under the Arabic name Abd el Kerim, he crossed the Sahara desert and over the Air mountains into Central Africa, recording his journey in the five volume Travels and Discoveries in North and Central Africa 1849-1855.

Inspired by this account and fired by tales of a mysterious room containing a trove of ancient artefacts connected to Barth's expedition, Julia Winckler, artist and senior lecturer in photography at the University of Brighton, journeyed to Niger. Retracing Barth's footsteps and drawing on her combined interests in African studies, Anthropology, and Photography, she has interwoven a narrative based around her encounters and impressions. Her artistic response features shifting viewpoints and addresses questions of identity and memory.

In addition she facilitated the participatory project Stories from Agadez: Life as it is now. This captures the experiences and images of eight African non-professional photographers, most of whom recorded their own lives for the first time through photography. The resulting images document the hardships and achievements of a local community. One of the photographers, Sarhid Hamadalher explains: "I have taken pictures of the life that people live here. I hope that these photos will make you discover the beauty of this country and the fantastic potential it holds. I like photography because it allows us to relive the past and it is also a great passion of life".

The exhibition features an interactive digital space, contemporary photographs and historical artefacts on loan from the Royal Geographical Society, SOAS special collections and the State Archives, Hamburg.

Publication Information

A publication to complement the exhibition is available from the SOAS bookshop priced £6. PROfile 002 _ Julia Winckler Retracing Heinrich Barth / Stories from Agadez: Life as it is Now has been produced by Foldedsheet, in conjunction with the University of Brighton and SOAS, and features exhibition commentaries by Adrienne Chambon and Dea Birkett.

Education Materials

Explorer's Drawing Sheet and Explorer's Writing Sheet are two new designs from the range of bespoke education materials available from Foldedsheet – 'map your experiences in pictures and words!'

An outreach and education programme, workshops and exhibition-related talks in association with the Centre for African Studies at SOAS create opportunities for gallery visitors, community groups and primary and secondary pupils to respond to work in the exhibition.

- [Heinrich Barth web site http://www.retracingheinrichbarth.co.uk/](http://www.retracingheinrichbarth.co.uk/)

Welcome to the Treasures of SOAS at the Foyle Special Collections Gallery

Objects of Instruction: Treasures of the School of Oriental and African Studies is an important project aimed at publicising the School's remarkably rich but little known artistic and archival collections. Generously funded by the Foyle Foundation and the AHRC, the exhibition will make the artistic assets of SOAS accessible to a wider audience, including students, scholars, and members of the general public.

Among this wealth of material are illustrated Islamic manuscripts, including a luxurious Mughal copy of the *Anvar-i Suhayli*, a book of animal fables; Chinese and Japanese paintings and prints; varied ceramic objects from the Middle East and East Asia; decorative Buddhist manuscripts and sculptures from South-East Asia; contemporary African paintings and textiles; and important archaeological collections from East Asia, South Asia and the Middle East. Many of these objects are true treasures whose display is long overdue. The content will be periodically rotated, which will ensure the vitality and continued appeal of the permanent display.

Objects of Instruction will not only significantly enhance the image of the School as a unique institution with a strong involvement in the arts, but will also be of great interest and benefit to a broad range of groups. Foremost among these are students, for whom the exhibition and display will provide stimulating teaching aids as well as exciting opportunities for research. The wider community - in particular those whose cultures the artefacts represent - will benefit from the project. Objects of Instruction will thus be of considerable, far-reaching, and enduring importance, and will finally make known the richness and variety of the School's artistic and archival holdings.

BRUNEI GALLERY, SOAS
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E. gallery@soas.ac.uk
www.soas.ac.uk/gallery

CLOSED: Sunday and Monday
ADMISSION FREE



⌘ **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

⌘ 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

⌘ Royal Commonwealth Society

**Living
By
Patricia Ogundero
23 April – 23 May 2008**

Paintings that capture living, transforming the ordinary into the unique and shedding new light on familiar surroundings

Patricia Ogundero

Living is an exciting new exhibition by Patricia Ogundero. The artist's paintings offer us a unique insight into multiple facets of our everyday lives, reflecting the vibrant colours of the world around us. They are infused all at once with joy, love, sorrow and a sense of well-being.

Titles include **Starburst, Big Ben, Dreamer, Turbulent Love** and the artist's personal favourites **Three little Friends at the Park** and **Fishes in the Sky**. The viewer, seeing aspects of their own lives reflected through Ogundero's work, will experience a desire to be a part of this unique perspective of **Living**.

The work is contemporary, with refashioned African and European style, combining to create a technique which is truly the artist's own.

A renowned Nigerian painter, Patricia Ogundero is now one of Hillingdon's most popular artists and her work is widely shown in public and private collections across Nigeria and the UK. She runs her own studio and teaches Fine Art in Colleges of Further Education.

All works are for sale and competitively priced.

Entrance Free

Exhibition opening times: Monday to Friday from 10am – 6pm.

To arrange a viewing and/or to receive a price list, please contact Gwendolyn White tel. 020 7766 9209 (direct line) or email: gwen.white@rcsint.org

Venue: The Royal Commonwealth Society
At the Commonwealth Club
25 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP

Nearest stations: Charing Cross and Embankment.

Buses: 6, 24,29,171,12,91

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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