



# Centre of African Studies

University of London



## AFRICAN NEWS

Newsletter of the Centre of African Studies, University of London

⌘ **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.

**04 November 2008**

**Opportunities and challenges for biofuels production in  
Africa. What are the options?**

**Dr Rocio Diaz-Chavez (Imperial College, London)**

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

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

***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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**We are pleased to announce that we have awarded two PhD scholarships starting in September 2008 to:**

**Chifundo J Kachale, Chief Resident Magistrate’s Court, Lilongwe, Malawi**  
**Title of Research: Exploring the missing element in the governance edifice: a critical analysis of the impact of ethical governance on democracy consolidation for socio-economic development in Malawi. He is based in the Law Department at SOAS**

**Ronald Naluwairo, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda**  
**Title of Research: Military Justice, Human Rights and Governance in Uganda.**  
**He is based in the Law Department at SOAS**

### **Africa Seminars**

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

- 16 October**                      **Protest and hegemony in developing electricity in Botswana, 1950-1983**  
**Prof. Ackson Kanduza, University of Botswana**
- 30 October**                      **Africans in Asia: Visible and Invisible**  
**Shiha De Silva, Institute of Commonwealth Studies**
- 27 November**                      **Identity Formation among the Ikale-Yoruba: The poverty of Colonial records as sources for the reconstruction of Pre-colonial African History**  
**Dr Olukoya Ogen, Leventis fellow at CAS, University of Ile-Ife, Nigeria**

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

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

**April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:jc58@soas.ac.uk)).

## **ZIMBABWE: PROSPECTS AND POSSIBILITIES**

**Seminar with Brian Raftopoulos**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30-2pm, Room 116, SOAS**

The ongoing mediation on Zimbabwe, led by President Mbeki, has opened up a narrow window of opportunity to avoid further deterioration in its political and economic fortunes. But as haggling continues in Harare, whatever deal emerges from the talks will be a political fix based on hard bargaining, not lofty ideals. Brian Raftopoulos is a leading Zimbabwean scholar, activist and political analyst, and has co-authored many articles and books on the crisis in Zimbabwe including *Zimbabwe: Injustice and Political Reconciliation* (2005) and “Desperate Days in Zimbabwe” (2007, Review of African Political Economy). In association with the Royal African Society and Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA).

## **Things Fall Apart: 1958-2008**

**Fri 10 & Sat 11 October 2008.** The publication of Chinua Achebe's first novel, *Things Fall Apart*, in 1958 marked the beginning of a new era in African writing in English. Fifty years later this conference seeks to revisit that novel and assess its significance then and now. Speakers will include those involved in publishing and republishing the novel, writers, readers, artists, and critics from Africa, Europe, the UK, and the United States. Proceedings will include (on 10 October) a John Coffin Memorial Reading by three African writers in response to the work of Chinua Achebe: Elleke Boehmer, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie + 1 to be confirmed. The conference will end (on 11 October) with Chinua Achebe in conversation with Simon Gikandi. **NB: the registration fee increases after 22 September.**

**AND**

## **AN EVENING WITH CHINUA ACHEBE**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm, The Gallery, Foyles Bookshop, 113-119 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0EB**

**£10/£8 (concession). Ticket price includes a glass of wine during the reception following the talk** Chinua Achebe is known as ‘the father of modern African literature’. Fifty years after the publication of *Things Fall Apart*, a novel which turned the west’s perception of Africa on its head, the Man Booker international prize winner joins us for an evening of reading and discussion. Booking is essential, and space is very limited: [www.foyles.co.uk](http://www.foyles.co.uk), call 0845 074 3822, or visit the store. In association with Foyles.

## **EAST AFRICAN SCENARIOS: IMAGINING THE FUTURE OF EAST AFRICA**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm, Room 116, SOAS**

*Speakers:* Arthur Muliro (SID), Duncan Okello (SID)

Since 1998, the Society for International Development's East African Futures Programme has engaged East African policy actors in a process of reflection on possible alternative futures for their countries and the region. These scenario-building projects have sought to create a better understanding of the structural dynamics shaping the region and to identify futures that it might have to face in the next 30 years. The final report was first presented in Kigali in April 2008 to the Prime Minister and members of the Rwandan Cabinet, and will be presented here by Arthur Muliro and Duncan Okello. In association with RAS and AFFORD.

### **EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

#### **⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society**

For more information contact Roy Galbraith ([roygal@aol.com](mailto:roygal@aol.com))

#### **⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Zimbabwe Society**

For further information visit: [www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm)

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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](mailto:secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org).

#### **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](mailto:info@friendsofmali-uk.org), website: [www.friendsofmali-uk.org/](http://www.friendsofmali-uk.org/). For up-to-date information on meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (E-mail:

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⌘ **Meetings organized by SudanSSUK.**

For more information contact: [SudanSSUK@aol.com](mailto:SudanSSUK@aol.com)

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

**36 Gordon Square, London WC1H** Contact: [ras\\_research@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras_research@soas.ac.uk)

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

**AFRICA: ALTERED STATES, ORDINARY MIRACLES by Richard Dowden**

**With a panel discussion “The theft of Africa’s democracy”**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS, followed by a reception**

*Africa is a vast continent, a continent of people, and not a place of exotica. It is clear that Richard Dowden understands this, and one could not ask for a more qualified author to explore Africa’s complexity*  
~ Chinua Achebe

Richard Dowden, Director of the RAS, is also one of Britain’s leading correspondents on Africa. His first book looks at why Africa is the way it is. It is about its differences and its diversities. Each country is unique and, chapter by chapter, this book lets you get to know them. There are tales of cults and commerce in Senegal and traditional spirituality in Sierra Leone; there is an analysis of the impact of oil and the internet on Nigeria and aid on Sudan; there is a deeper probing into what has gone so badly wrong in Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Burundi and the Congo. And from the individual stories of failure and success comes a surprising portrait of a new Africa emerging: self confident, middle class, professional.

**CONFERENCE: THINGS FALL APART AT 50**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, University of London Senate House & Brunei Gallery, SOAS**

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of the Rwandan Cabinet, and will be presented here by Arthur Muliro and Duncan Okello. In association with CAS and AFFORD.

### **CHINA RETURNS TO AFRICA by Dan Large**

#### **Panel discussion and book launch**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS, followed by a reception**

*Anybody interested in the continent, and in the rise of Chinese power, needs to know what is going on. The editors of this hefty volume have assembled essays by 24 academics of a dozen nationalities, who possess exceptional knowledge of China's operations in Africa ~ The Sunday Times*

This new edited book on China-Africa relations will be launched by Chris Alden (LSE), Christopher Clapham (Cambridge), Ricardo Soares de Oliveira (Oxford) and Dan Large (Africa-Asia Centre, SOAS). Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

### **THE TROUBLE WITH AID: WHY LESS COULD MEAN MORE FOR AFRICA by Jonathan Glennie**

#### **Book launch with a panel discussion**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS, followed by a reception**

Africa is poor. If we send it money it will be less poor. It seems perfectly logical, doesn't it? In this book, Christian Aid's Jonathan Glennie argues that government aid to Africa actually has many very harmful effects, and that aid has often meant more poverty, more hungry people, worse basic services for poor people and damage to already precarious democratic institutions. Rather than giving more aid to Africa, Glennie makes the controversial case that it should be reduced. Through an honest assessment of both the positive and negative consequences of aid, this book will show you why. In association with Zed Books and the International African Institute.

### **STOPPING AFRICA'S WARS with former President Masire and Lord Mark Malloch-Brown**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Committee Room 16, Houses of Parliament**

The level and intensity of conflict and violence in Africa has declined in recent years, but significant challenges remain. Some of the world's worst conflicts persist in areas such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Somalia. Since retiring as President of Botswana in 1998, H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire has been a key mediator in conflicts including the Democratic Republic of Congo and Lesotho. Joined by Lord Malloch Brown, Minister for Africa and former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations he will give his reflections and analysis on conflict resolution efforts in Africa. In association with UK-Botswana Society and the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group.

### **RAS AUTUMN RECEPTION**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5.45pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS**

*Speaker to be confirmed*

### **LONDON AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November (première) – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Join us in a 10 day celebration of the best of African film across decades, genres, themes, and nations. The London African Film Festival, organised by the Royal African Society, Africa at the Pictures and SOAS, will take place in major venues around London including the BFI Southbank, the Renoir, the ICA and the Barbican. A varied and exciting programme includes an Abderahmanne Sissako retrospective, contemporary film, early South African film, African animation, a focus on women filmmakers, and music performances. Leading African filmmakers and writers will also join us for screen talks. Full details will be available soon.

### **BOOK LAUNCH:**

#### **LIFE AFTER VIOLENCE: A PEOPLE'S STORY OF BURUNDI by Peter Uvin**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6.15pm, Room 116, SOAS**

Burundi recently emerged from twelve years of devastating civil war that left hundreds of thousands dead. In this groundbreaking book on conflict and society in Africa, for the first time, farmers, artisans, traders, mothers, soldiers and students talk about the past, the future, war and peace, their hopes for a better life and their relationships with each other and the state. Weaving a rich tapestry, Peter Uvin pitches the ideas and aspirations of people on the ground against the theory and



assumptions often made by the international development and peace-building agencies and organisations. In doing this, he illuminates both shared goals and misunderstandings. In association with Zed Books and IAI.

**AFRICA COMMENTARIES** continue at [www.royalafricansociety.org](http://www.royalafricansociety.org) with Africa experts on the global food crisis

### **RAS BRANCH MEETINGS**

#### **Bristol Branch:**

Contact Roger Bailey: [roger.b@care4free.net](mailto:roger.b@care4free.net) / 01926 886216

#### **Scotland Branch:**

Contact Professor Kenneth King: [kenneth.king@ed.ac.uk](mailto:kenneth.king@ed.ac.uk) / 0131 650 3878

**For London events RSVP: [ras\\_research@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras_research@soas.ac.uk)**

**Please check [www.royalafricansociety.org](http://www.royalafricansociety.org) for updates**

**For events hosted by the Africa Asia Centre, please contact Dan Large: [danlarge@soas.ac.uk](mailto:danlarge@soas.ac.uk).  
The Africa Asia Centre is a new venture of the RAS and SOAS to study the intensifying relations between Africa and Asia.**

## **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 FG08 at 5pm**

1 October : Robin Law, 'The "Hamitic Hypothesis" in West African Historical Thought'

8 October : Nic Cheeseman, 'The Past of the Kenyan Present: Understanding the Roots of the "Kenya Crisis"'

15 October : Koya Ogen, 'Benin-Ife Relations: A Critique of the Existing Canon on the Yoruba Cultural Impact on Benin'

22 October : Ivor Chipkin, 'Resisting Empire in the Name of the Nation: The Origins of the Nationalist Imaginary in Africa after World War II'

29 October : Gabriel Klaeger, 'Strangers, Dangers, and the Power of Traffic: An Ethnography of the Contested Accra-Kumasi Road'

12 November : Dan Branch, 'Fathering a Nation?: Jomo Kenyatta and the Construction of Power in Kenya'

19 November : Derek Peterson, 'Conversion and Dissent in Colonial Uganda'

To join the African History Seminar mailing list, email [David.martin@soas.ac.uk](mailto: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.  
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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](mailto:a.s.barnett@lse.ac.uk)

⌘ **At Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICS) Menzies Room, ICS, 28 Russell Square London WC1H**

**Caribbean Seminar Series Autumn Term 2008**

**Convenors:**

Mary Turner, Institute of Commonwealth Studies – [mary.turner@sas.ac.uk](mailto:mary.turner@sas.ac.uk)

Kate Quinn, Institute for the study of the Americas – [kate.quinn@sas.ac.uk](mailto:kate.quinn@sas.ac.uk)

ISA seminars will be held in Room 12, ISA, 35 Tavistock Square

ICS seminars will be held in the Menzies Room, ICS, 28 Russell Square

All seminars begin at 5pm and are followed by a wine reception.

**8<sup>th</sup> October – Laurence Brown, Manchester University, “Routes to Freedom: Migration and the Construction of Emancipation in the Eastern Caribbean”**

**ICS**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October – Diana Paton and Maarit Forde, Newcastle University, “Colonial Rule and Spiritual Power: Obeah, the State, and Caribbean Culture”**

**ISA**

**5<sup>th</sup> November – Wendy Knepper, “Globalisation and Contemporary Caribbean Literature”**

**ISA**

**19<sup>th</sup> November – Steve Cushion, London Metropolitan, “Cuba 1955: the year the working class joined the revolution”**

**ISA**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December – Clem Seecharan, “Tripping on his own Banana Peel: Cheddi Jagan’s “Struggle” for Guyana’s Freedom, 1946-66”**

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## **EVENTS**

### **⌘ LONDON**

#### **SHIFTING MARGINS, SHIFTING CENTRES: NEGOTIATING DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY CONFERENCE**

Please find attached details and application form for an International conference for academics, NGO practitioners, minority community organisations, educators and policy makers to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Jeffery Hall at the Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

This conference aims to promote dialogue, critical reflection and strategies of negotiation in relation to key issues in debates around community cohesion, equality, diversity, identity, power, difference, citizenship and global justice in education.

This conference is organised by Development Education Research Centre, Institute of Education, University of Canterbury, New Zealand and the Through Other Eyes international initiative.

Speakers: Professor Jagdish Gundara, Institute of Education; Dr. Jane Gilbert, New Zealand Council for Educational Research; Professor Lynn Mario T. Menezes de Souza, University of São Paulo, Brazil and Dr. Vanessa Andreotti, University of Nottingham/University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

Elaine Peck

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**Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies Conference 2008**

**Rethinking Human Zoos**

**Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, London**

**28-29 November 2008**

'Human zoos', forgotten symbols of the colonial era, have been largely repressed in collective memory. In these 'anthropo-zoological' exhibitions, 'exotic' individuals were placed alongside wild beasts and presented behind bars or in enclosures. Human zoos were a key factor in the progressive shift from scientific to popular racism. Through Barnum's freak shows, Hagenbeck's 'ethnic shows', French-style villages nègres, as well as the great universal and colonial exhibitions, the West invented the 'savage', exhibited the 'peoples of the world', whilst in many cases preparing for or contributing to their colonisation. This first mass contact between 'us' and 'them', between the West and elsewhere, created an invisible border. Measured by scientists, exploited in shows, used in official exhibitions, these men, women and children became extras in cultures that were not their own.

Since its first publication by La Découverte in 2001, the collection entitled Zoos humains has triggered widespread debate about colonial representation and has obliged scholars in a range of disciplines to rethink the relationship between anthropology, science, spectacle and Empire. The present colloquium coincides with the publication by Liverpool University Press of a new English-language version of the collection. Based on the original French-language volume edited by ACHAC, but with a number of newly commissioned chapters, this new edition of Human Zoos brings together contributions by international specialists on this subject, some of whom will speak at the conference. The volume invites re-exploration of the colonial exoticisation and 'spectacularisation' of other cultures, a process that is to be associated with many contemporary, postcolonial stereotypes.

For more information:

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[www.sfps.ac.uk](http://www.sfps.ac.uk)

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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1000 - 1130**

**Living in Fear: A Population Based Survey on attitudes about Peace, Justice and Social Reconstruction in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo**

**Speaker: Suliman Baldo, International Center for Transitional Justice**

**Chair: Dr Muzong Kodi, Associate Fellow, Chatham House**

Living with Fear is based on a survey completed in December 2007 in villages and municipalities of North and South Kivu and the Ituri district. Nearly half the adult population of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has faced death threats, suffered beatings or has been enslaved by armed groups according to the survey. Suliman Baldo, director of ICTJ's Africa Program and one of four co-authors of the report will discuss the reports findings and implications for international engagement in the country.

If you would like to apply to attend please email Numvi Wallace at [nwallace@chathamhouse.org.uk](mailto:nwallace@chathamhouse.org.uk) stating your name and affiliation

⌘ UK

### 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. For further details please contact: Katie McKeown**  
[kathleen.mckeown@africa.ox.ac.uk](mailto:kathleen.mckeown@africa.ox.ac.uk)

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

Opening Lecture: 'Negotiating Statelessness in southern Somalia'

Peter Little (University of Kentucky)

**NB: This lecture will take place in the Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College.**

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Dahrendorf room, St Antony's College, 2.00pm

Workshop – 'The Kenya crisis: neglected themes'

Godwin Murunga (Kenyatta University), David Anderson (Oxford), Dan Branch (Warwick), Nic Cheeseman (Oxford), Radha Upadhyaya (SOAS), George Ogola (Lancaster)

**NB: This workshop starts at 2.00pm at the Dahrendorf room**

#### **30<sup>th</sup> October**

'Chinua Achebe; the conspirator in the launch of African literature'

James Currey, (Founder James Currey Publishers and editor of the African Writers Series 1967-1984)

Joint event with the Post-Colonial Writing and Theory Seminar, Book Launch to follow in the Buttery

#### **6<sup>th</sup> November**

'Social Healing in Uganda' Tim Allen, (LSE)

#### **13<sup>th</sup> November**

'Sudan's civil wars and its international peacemakers' Philip Roessler, (St Peter's College), Sharath Srinivasan, (St Antony's College)

#### **20<sup>th</sup> November**

McGreggor-Matthews Room, New College

Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture: 'Zimbabwe and Human Rights'  
Beatrice Mtetwa (Lawyer, Honoured by the Committee to Protect Journalists  
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**27<sup>th</sup> November**

'Constructive Engagement: Reagan's foreign policy towards southern Africa and the  
lessons for today' Joanne Davies, (Aberystwyth University)

**4<sup>th</sup> December**

'Women's Rights to Land & Privatization in Eastern Africa' Birgit Englert, (University of  
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## ⌘ EUROPE

### **Conference: Risk and Africa -- Conceptualizing risk in the context of contemporary Africa International Symposium 27-29 November 2008, Bayreuth, Germany**

The relationship between risk and modernity has stimulated controversial debates about the changing nature of risk and the dynamics of contemporary society. While it is acknowledged that modern society, through technological development, has been successful in using risk to improve livelihoods, there is also widespread consensus over the costs of such improvements in the form of ecological degradation, industrial hazards and exaggerated societal expectations. Therefore, even though the general assumption is that modern society has been largely successful in dealing with risk it is still felt that the future of modern societies depends on their ability to identify and adopt suitable approaches to manage risk, deal with uncertainty and develop pathways towards sustainability. However, it is important to note that the current debate on the concepts of risk and "risk society" is heavily skewed in favour of European historical experience.

By distinguishing between concepts of risk in modern to late-modern societies and those in the rest of the world the debate drives a perhaps unintended and possibly unwarranted epistemological wedge between North and South. In other words, the debate would seem to suggest that the concept of risk refers to fundamentally different empirical and epistemological objects: "Here" we talk about manufactured technological risks, environmental awareness and the social construction of risk as symptoms of reflexive modernity. "There" the focus is on vulnerability, natural hazards and coping strategies in the context of state failure, desintegrating markets and (more or less) pre-modern societies. However, this wedge can be questioned on two accounts. Firstly, increasing awareness of technological hazards, pollution and climate change, especially in urban Africa, as well as the introduction of new forms of insurance and the restructuring of civil society are just some of the recent developments that appear to invite us to be sceptical of prevailing notions of risk and their (ir)relevance to and in Africa.

Secondly, the conceptualization of risk in Africa -- just as in any other parts of the South -- cannot be done in isolation, for there is a sense in which the success or failure of attempts at dealing with risk elsewhere inheres with Africa. In other words, issues concerning uneven development, increased economic exchange and cooperation as well as environmental and developmental discourses need to be addressed in an increasingly globalising world.

In exploring news ways of conceptualising risk in Africa the symposium will seek to address the challenge of making theoretical and methodological advances in risk research relevant to an understanding of processes of social change in the continent. Contributions are invited which explore this relevance in different fields (social, political, environmental, etc.) and from different perspectives (geography, sociology, economy, social anthropology, ecology, etc.). Research-based contributions are particularly welcome, including studies of cases from outside of the African continent for comparisons.

The symposium is jointly organised by ZENEB, Centre for Natural Risks and Development and BIGSAS, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies.

ZENEB serves as a social science oriented research network on risks and disasters in developing countries. The main objectives are: (i) to implement, promote and support

research in order to acquire scientific knowledge on disaster prevention and disaster coping in developing countries, (ii) to link scientists that do research in the field of disasters and development, (iii) to advance innovative methods of integrated analysis of the interactions between complex natural and social systems under the impact of extreme events.

[www.zeneb.uni-bayreuth.de](http://www.zeneb.uni-bayreuth.de)

BIGSAS is a centre of creative and innovative PhD training and research in the field of African Studies. It aims at bringing together young African and non-African scholars and at the same time is engaged in the creation of an African University network and PhD training structures in Africa to avoid African brain. The Graduate School offers an environment of multi- and interdisciplinary research in four research areas that are subject to review and revision according to developments in African Studies and in the participating disciplines. The topic of the Symposium is mainly related to Research Area 1 “Uncertainty, Innovation and the Quest for Order in Africa” and Research Area 4 “Coping with Environmental Criticality and Disasters in Africa”.

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### **Conference: BANTU 3 - 3rd International Conference on Bantu Languages**

**Date: March 25th - 27th 2009**

**Location: Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium**

Organisers: Koen Bostoen, Maud Devos, Dmitry Idiatov, Jacky Maniacky, Mark Van de Velde & Anneleen Van der Veken Presentation languages: English and French

E-mail: [bantu.conference@africamuseum.be](mailto:bantu.conference@africamuseum.be) Call deadline: September 1st 2008

#### Meeting description

The Third International Conference on Bantu Languages brings together specialists in all aspects of the study of Bantu languages, as well as scholars interested in the (pre)history of Bantu-speaking peoples.

#### Keynote speakers

\* Vladimir Plungian (Institute of Linguistics, Moscow, Russia)

\* André Motingea Mangulu (Université pédagogique nationale, Kinshasa, RD Congo)

\* Jan Rijkhoff (Aarhus Universitet, Denmark)

Further details (in English and French):

<http://www.africamuseum.be/research/anthropology/linguistic/events>



### **3rd European Conference on African Studies**

The members of AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies) and the Institute of African Studies at the University of Leipzig are hosting AEGIS third biennial conference in **Leipzig, Germany, from 4 to 7 June 2009**. The overall theme of ECAS 3 is "**Respacing Africa**".

The first European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) was held at the School of Oriental and African Studies and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London in July 2005; the second Conference was held at the African Studies Centre in Leiden, Netherlands, in July 2007. Both were a great success and it is hoped that ECAS 2009 in Leipzig will be just as interesting and thought-provoking. AEGIS was founded in 1991 as a network of European Centres of African Studies. It is a network of university and non-university African Studies centres based in Europe. It aims to create synergies between experts and institutions. With primary emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities, AEGIS' main goal is to improve understanding about contemporary African societies. AEGIS current membership is Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Göteborg, Hamburg, Leiden, Leipzig, Lisbon, London, Mainz, Naples, Oxford, Paris, Porto, Trondheim and Uppsala.

For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

On the following pages, you will find all relevant information on the conference in 2009. Should you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via Email: [conference@aegis-eu.org](mailto:conference@aegis-eu.org).

### **Call for Papers: AEGIS Thematic Conference Power Sharing Agreements in Africa: Implications for Peace, Democracy and Societal Trust**

The GIGA Institute of African Affairs, based at Hamburg, is pleased to announce a conference on "Power Sharing Agreements in Africa: Implications for Peace, Democracy and Societal Trust", to be held at Hamburg, in September / October 2009 (exact date will be specified by December 2008). 12 Commentators are invited to submit related papers.

#### **Rationale**

Power sharing is a prominent aspect of most recent African peace settlements (Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi, Liberia, Sudan etc.), although there are important variations in the form power-sharing can take. Political, economic and military power sharing can be distinguished and all forms have distinctive meanings. Even more striking is the variation in the important question of who is sharing power with whom. Obviously, only those present at the negotiation table could really count on being included substantially in power sharing agreements. Recent academic contributions (Jarstad 2006, Paris 2004, Roeder 2005, Tull/Mehler 2005) have questioned the balance sheet of power sharing arrangements when analysing their impact on sustainable peace and/or democracy. In its simplest form the argument goes as follows: violent political entrepreneurs benefit primarily from those arrangements, they get rewarded for using violence in the first place. Power sharing arrangements sideline civilian and peaceful opposition forces. The lesson is therefore a problematic one for both peace and democracy: violence pays, democratic behaviour not. Less clear-cut is the argumentation on (transitional) institutional set-up: On the one hand, concrete power sharing arrangements frequently are at odds with democracy with regard to the widening of veto positions and limitations to majority rule,

but on the other hand this might be the only way to preserve minority rights. A further problematic element is the role of outside mediators who more often than not advocate power sharing without questioning long-term effects. Often it is them to decide who is sitting at the negotiation table. A long-term process of building societal trust may be harmed by this intervention. Finally, the local level of both conflict escalation and conflict resolution may not be adequately captured by power sharing agreements that focus predominantly on the “partition of the national cake.”

This thematic conference in the AEGIS framework draws on a wide variety of disciplinary approaches (anthropology, history, sociology, peace studies, political science) and country experiences. The aim is to contribute to the state-of-the-art of social sciences and provide a forum for professional exchange to participating scholars and the public.

Three consecutive panels are proposed:

1. Power sharing and peace: quick, dirty and prone to failure?
2. Power sharing and democracy: elite pacts versus formal rules
3. Power sharing and the local arena: what part for societal trust?

Cutting-edge papers applying systematic as well as comparative methods on the above subjects are invited. Case studies on Burundi, Côte d’Ivoire, DR Congo, Kenya, South Africa, and Sudan (Southern/GoS, not Darfur) are most welcome. Papers on other country cases can also be submitted.

Submissions:

Please submit an Abstract of your paper to mehler@giga-hamburg.de before 26 October 2008 (AEGIS member institutes deadline). Abstracts (about 150-400 words) should include title, name of presenter(s), institutional affiliation and contact information. You will receive a notification of acceptance latest by 25 November 2008. The deadline for the final papers is 15 August 2009, please send them to the above address.

All accepted papers will be accessible on the GIGA homepage. All will then be peer-reviewed. The best four contributions are published in a special issue of “Afrika Spectrum”, GIGA’s SSCI-rated international journal.

## ⌘ AFRICA

Conference: The Politics of Epidemics in Africa

Historical Association of Ghana Department of History, University of Ghana, Accra

**The two-day conference will take place in Accra on November 17 and 18, 2008** to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of the bubonic plague epidemic in Ghana (then the Gold Coast). This conference will use the occasion to discuss epidemic disease in general and increase dialogue between academics, policymakers, and the general public regarding epidemic preparedness and policy. Understanding why certain epidemics receive more attention and resources than other epidemics requires an investigation of the politics of disease control. Experts from various fields, including public health and health policy, medical anthropology, history of medicine, and others, will be presenting

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**Conference: Africa Research Conference in Applied Drama and Theatre (7-9 November 2008) organised by Dramatic Art, Wits School of the Arts and Drama for Life, South Africa.**

Applied Drama is accepted as a viable interventionary tool, one which 'has come of age' after some decades establishing itself. The intention of this conference is to bring together academics and practitioners working with Applied Drama and Theatre in Africa, in order to discuss ways and means of formalising the evaluation, analysis and writing up of Applied Drama and Theatre practice and to determine an increasingly rigorous and sophisticated praxis.

Funding to attend is available for academics and practitioners from Africa

To register and for more information contact:  
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**Conference:** The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) and Monash University are now inviting papers for the 31st African Studies Conference - "**Building a Common Future - Africa and Australasia.**"  
**The conference will be held from 26-28 November 2008 concurrently at Monash University Clayton Campus in Melbourne, Australia and Monash South Africa in Johannesburg.**

Given the cross-institutional and in this case, cross-continental nature of the AFSAAP Conference, we will welcome papers on any topic relating to Africa, but suggest the following as focus areas:

- HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa
- Peace and conflict studies in Africa
- The African diaspora
- Africans in Australia
- Africa in comparative context
- African literature and cultures
- Business and Economics in Africa
- Africa and China
- Africa, climate change and sustainable development
- Education and development

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## ⌘ USA

\*Conference on Dress, Popular Culture, and Social Action in Africa\*

Organized as part of the Program for African Studies Sixty Year Anniversary at Northwestern University, March 13-14, 2009 by Professors Karen Tranberg Hansen (Anthropology) and D. Soyini Madison (Performance Studies).

How does dress in particular and popular culture in general constitute and inspire social action? The dressed body readily becomes a flash point of conflicting values, fueling contests in historical encounters, in interactions across class, between genders and generations, and in recent global cultural, and economic exchanges. Popular culture as mass circulations of expressive forms rising from day-to-day discourse and action becomes the real and imagined reflections of the complicity and contestation, the desire and discontent, of power and its machinations. This interdisciplinary conference focuses on the dynamic range of micro and macro social action and how it is generated, sustained, and may culminate into transnational social movements that are enlivened by dress and popular culture. This two-day event will involve established and up-and-coming scholars (with a preference for graduate students) in small panel presentations, visual, and performance events. Abstracts of 250 words are due by December 1, 2008. Please contact conference assistant, Andrea Seligman, with questions or submissions at [AndreaSeligman2012@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:AndreaSeligman2012@u.northwestern.edu) <<mailto:AndreaSeligman2012@u.northwestern.edu>>. \_

## **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](mailto:african.studies@yale.edu)  
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Abstracts should be **300 words**, and should be received by **May 31, 2008**.  
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**Jeffrey Sachs, PhD, Director of Earth Institute at Columbia University; Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University; Special Advisor to Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon**

**Sonia Ehrlich Sachs, MD, MPH, Health Coordinator, Millennium Village Project**

**Harold Varmus, MD, President and Chief Executive, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; Former Director of the NIH; Nobel Prize Recipient**

CALL for Paper: 2009 Africa conference at California State University, Sacramento, April 30-May 2. Please share with others.  
Peace, Ernest Uwazie

California State University, Sacramento The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution & The Pan African Studies Program Present The 18th Annual African/Diaspora Conference Religion, Race & Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora: Creating Peace & Justice Dialogues To be held at California State University, Sacramento, California, USA April 30 May 2, 2009 This conference examines the state of religion, race, and ethnicity in Africa and her diaspora, with a focus on advancing positive models or lessons for peace and justice dialogues--within and amongst groups/institutions, and agencies. Together, we will analyze the prospects for bridging related gaps among Africans in Africa and the diaspora, and identify best practices and models of dialogues for strengthening the capacity for sustainable culture of peace and justice.

We strongly encourage submission of paper proposals that are based on case studies and best practices on domestic and international themes or issues on (mis)beliefs, (mis)conceptualization and responses to religion, race, and ethnicity; and their impact on social relations, national development and reconciliation; what are the roles of politics, democracy, and law herein? Are there successful programs or best practices for creating dialogues, or non violence/post war responses, along the lines of religion, race/ethnicity?

Please include the following in your proposal: name, current position and institutional affiliation, paper title, abstract (75 words maximum), your mailing address, email, phone and fax number.

You will be notified of acceptance by email, plus any publication guidelines. Selected papers will be considered for publication and inclusion in the conference proceedings. We prefer presentations in English; but can accommodate French speakers. Participants are responsible for the conference registration fee of U.S. \$50, plus their travel costs.

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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 from Nigeria for 2008 are:**

**Dr Olukoya Ogen, Department of History, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife**  
**Title of research: ethnic identity and traditional economy of the Ikale people of southeastern Yorubaland**

**Dr David Enweremadu, Department of Political Sciences, University of Ibadan**  
**Title of research: Anti-corruption was and Politics in Nigeria in the Fourth Republic: 1999-2007**

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\*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.

*The closing date for applications is 31 March 2009.*

### **SOAS BURSARIES 2008**

Eight SOAS Bursaries 2007 were awarded in 2007/08.

The SOAS Bursaries 2008 are for students who propose to register full-time for Taught Masters programmes at the School in the academic session 2008/09. The value of the SOAS Bursaries is £8300 per annum (2007/2008 rate). The Bursary does not carry remission of tuition fees. Award-holders must possess a good honours degree from a UK university or equivalent qualification, although not necessarily in a branch of Oriental or African studies. 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.

*The closing date for applications is 3 March 2009.*

### **3. SOAS OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS 2008**

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.

The SOAS Open Scholarships 2008 are for students who propose to register full-time for Taught Masters programmes at the School in the academic session 2008/09. These scholarships are awarded in the form of partial remission of tuition fees. For successful applicants, awards of £4000 will be payable for students liable to pay overseas fees. Awards of £2000 will be payable for students liable to pay UK/EU fees. Award-holders must possess a good honours degree from a UK university or equivalent qualification, although not necessarily in a branch of Oriental or African studies. Candidates in their final year of study for a first degree may apply. A Scholarship may be held concurrently with certain other awards (see below). New awards offered in 2008 are valid only for the 2008/09 academic session.

*The closing date for applications is 3 March 2009.*

### **WILLIAM ROSS SCHOLARSHIP 2008**

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.

*The closing date for applications is 3 March 2009.*

## **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](http://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](mailto: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 5 July 2009.***

### **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.

Nominations should be submitted by the Chair of the Examination Boards for Taught Masters to the Scholarships Officer in the Postgraduate School Prize Nomination form, which was e-mailed to the Chair in October.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year (and possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> year provided there are results available) for students going abroad during their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5 July 2009.*** 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](http://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](mailto:grants@britac.ac.uk)

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

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

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

Next deadline: March 2009

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 2009

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 2009

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 2009

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 2009

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](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html) or contact [overseas@britac.ac.uk](mailto:overseas@britac.ac.uk)

#### **Full Economic Costing**

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

- Research Leave Fellowships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Larger Research Grants

- Visiting Fellowships

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

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

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

Contact: Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217 or email: [grants@britac.ac.uk](mailto:grants@britac.ac.uk)

### **Also from the British Academy:**

#### **(1) Postdoctoral Fellowships**

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

Further details and application forms are available from

[www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.html)

Contact: British Academy Research Posts Department 020 7969 5265

or email [posts@britac.ac.uk](mailto:posts@britac.ac.uk)

#### **(2) Research Development Awards**

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

Further details and application forms are available from

[www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html)

Contact: British Academy Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217

or email [grants@britac.a.cuk](mailto: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 2008**

**Summer Term: 14 March 2009**

For more information and application pack contact: Linda West: [Linda.west@london.ac.uk](mailto:Linda.west@london.ac.uk) or visit [www.london.ac.uk/crf](http://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 March 2009. 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](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities) or contact Ian Farnden, ESRC Research Directorate ([ian.farnden@esrc.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto:african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk)

### **European Grants**

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

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

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

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

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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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century history of Nigeria. His scholarly achievements were matched by the reputation he enjoyed as an exciting and concerned teacher and a delightful, generous colleague and friend.

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

**The closing date for applicants will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.** Potential applicants should use the form on the Society's website, [www.rhs.ac.uk](http://www.rhs.ac.uk).

### **Leverhulme Trust, UK**

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

**1) 100 Research Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2008**

**2) 20 Studentships whose deadline is 8 January 2009**

**3) 15 Study Abroad Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2008**

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:

<b>Research Awards</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>
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:

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/study\\_abroad\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/study_abroad_fellowships/)

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/research\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_fellowships/)

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/emeritus\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/emeritus_fellowships/)

### **COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL AWARDS**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **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 **31<sup>st</sup> May 2009** 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](mailto:ifraibsecretariat@yahoo.fr) or [ifra\\_ibadan@yahoo.fr](mailto: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](mailto:ifraibsecretariat@yahoo.fr) or [ifra\\_ibadan@yahoo.fr](mailto: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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#### **DelPHE Round 4: Call for Applications**

On 8 September 2008, DelPHE launched its fourth call for applications. Between £15,000 and £50,000 per year is available for new partnerships

##### **What is DelPHE?**

The principal aim of DelPHE is to help Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development in their home countries and regions. DelPHE addresses this by supporting partnerships that focus on the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

HEIs in 22 target countries are eligible to lead applications for DelPHE. **HEIs in any country worldwide are eligible to participate as partners.**

DelPHE is supported through £3 million per annum by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). The programme is managed by the British Council and supported by the ACU.

##### **What is the ACU's role?**

The ACU encourages and supports south-south bilateral and multi-lateral collaborations, through providing support to project developers over the course of drafting their proposals and in matching partner interests. If you are considering developing a south-south DelPHE application, please contact the ACU at [delphe@acu.ac.uk](mailto:delphe@acu.ac.uk), and we will be glad to provide you with direct assistance with the application process.

##### **What are the outcomes?**

It is expected that successful projects will live on beyond the period of DelPHE funding and will continue to address MDGs in the home country and region. Partnerships should aim to deliver specific results in the following areas:

- . Joint research studies/publications which may then be fed into wider policy reform
- . Revisions to, or development of, new courses which are relevant to country needs
- . Professional development and staff training
- . Increased practical support for gender parity
- . Improved networking between partner HEIs
- . Improved management and administration within institutions in the focus countries

### **How to apply**

Please visit the ACU website at <http://www.acu.ac.uk/delphe/delphe.html> for more information about how the ACU supports south-south applications, or to learn more about our networking opportunities for university extension workers and community engagement professionals.

Please visit the British Council website at <http://www.britishcouncil.org/delphe> for application forms and guidelines, information on application deadlines, information on focus countries, to access a project search database and a partner finding service, and for other information about past rounds of DelPHE.

### **Contact**

All general enquiries about the scheme can be sent to the British Council at [delphe@britishcouncil.org](mailto:delphe@britishcouncil.org).

All enquiries about the ACU's south-south advisory role can be sent to [delphe@acu.ac.uk](mailto:delphe@acu.ac.uk).

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⌘ MISCELLANEOUS/ARTS
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⌘ **The Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1H**  
[www.soas.ac.uk/gallery](http://www.soas.ac.uk/gallery)

***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**  
**OPEN: Tuesday – Saturday 10.30 – 17.00**  
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**CLOSED: Sunday and Monday**  
**ADMISSION FREE**



⌘ **National Gallery**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BRITISH MUSEUM: BM** [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

• **'Design, Health & Community'** - a temporary display of new bark cloth hangings by Uganda women working with the transnational England-African Project (between university art departments of Northumbria, Makerere and Durban). Room 25, Stairway to Room 25 Sainsbury African Galleries: SAG, until early 200

• **Two fascinating, if contrasting additions to the SAG's permanent display** - (1) a recently restored mid-19<sup>th</sup> c Ethiopian church painting (from Adwa) of the Crucifixion represented during reign of Emperor TEWODROS II; (2) "Knowledge is sweeter than honey" a carved wooden screen by Susan Hefuna, an Egyptian-German artist. Room 25, Introduction and Contemporary Art

• **Gallery talks & Events** - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1.15 Nick Badcott 'Collecting 19<sup>th</sup> Asante Africa: the Asante Experience', Rm 1: Enlightenment Gallery; 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1.15 Elsbeth Court in SAG 'Angaza Afrika: African Art Now' (discussing SAG curator Chris Spring's book of the same title); 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2-8 pm Black History film day, BP Lecture Theatre.

**HORNIMAN MUSEUM/BM tour** [www.horniman.ac.uk](http://www.horniman.ac.uk)

• 'La bouche du roi' by Romauld Hazoumé, Benois artist whose work received the Documenta 12 Prize (2007). 'La bouche..' is a large installation referencing Yoruba art practices, Abolition 200 and contemporary exploitation of labour. 1 Dec 2008 – 1 March 2009. The tour continues to The Herbert in Coventry, 3 April – 31 March 2009.

**INIVA Institute of International Visual Arts** [www.iniva.org](http://www.iniva.org)

• 'The Kingdom of the Blind' by Hew Locke, Guyana-UK artist; solo installation of well-crafted, glitzy power figures which has resonance with museum display. 'Artist's gallery tour' on 2 Oct 08 and other events. Rivington Place EC 2A 3BA, to 20 October 2008.

**LEIGHTON HOUSE** [www.leightonhouse.co.uk](http://www.leightonhouse.co.uk) / [www.roseissa.com](http://www.roseissa.com)

• '*Dakka Marrakesh*' solo exhibition of photographic art works by Hassan Hajjaj, Morocco-UK. Holland Park Rd W14 8LZ, to 5 October 2008.

**ART FIRST** [www.artfirst.co.uk](http://www.artfirst.co.uk).

'The Brilliance of Darkness' solo exhibition by Karel Nel, South African, which includes works from 'Cosmos' series. 9 Cork St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, to 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008.

KINGS' PLACE A new arts venue, York Way, Kings Cross. [www.kingsplace.co.uk](http://www.kingsplace.co.uk)

[www.pangolinlondon.com](http://www.pangolinlondon.com). • 'Rock Music Rock Art' a series of music and art events inspired by the ancient rock gongs of Lolui Island, Lake Victoria, Uganda, 8 -11 Oct 2008, such as 'Art & Change' (8 Oct). Participants include artistes from Uganda.

• Sculpture exhibition 'Rock Music Rock Art' features new works by Peter Randall-Page, 1 Oct – 9 Nov 2008.

**TATE MODERN** [www.tate.org.uk/modern](http://www.tate.org.uk/modern)

• Level 2 Gallery: 'Latifa Echakhch', solo installation by Morocco-France artist (who recently featured in a group exhibition 'Flow' at the Studio Museum Harlem). Bankside, 19 Sept – 23 Nov 2008.

**OCTOBER GALLERY** [www.octobergallery.co.uk](http://www.octobergallery.co.uk)

• 'NNENNA OKORE: New Works'. London solo debut for this emerging Nigerian-Nsukka sculptor. 24 Old Gloucester St, WC 1N 3AL. 16 Oct – 29 Nov 2008.

GHANGZHOU TRIENNIAL, China - 'Farewell to Post-Colonialism'. Film installation by Zarina Bhimji, an Asian African (b Uganda) who was a 2007 Turner Prize finalist, until 16 Nov 2008.

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