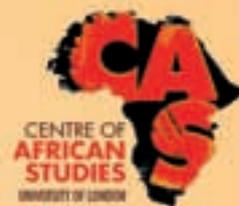


AFRICAN NEWS



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

We are currently planning a double session on issues of Governance and Development

Dates to be confirmed

12.15-2pm, Room 116 at SOAS

By Invitation only

Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email:

cas@soas.ac.uk

NEWS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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 with regards to the Scheme 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

Awarded three Fellowships starting in February 2009 to:

- **Dr Jibrin Ibrahim, Centre for Democracy and Development, Abuja, Nigeria**
- **Dr Callistus Mahama, Department of Land Economy, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana**
- **Dr Towela Nyirenda-Jere, The Polytechnic, Blantyre, Malawi**

Holding the first Residential School on the topic of 'Governance for Development' in Dakar, Senegal, on 30 March-03 April 2009.

EVENTS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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

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

Funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council and hosted by the Centre of African Studies, University of London.

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 confront.

Conference panels:

1. The role and impact of national and regional asylum and immigration policies and controls
2. The experience of refugees ...on route ...
3. The experience of refugees on arrival ...
4. Lawyers, lawyering and immigration litigation
5. The importance of language, culture and gender in asylum appeals
6. The courts, experts and deciding the law
7. Detention and Deportation: The process and experience of detention

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

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

Conference fees:	One day*	Both days
Academics	£40.00	£60.00
Post Graduate students	£17.00	£30.00
NGOs/human rights activists	£25.00	£45.00
Lawyers/barristers**	£100.00	£150.00

*(If you book for one day please specify whether it is for April 17th OR April 18th)

The registration fee includes tea/coffee & biscuits and lunch. There will be a conference dinner on the evening of Thursday April 16 (further information will be announced at the conference and individuals are expected to pay for their own food and drink).

Participants will need to pay for their own expenses including travel, hotel and food.

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)

Meetings organized by the Britain Zimbabwe Society

For further information visit: www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm

Ranka Primorac rankaprimorac@aol.com

Meetings organized by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society

For information about membership contact: Anglo-Ethiopian Society c/o The Secretary, PO Box 55506, London SW7 4YP. Tel 0771 721 0470 E-mail: secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org.

Tuesday 4th November 2008 @ 7:00pm:

Room B102, (Brunei Building, SOAS)

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

Over fifty fascinating tribes currently live in the South West of Ethiopia. Despite the onset of the 21st century many of them still follow customs and rituals centuries old. Gerard encounters tribes like the Mursi, who wear large clay lip plates; the Hamar, whose initiation into adulthood involves jumping over bulls; the Nyangatom, who beautify their bodies by scarring patterns using thorns. Gerard is a keen photographer and his narrative will be complemented by numerous vivid slides of outstanding clarity and composition. The audience will get an intimate and heartfelt visual and verbal insight into the customs, dress, food, landscape and wildlife of one of the last true tribal lands in Africa.

This meeting of the Society are open to non-members.

Meetings organized by the Friends of Mali UK

For general information contact info@friendsofmali-uk.org, website: www.friendsofmali-uk.org/. For up-to-date information on meetings please contact the Secretary of Friends of Mali, Dr Sarah Castle (E-mail: sarahcastle@yahoo.com)

Meetings organized by SudanSSUK

For more information contact: SudanSSUK@aol.com

The Royal African Society meetings in association with CAS

36 Gordon Square, London WC1H Contact: ras_research@soas.ac.uk

www.royalafricansociety.org

AFRICA: THE POLITICS OF SUFFERING AND SMILING by Patrick Chabal

Book launch and panel discussion

Monday 26th January, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS

Speakers: Patrick Chabal (King's College London), Professor John Lonsdale (Cambridge University)

Proposing a radically different way of looking at politics in Africa, leading African studies scholar Patrick Chabal argues that political thinking ought to be driven by the need to address the immediacy of everyday life and death. How do people define who they are? Where do they belong? What do they believe? How do they struggle to survive and improve their lives? What is the impact of illness and poverty? In doing so, Chabal highlights the limitations of existing political theories of Africa and illuminates the ways ordinary people 'suffer and smile'.

In association with CAS and Zed books. RSVP ras_research@soas.ac.uk

SECURING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS IN AFRICA

Thursday 29th January, 5.30pm, Room 116, SOAS

Speakers: Sibongile Ndashe (Lawyer), Birgit Englert (University of Vienna, Elizabeth Daley (Land consultant) Chair: Robin Palmer (formerly Oxfam GB)

Women's land rights are critical to Africa's development. While changing global employment and trade patterns, privatisation and the HIV/AIDS epidemic may have affected women in particular, they are adopting various strategies to secure their land rights at a local level. Discussing the new book, *Women's Land Rights and Privatisation in Eastern Africa*, this seminar will analyse some of these many strategies, and emphasise the need for a positive, engaged and proactive approach to securing women's rights.

In association with CAS. RSVP ras_research@soas.ac.uk

CHINA'S DARFUR RELATIONS

Monday 2nd February, 6pm, Room B111, SOAS

Speaker: Sharath Srinivasan (University of Oxford).

This seminar will consider China's engagement on Darfur with a particular interest in the International Criminal Court. Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

AFRICA: SUSTAINING SUCCESS IN THE FACE OF GLOBAL TURMOIL

Public meeting with newly appointed IMF Africa Director Antoinette Sayeh

Thursday 5th February, 5pm, Committee Room 8, Houses of Parliament

Speaker: Antoinette Sayeh, Director, Africa Department, IMF and former Liberian Finance Minister

The current global financial turmoil presents an unprecedented challenge for African policy makers. In recent years, many African countries have sustained high rates of economic growth and rising income levels. But can this success be sustained in the face of falling commodity prices and reduced availability of financing?

In association with the Africa APPG and the APPG on Debt, Aid and Trade. RSVP: odonoghuea@soas.ac.uk

CHINA'S EXCEPTIONALISM IN AFRICA: THE CHALLENGES OF DELIVERING DIFFERENCE

Tuesday 17th February, 5pm, Room 102, 21-22 Russell Square, SOAS

Speakers: Dr Chris Alden (LSE), Dan Large (Africa Asia Centre)

The visibility and optimism accompanying China's ascendancy in Africa has meant that Beijing faces the challenge of meeting high expectations. These are in part produced by its official discourse that codifies a position of 'Chinese exceptionalism', understood as a modality of engagement that will ensure 'mutual benefit' and 'win-win' outcomes at continental and bilateral levels. This seminar explores this notion and the challenges this gives rise to for Chinese foreign policy in Africa. Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

IT'S OUR TURN TO EAT: THE STORY OF A KENYAN WHISTLEBLOWER by Michela Wrong

Discussion with the author

Monday 23rd February, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS (date tbc)

Out of the dramatic story of one noble but very human Kenyan choosing between his moral conscience and his ethnic loyalties, Michela Wrong deftly paints a damning portrait of Western complicity in an entire continent's losing battle with corruption ~ John le Carré

When John Githongo, Kenya's anticorruption czar, appeared one cold February morning on the doorstep of Michela Wrong's London flat, it was clear something had gone awry in a country regarded until then as one of Africa's few success stories. Probing the cultural and historical factors at the heart of the continent's crisis, Michela Wrong explores questions that have troubled outsiders for decades. What is it about African society that makes corruption so hard to eradicate, so devastating in its impact? Why have African leaders found it so easy to reduce political discussion to the self-serving calculation of which tribe gets to 'eat'? And when will Africans place society's wider interests ahead of their ethnic community's narrow needs? In association with HarperCollins and CAS. RSVP ras_research@soas.ac.uk

THE TENUOUS HOLD OF CHINA IN AFRICA: BEIJING'S PRINCIPAL-AGENT DILEMMA

Tuesday 24th February, 5pm, Room 102, 21-22 Russell Square, SOAS (tbc)

Speaker: Dr James Reilly (Oxford University).

This seminar disaggregates the structure of China's foreign policy in Africa and explores tensions between central state and proliferating Chinese actors. Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

A JUST PEACE OR JUST PEACE? PEACEBUILDING AND RULE OF LAW PROMOTION IN AFRICA by Professor Chandra Lekha Sriram

Book launch and panel discussion

Monday 2nd March, 5pm, Room 116, SOAS

Speakers: Oliver Richmond (University of St. Andrews), Stephen Brown (University of Ottawa), Olga Martin-Ortega and Johanna Herman (University of East London), Sarah

Maguire (independent rule of law expert).

Chair: Professor Chandra Lekha Sriram (Director, Centre on Human Rights in Conflict, UEL)

Rule of law promotion is common in many countries in Africa which are in conflict, or are emerging from it. But how much meaning does this hold for the majority of the populations in conflict-affected societies? The panel will discuss lessons from a British Academy-funded larger grant held by the Centre on Human Rights in Conflict (www.uel.ac.uk/chrc) for a project on rule of law in African countries emerging from violent conflict. Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

CHINESE MEDICAL TEAMS AND A SHORT-LIVED CHINESE MEDICAL PRACTICE ON PEMBA, TANZANIA: ANTHROPOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Tuesday 10th March, SOAS (tbc)

Speaker: Dr Elisabeth Hsu (University of Oxford)

Dr Hsu has conducted ethnographic fieldwork on Chinese medicine in East Africa since 2001. Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

LEARNING AND CHANGE IN CHINA'S AFRICA POLICY: THE CASE OF ANGOLA

Seminar with Ana Cristina Alves

Thursday 19th March, 6pm, Room 116, SOAS

Speaker: Ana Cristina Alves (IS CSP/Technical University of Lisbon).

Ana Alves has conducted extensive fieldwork on China's relations with Lusophone Africa. Hosted by the Africa Asia Centre.

COMING SOON: AFRICAN ARGUMENTS WEBSITE www.africanarguments.org

In partnership with the Social Science Research Council of the United States, the RAS will shortly be launching a website for debate and discussion between experts on the issues raised in the African Arguments book series as well as other vital topics that affect Africa. One of the first topics will be whether foreign aid will help Africa develop.

RAS BRANCH MEETINGS

Bristol Branch: Contact Roger Bailey: roger.b@care4free.net / 01926 886216

Scotland Branch: Contact Professor Kenneth King: kenneth.king@ed.ac.uk / 0131 650 3878

Please check the website www.royalafricansociety.org for events updates. All RAS events are free and open to the public unless otherwise stated.

AFRICA COMMENTARIES continue at www.royalafricansociety.org with Africa experts on the global food crisis

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For events hosted by the Africa Asia Centre, please contact Dan Large:

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

7 January

Jim Brennan, 'Indian Nationalist Print Cultures in Colonial Tanganyika, 1920-1960'

14 January

Silke Stickrodt, 'British Abolition on the Ground in West Africa: the case of John Marmon, 1840s and 1850s'

21 January

Reuben Loffman, 'Space, Power and Resistance in Kongolo, Katanga, 1932-1943'

28 January

David Killingray, 'Getting Into Print: African Writers in Britain, 1772-1945'

4 February

Francesca Locatelli, '*Shiffas* (bandits), borders and decolonisation in Eritrea (ca. late 1930s – 1952)'

11 February

No Seminar (Reading Week)

18 February

Keith Shear, 'Legal Liberalism, Statutory Despotism and State Power in early 20th century South Africa' (to be confirmed)

25 February

Lynne Brydon, 'The Devil Among Ghana's Ewe'

4 March

Izabela Orłowska, to be confirmed

11 March

No Seminar

8 March

Jack Lord, 'Lineages of Child Labour in the Gold Coast'

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

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

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

**At UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL), Gower street, London WC1E 6BT
West Africa Seminar held on Fridays at 4.30pm in Daryll Forde Seminar Room,
UCL Anthropology, 14 Taviton Street.**

- January 16 John Smith [Fellow of UCL]
The Kauru Hills 50 years ago
- January 23 Dr Marina Temudo [IICT Lisbon]
Land use histories in Guinea-Bissau: deconstructing a deforestation narrative
- January 30 Dr David Enweremadu [Leventis Fellow]
Final title to follow
- February 6 Ursula Read [UCL]
Madness and mental illness in Kintampo, Ghana
- February 13 Irene Peanu []
Persons as property? The case of Nigerian sex workers in Italy
- Reading Week
- February 27 Professor John Peel [SOAS]
The dilemmas of Yoruba Islam
- March 6 Dr Ann Cassiman [Leuven]
Home Alone: Generations, migrations and changing expectations in Ghana
- March 13 Adam Higazi [Oxford]
Power, exclusion and conflict in Plateau State, north-central Nigeria
- March 20 Dr Jeggan Senghor [ICS, London]
The State, Non-State Actors and Regional Integration in Africa

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

AIDS Scenarios Workshop. April 22-24, 2009.

This event provides introductory insights and hands-on opportunities for understanding scenarios, learn the essential elements and interact with a range of professional practitioners and a network of

peers.

Scenario building is a tool for cross-disciplinary dialogue enabling identification of critical challenges and constructive policies.

This is a selective workshop aimed at a select number of senior professionals. Discounted registration deadline is January 30, 2009 and final deadline on March 15, 2009. For more information contact info@ScenarioDevelopment.com or visit www.scenariodevelopment.com/AIDSscenarios

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**Programme for the Anthropology of Africa Seminar in the Department of Anthropology at the LSE
Lent Term 2009**

On the Tuesdays indicated, 6-7.30pm, in the Seligman Library, 6th Floor, Old Building, LSE
EXCEPT N.B. THE FIRST SEMINAR ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 6-7.30pm

MONDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 6-7.30pm
Warriors of the Rainbow Nation?
South African rugby after apartheid
Dr Isak Niehaus (Department of Anthropology, Brunel)

TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 6-7.30pm
International Migration, 'Domestic Struggles' and Aspirations for Status Amongst Nurses in the New South Africa
Elizabeth Hull (Department of Anthropology, LSE)

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 6-7.30pm
Users and Producers of African Income:
a measurement perspective
Dr Morten Jerven (Department of Economic History, LSE)

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 6-7.30pm
Ambiguous Pleasures.
Love, sex and negotiating Africanness in Nairobi
Dr Rachel Spronk (Amsterdam School for Social Science Research/ Sociology & Anthropology Department, University of Amsterdam)

TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 6-7.30pm
In the House of the *Mzimu*: Islamization, antiquities,
and the occult in Tanzanian Swahili ruins
Dr Mark Lamont (Department of History, Goldsmiths)

For further information, please contact Maxim Bolt: m.bolt@lse.ac.uk

At INSTITUTE OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES (ICS)
Menzies Room, ICS, 28 Russell Square, London WC1H

Caribbean Seminar Series Spring Term 2009

Convenors:

Mary Turner, Institute of Commonwealth Studies – mary.turner@sas.ac.uk

Kate Quinn, Institute for the study of the Americas – 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.

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| 14th January | John Cowley, ICwS,
'From the 'Paris of the West Indies' to the Antillean Pompeii: St. Pierre, Martinique, at the time of its decimation in 1902'
ICwS |
| 28th January | Rosemarijne Hoefte, KITLV, Leiden,
'Gender, ethnicity, and class in 20th-century Suriname: a case study of Grace Schneiders-Howard'
ICwS |
| 11th February | Peter Fraser,
'C.L.R. James and other Trinidadian Marxists, 1930s-1950s'
ISA |
| 25th February | Tony McFarlane, Warwick University
'Sovereignty, Slavery and Power in the Colonial City: The Slave Conspiracy of Cartagena de Indias in 1693'
ISA |
| 11th March | David Eltis, Emory
Title TBC
ISA |
| 25th March | Peter Hallward, Middlesex AND Paul Sutton, London Metropolitan, debating Peter Hallward's book, <i>Damning the Flood: Haiti, Aristide and the Politics of Containment</i>
ISA |

EVENTS

LONDON

SOAS Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies * SOAS Food Studies Centre * Sussex Centre for Migration Research bring you:

Food and Migration

A two day workshop - 2 & 3rd February 2009

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, University of London
Convenors: Monica Janowski (Sussex) Parvathi Raman (SOAS)

Migration and food are two areas of study which are commanding increasing interest and analysis in contemporary society. Ongoing public and academic debate about the causes and consequences of migration is matched by growing speculation into food related practices and their social, economic and cultural outcomes. Yet the complex, and multidimensional, relationship between food and migration remains both under researched and under theorised. This workshop brings together both national and international scholars across disciplines in order to engage in critical dialogues that aim to further our knowledge of these issues.

Participants include:

- Dr. Anne Kershen (Queen Mary's University of London)
- Professor Janice Thompson (University of Bristol)
- Dr Anne Menely (Trent University, Ontario)
- Dr Krishnendu Ray (New York University)
- Dr. Nefissa Naguib (University of Bergen)
- Dr Caroline Osella (SOAS)
-)• Dr. Filipo Osella (University of Sussex)

Registration:

£20 each person

£15 concessions (proof of student/retired will need to be brought along on the day of the event)

You can pay by cash/credit/debit/cheque

All who wish to attend will need to fill in the attached registration form and submit alongside their payment.

Cheque made payable to SOAS

Please contact Rahima Begum to find out more or book your place:

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British Academy: RALEIGH LECTURE ON HISTORY

The history of romantic love in sub-Saharan Africa: between interest and emotion

Professor Megan Vaughan, FBA

University of Cambridge

Thursday, 26 February 2009

5.30pm - 6.30pm, followed by a drinks reception

The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace,

London, SW1Y 5AH

Free Admittance

The societies of sub-Saharan Africa do not feature prominently in the growing literature on the comparative history of the emotions, and when they do it is often to confirm the fundamental difference between African emotional regimes and those of the 'West'. Though many pre-colonial African societies recognised the existence of powerful feelings of passionate love, most of them did not idealise this emotion. Romantic love was not simply a colonial import, however: love, money and intimacy combined in complex ways in the changing economic and political conditions of twentieth-century Africa. This exploration of the history of romantic love in Africa is also a critical exercise in the history of the emotions.

About the speaker

Megan Vaughan is Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History in the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of King's College. She was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2002. Her research covers the social, economic and cultural history of Africa, including the history of medicine and psychiatry, slavery in the periphery of the Indian Ocean, history and anthropology. One of her latest publications is: *Creating the Creole Island: Slavery in Eighteenth Century Mauritius* (2004).

Raleigh Lecture on History

In 1918 Sir Charles Wakefield, formerly Lord Mayor of London and later Lord Wakefield, offered the Academy a sum to commemorate the tercentenary of Sir Walter Raleigh.

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Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs

10 St James's Square SW1Y 4LE 0207 957 5718

Monday 26 January 2009 13:30 to 14:30

Interpreting Current Trends in South Africa

Michael Spicer, CEO, Business Leadership South Africa.

The speaker will assess the likely medium-to long-term political trends in South Africa, commenting on the run-up to the 2009 general election. He will argue that the ousting of President Thabo Mbeki by a Jacob Zuma-led ANC, and the emergence of a breakaway grouping led by former ANC heavyweights Mbazhima Shilowa and Mosiua Lekota, are good for South African democracy. Michael Spicer is CEO of Business Leadership South Africa- an association of the CEOs and Chairmen of the largest 80 companies in South Africa.

Thursday May 7th 2009

A Major Chatham House Conference
Held in Association with British American Business

What is the Future for Africa's New Emerging Markets?

In recent years, interest in Africa's emerging economies has been growing, from both sovereign and private investors, against a background of financial downturn in the West and global pressure to secure natural resources. Many increasingly dominant global players such as China, India, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and Brazil have been moving fast to secure investments.

The market has continued to grow despite recent global financial turmoil. What are the immediate and long term prospects for investment in Africa's rapidly emerging markets?

Focusing on the fastest emerging economies in Sub-Saharan Africa, including Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Senegal and Angola, this major event will feature leading policy makers, economists and financiers speaking on new and growing opportunities for FDI investment in Africa.

Register via http://www.babinc.org/events/london/lon_05_12_09.html

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DEVELOPMENT FROM DISASTER: SCALING-UP OWNER-DRIVEN RECONSTRUCTION

INVITATION TO CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP 19 & 20 March 2009 at London South Bank University, London, SE1

'Owner Driven' Reconstruction (ODR) is now gaining wide acceptance among governments and some of the largest agencies. It also finds support in the Hyogo Framework of Action, signed by 168 governments and international agencies. With this up-scaling, ODR is encompassing a widening range of approaches to participation and reconstruction, which are designed and applied in a widening range of political, cultural, spatial and economic circumstances. While agencies have fairly wide experience of local-level implementation, and this is supported by a strong body of research, the practical and theoretical implications of up-scaling are yet to be fully understood.

Through comparative analysis of theory and practice in eight national or sub-national programmes, the conference will debate:

(How) can ODR be up-scaled without losing its intrinsic benefits for development? Can up-scaling bring benefits to ODR? In what contexts - political, institutional, cultural, spatial and economic - does a particular scaled-up approach work better than others? And are specific reconstruction

criteria, for example vulnerability reduction, served better than others? In the context of its much wider adoption, what really is intrinsic to ODR?

The conference is a collaboration between the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Practical Action and London South Bank University. It will bring together experienced practitioners, donors and academics working in shelter and/or development to review recent, unpublished research, and contribute to the development of a multi-level toolkit for agencies and of a research and advocacy agenda.

Download the conference FLYER:

<http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/rbdo/external/DevelopmentfromDisasterFlyer09.pdf>

Download the conference BOOKING FORM:

[http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/rbdo/external/DevelopmentfromDisasterbookingform .pdf](http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/rbdo/external/DevelopmentfromDisasterbookingform.pdf)

We hope to see you there.

Michal Lyons, Theo Schilderman and Graham Saunders

At the moment it is unlikely that we will be able to pay for travel and subsistence of first-world participants, but we have kept the costs as modest as possible.

Apologies for cross-posting!

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AFRICAN STUDIES SEMINARS & EVENTS

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

Thursdays 5pm in the Fellows' Dining Room, St Antony's College, except where indicated otherwise.

Week 1.

22 January Nicholas Argenti (Brunel)
Things that don't come by the road: fosterage, folktales and cannibalism in the Cameroon Grassfields

Week 2.

29 January Iain Walker (Oxford)
Foul smells and salty goats: commensality and belonging in the Comoro Islands and elsewhere

Week 3.

5 February David Berliner (Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)
The invention of Bulongic identity
(NB: This seminar will be held in the Dahrendorf Room, St Antony's College)

Week 4.

12 February Aderoju Oyefusi (Cambridge)
Youths and Civil Unrest in Nigeria's Delta Region: The Role of Schooling, Educational Attainment, and Earnings
(NB: This seminar will be held in the Dahrendorf Room, St Antony's College)

Week 5.

19 February Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam)
Witchcraft, Intimacy and Trust - Africa in Comparison

Week 6.

26 February St Cross Annual Lecture
TBC

Week 7.

5 March Bronwen Manby (Open Society Foundation)
Citizenship and statelessness in Africa
(NB: This seminar will be held in the Dahrendorf Room, St Antony's College)

Week 8.

12 March Gabriel Klaeger (SOAS)
Chasing, dodging, lapping: Ghanaian minibus drivers and their tactical moves for money

For further details please contact: Sabrina Souza (sabrina.souza@africa.ox.ac.uk)

University of Oxford

Department of International Development
Department of Politics and International Relations
Faculty of History

History and Politics of Africa

Seminars will be held on Mondays at 5 p.m. in Seminar Room A
at the Department of Politics and International Relations, Manor Road.

- Week 1 19 January
Daniel Large, Africa/ Asia Centre, SOAS & Chris Alden, LSE
Chinese Exceptionalism in Africa & Africa without Europeans
followed by the Oxford launch of *China Returns to Africa* (Hurst/Columbia 2008),
edited by Chris Alden, Daniel Large and Ricardo Soares de Oliveira.
- Week 2 26 26 January
Lindsay Whitfield, Danish Institute of International Studies
State Elites and the 'New Poverty Agenda' in Ghana
- Week 3 2 February
Rotimi Suberu University of Ibadan & Bennington College VT
Federalism and Democracy in Nigeria
- Week 4 9 February
THOMAS HODGKIN LECTURE
John Lonsdale, Trinity College, Cambridge
Nationalism in Colonial Africa: fifty years on
Politics Lecture Theatre
Oxford Research Network on Government in Africa – OReNGA.
The lecture will be followed by a reception to which all are welcome.
- Week 5 23 February
Alastair Fraser/Merton College/ Department of Politics & IR
The Political Economy of Mining in Zambia
- Week 6 16 February
Johanna Svanikier, St Peter's College/ Department of Politics & IR
Elections in Ghana 2008
- Week 7 2 March
Dennis Tull, Stiftung Wissenschaft-und-Politik, Berlin
Troubled State-Building in the DR Congo: The Challenge from the Margins.
- Week 8 9 March
Justin Pearce St Antony's College/ Department of Politics & IR
Local power relationships and questions of political identity during the Angolan civil
war (1992-2002)

AFRICAN STUDIES LECTURES & RESEARCH SEMINARS

Held at THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR MISSION STUDIES

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

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

10.2.09 Prof. Elizabeth Tonkin (Emeritus Professor, Queen's University, Belfast)
'Thinking, Creating, Communicating: The work of imagination'

17.2.09 Prof. David Maxwell (Professor of African History, Keele University)
'Photography and the Missionary Encounter:
W.F.P Burton and the Luba Katanga in Colonial Belgian Congo'

28.4.09 Dr Ben Knighton (PhD Stage Leader, OCMS)
'Oathing and Conscience in Independent Kenya: 1969 and 2009'

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

4.2.09 Reginald Nalugala
'The Development Theory and Missed Opportunities for Kenya's Development'

11.2.09 Clayton Peel
'Translating Primary Material into Analytical Reflection: Zimbabwe diaspora'

25.2.09 George Kalu
'Environmental Unsustainability in the Niger Delta Region: The church's task?'

18.6.09 Michael Jemphrey
'Ethical Problems Surrounding Supyire Levirate'

11.3.09 Oscar Osindo
'Pre- and Post-Islamic History, Teachings, and Practices of the Hunafa Somali'

25.3.09 Martin Allaby
'Economic Inequality and Religious Adherence in Lower Income Countries'

Please refer to the OCMS website for updating, and for context in Eastern Europe, Asia, or Latin America. OCMS lectures and seminars run around the year apart from Christmas. Contact: Ben Knighton, Ph.D Programme Leader, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, St. Philip's & St. James' Church, Woodstock Road, PO Box 70, Oxford, OX2 6HB BKnighton@ocms.ac.uk Tel. +44 01865 556 071 X207 Fax +44 01865 517722 Visit our Website <http://www.ocms.ac.uk> to check details

Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge

Research Seminar Series, Lent 2009

Rethinking Poverty in Africa

Monday at 5.00pm in The Mond Building Seminar Room, Free School Lane, Cambridge, CB2 3RF (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 3 February at 5.15 pm

Dr Stephen Devereux (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex) "Social Protection in Africa: Evidence-based or Rights-based?"

** to be held in the Seminar Room, SPS **

9 February

Dr Fidelis Kanyongolo (University of Malawi) "Between Norm and Reality: Law and the Perpetuation of Poverty in Malawi"

23 February

Dr Rhiannon Stephens (Institute of Historical Research, London and Northwestern University) "Motherhood as a Path out of Poverty in Precolonial Uganda"

2 March

Dr Harri Englund (University of Cambridge) "Inequality Is Old News: Scandals of Poverty on Malawi's Public Radio"

9 March

Professor Maia Green (University of Manchester) "The Social Organisation of Extreme Poverty"

Monday 16 March

Professor James Ferguson (University of Stanford) "Declarations of Dependence: Labour, Personhood, and Welfare in South Africa"

** to be held in the Seminar Room, Social Anthropology **

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Leeds University Centre for African Studies

Spring Seminars 2009

Wednesdays at 2pm, LUCAS Room, 11.13, Social Sciences Building, 2-4pm

For more information contact: african-studies@leeds.ac.uk

Oxford University's Centre for the Environment and UCL's Department of Anthropology: Joint workshop on conservation and sustainable livelihoods

24th February 2009, Oxford University Centre for the Environment

Summary: This half-day workshop asks what commonalities are emerging from research exploring the social and livelihood impacts of conservation initiatives. In turn, it looks to contribute to debate surrounding the support and creation of sustainable livelihoods through conservation initiatives.

Theme: The conservation-poverty debate continues unabated (for a review see Roe, 2008). Arising early in the 70's, the discussion surrounding the social and livelihood impacts of protected areas and associated conservation initiatives is, to date, un-resolved. With over 11% of the terrestrial land surface protected, conservation efforts are increasingly focusing on efforts in the matrix between protected areas, expanding the influence of environmental conservation regulations beyond protected area boundaries. The social impacts of these issues are not only important for moral reasons, but practically as conservationists increasingly engage in collaborations with communities.

A wide variety of theoretical and methodological approaches have been mobilized by researchers interested in studying the links between conservation and livelihoods. These include, among others; studies in the field of political ecology, livelihood studies involving household surveys, anthropological studies, and more recently, empirically-based global analyses using infant mortality as a proxy for poverty (Redford et al. 2008). Inherent to the analysis of conservation's social impacts is the geographical variation between sites where biodiversity conservation activities occur - a plethora of not only ecological spaces, but of varying social, political and economic contexts. Conservation in itself- a diversity of projects and processes - is a multifaceted concept, as is poverty (Walpole & Wilder, 2008). This leads to complex and contrasting linkages between these sites and the belief that each site must be taken case by case, and that generalities may not exist (Fisher et al. 2005).

What then, from among this metaphorical haystack, are the common findings of social scientists? Can any cross-site generalities be made? For example –

- Do conservation initiatives always contribute to food security and reduce household vulnerability by ensuring sustainable resource use?
- Do households who are more reliant on natural resources always support more of the costs of conservation regulations, and if so can conservation therefore entrench poverty?
- What other social impacts, along the axes of gender, ethnicity, and age (among others), are common to all these projects?
- Are existing social and power relations always re-enforced?
- Is it regulations regarding access to resources or the actual processes by which the regulations are implemented that are most important in determining social outcomes?

Finally, if commonalities do exist, how can this contribute to the debate on how conservation can support livelihoods? Through a series of presentations – both by keynote academics and current OUCE and UCL PhD students – this workshop will endeavor to present current research on conservation-livelihood linkages, discuss how we can benefit from the variety of approaches which exist, and comment on any commonalities emerging from within this research field.

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African Studies Association of the United Kingdom

Journal Writing Workshop

In association with the International African Institute, the British Academy Africa panel, and the journals *Africa*, *African Affairs*, and the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, the ASUK is planning a writing workshop to assist young scholars to prepare material for publication in international journals.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday 14th March 2009, from 10.30-6.30 at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. ASUK will support travel within the UK for up to 10 participants. Applicants should contact David Kerr d.kerr@bham.ac.uk with an abstract, and an indication of travel expenses, by 17th January 2009. Those papers or chapters selected for the workshop should be ready for circulation by the end of February. Participants should try to get them into a form suitable for submission to a journal (about 8,000 words and with footnotes).

The ASUK Council, working through its Research Committee, is committed to enhancing academic links between British and African institutions, and to increasing representation in British journals of work by scholars based in Africa. It is also committed to creating opportunities for young scholars of all backgrounds to publish their material. The workshop will be designed to achieve these goals. We are particularly interested in applications from those doing doctoral degrees and those who have recently completed.

In the initial session, representatives from the Journals will discuss their priorities and the publication process in general. In three further sessions, students or post-docs will have the opportunity to present papers to a journal editor and small audience, and to work through comments and possible improvements. Papers will be pre-circulated. There will be follow-up workshops involving other journals.

"DAMBUDZO MARECHERA: A CELEBRATION", FACULTY OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, May 15-17, 2009

Oxford University is pleased to announce "Dambudzo Marechera: A Celebration", a 3-day interdisciplinary symposium aimed to analyze the legacy of this important African modernist and former Oxford student. In encouraging both scholarly and creative approaches to Marechera's writing, such as theatre, film, or the fine arts, the symposium seeks to draw a wide variety of responses to an author widely regarded as one of the most innovative African writers of the 20th century.

Confirmed speakers include Ben Okri, Caryl Phillips, Helon Habila, James Currey, and Flora Veit-Wild (Humboldt University, Berlin).

More information at: www.marecheracelebration.org

Please send abstracts of up to 300 words for 15-20 minute presentations to dobrota.pucherova@trinity.ox.ac.uk by January 15, 2009.

Proposals for art projects are still being accepted - please contact dobrota.pucherova@trinity.ox.ac.uk

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 new 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

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".
<http://www.bigsas.uni-bayreuth.de>

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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@africanmuseum.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 Motengea Mangulu (Université pédagogique nationale, Kinshasa, RD Congo)
- Jan Rijkhoff (Aarhus Universitet, Denmark)

Further details (in English and French):

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

AEGIS 3rd European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 3)

Leipzig, 4 to 7 June 2009

The 3rd European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) 2009 will be held from 4-7 June 2009 in Leipzig, Germany. The theme of the conference is "Respacing Africa".

The call for panels for this conference is now closed and a list of the approved panels and a short description can be found on the ECAS website (<http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~ecas2009/approved->

panels).

You are now invited to submit paper proposals for presentation on these panels. Please submit a document with your abstract (maximum 400 words) via <http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~ecas2009/>. To be able to submit you have to register as an official website user. After confirmation of your registration you can upload a <.doc> or <.pdf> file to the panel you would like to participate in. Please read instructions for uploading first (<http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~ecas2009/approvedpanels>).

Paper proposals which do not fit into one of the approved panels will not be considered. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 31 December 2008. All paper proposals will be reviewed in January 2009 and those who have submitted abstracts will be notified as to whether their paper has been accepted or not in February 2009.

For questions concerning a proposed paper, please contact the panel organiser directly. For general questions concerning paper proposals, please contact the Organising Committee of ECAS 3 at: conference@aegis-eu.org.

Each panel session will last two hours and will accommodate four papers. If a panel attracts more than four sound and relevant paper proposals, the panel convenor may consider organising additional sessions and, in this case, consult with the Organising Committee accordingly.

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

Africa, Europe, and the Americas, 1500–1700: A Two-Week Workshop

Accra, Ghana
12–26 July 2009

The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the International Institute for the Advanced Study of Cultures, Institutions, and Economic Enterprise in Accra, Ghana, invite applications to participate in a two-week workshop, to be held 12–26 July 2009 in Accra, Ghana. The purpose of the workshop is to expand and deepen the connections among scholars from sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, and the Americas begun at the Omohundro Institute conference, "The bloody Writing is for ever torn": Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade, that took place in August 2007, at Accra and Elmina. Applicants to the 2009 workshop may be advanced graduate students or faculty working on any aspect of the theme "Africa, Europe, and the Americas, 1500–1700." Spaces have been reserved for twelve scholars based in sub-Saharan Africa and eight located in other parts of the world.

For additional information and to apply, please visit
http://oieahc.wm.edu/conferences/african_seminar/

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Contemporary India-East Africa relations: shifting terrains of engagement

27- 28 April 2009

The British Institute in Eastern Africa
Laikipia Road, Kileleshwa, Nairobi, Kenya

This conference forms part of a collaborative project between the British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) and the British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS). Compared to the rapidly proliferating work on China in Africa, India, the other great 'Asian Driver', has been rather neglected in academic and policy circles. This event will bring together a series of papers on India's changing relations with one region of sub-Saharan Africa. Many parts of East Africa have a long South Asian diasporic heritage, yet India's engagement with the region has moved beyond these historic links in recent years. As India increasingly challenges existing architectures of economic and geopolitical power, Africa has become an important and interesting arena for Indian ambitions. The influx of Indian aid, capital and personnel, moreover, has potentially profound developmental consequences for the plethora of East African nations, as well as for their South Asian diasporic communities.

We invite papers on all aspects of contemporary India-East Africa relations. Topics of particular

(but not exclusive) interest are:

- Geo-political engagements
- Development aid
- Foreign Direct Investment
- Trade
- Civil society interactions
- 'Good governance' and human rights discourses
- Diasporic issues
- Cultural interactions
- Peacekeeping and military encounters
- Reactions to Indian engagement amongst different African actors

Scholars from African and South Asian nations are particularly encouraged to attend. Modest funds are available for some travel expenses and accommodation to this end.

Abstracts for papers (approximately 300 words in length) and any enquiries should reach Dr Gerard McCann, Department of Geography, Downing Place, University of Cambridge, CB2 3EN or gm246@cam.ac.uk by 30 JANUARY 2009. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be forthcoming by 13 FEBRUARY 2009.

We intend to edit a collection of papers for a special issue of an academic journal [TBC] following the conference. Articles will be subject to independent peer review. Please indicate if you would be interested in submitting your paper for publication.

Emma Mawdsley & Gerard McCann, University of Cambridge

THE PUBLICS OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

On politics, ethos, and economy of 21st century African Bioscience

KILIFI, KENYA: 7th-11th DECEMBER 2009

This conference will reflect on the diverse and changing notions of 'the public', in relation to the production of medical knowledge and health in contemporary Africa. We hope that an improved understanding of this basic social and political concept will help strengthen the connection between public health and social progress and confront the power imbalances in global medical research and health care delivery. Extending conversations begun at a previous conference in Kilifi on the ethnography, history and ethics of 'clinical trial communities', this forum will consider the other spaces in which medical knowledge is debated, negotiated and put to use.

Underlying this conference is the observation that the relationship between medical science and the public – in terms of ideas and intentions, as well as institutional realities – has changed in recent decades, along with changes in government and health. This is especially true in Africa. At around the time of independence, public institutions like universities and ministries produced scientific knowledge largely with public funding. The assumption was that the public would participate in this research as a civic duty, and benefit from its findings through the workings of a nation state that, in principle, represented the public, and that extended welfare policies to its citizenry. There was therefore a widely shared ideal of science and government working hand in hand, with inputs from citizens, to produce a healthy society. In this situation 'public health' was an integral project of nation-building.

Over the past few decades, this ideal vision of public health has been affected by alterations of all three constitutive elements – science, government and health. Science is increasingly led by global organisations relying on advanced technology and intensive funding; it tends to be at least partly privately funded by charities and the pharmaceutical industry, and its practices have become modeled upon those of ‘clinical trials’; most governments have suffered dramatically decreased funding for health systems and for national scientific institutions and universities; and health and bodies have changed as HIV, violence and other emergencies have become more important in African people’s experience and in global political priorities.

The consequence of these changes is that the public takes on new spatial, material, and temporal dimensions. It retains its’ association with notions of ‘population’, ‘citizenry’ and ‘society’, but the state no longer provides the obvious frame of scientific production, discussion and policy. The public now includes a diverse range of publics operating at communal and international scales, respectively smaller and much larger than the nation.

Call for papers

We believe that analytical attention is needed on the changing notion of the public, and the implications this has for global public policy, medical research practice, and international protocols of medical and scientific public accountability. We call for innovative papers to contribute to this discussion. We are hoping for a diverse range of papers - empirical reports, theoretical arguments, historical accounts or critical studies of policy – based on diverse theoretical frames and from different disciplinary backgrounds. There will be a shared concern with the links between individuals, society, states and health. Examples of potential topics include:

- The changing nature of health systems, epidemiologies or interventions;
- The effects of (economic and political) liberalisation on scientific research and public health;
- Past and present roles of public academic and scientific institutions, and their collaborations;
- New and old forms of expertise, learning and (de)professionalisation;
- Roles of private industry, charity and other non-governmental interests;
- Rationales underpinning new ways of engaging with ‘publics’ in science or health delivery (e.g. media, community participation);
- Shifting interactions between international, national and local forms of knowledge and institutions in addressing health issues;
- Issues of trust in relation to health services;
- Concerns with authority – scientific and political – and its standards;
- Reports and proposals concerning efforts to promote a globally democratic science.

Please send us your 3-400 word abstracts, a description of your work, a CV, and an indication of what kind of material support you would require. We will make an effort to provide some support to suitable applicants whose institutions lack means, and would therefore be most grateful if those in better resourced institutions would fund their own participation, or apply for external support.

Organised by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Department of History, University of Nairobi and KEMRI/Wellcome Trust Programme; in collaboration with The ESRC STEPS Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; African Studies Centre, Cambridge University, and British Institute in Eastern Africa (Nairobi). Core funding provided by the Wellcome Trust.

Please send inquiries and applications before 1.2. 2009 to: Linda.Amarfio@lshtm.ac.uk

THE KUMASI SYMPOSIUM: Tapping Local Resources for Sustainable Education Through Art

Department of General Art Studies, College of Arts and Social Sciences,
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana
July 31-August 14, 2009

A call is made for contributions addressing one or more of the symposium strands and topics: Art Education Practice, Studio Practice, Curatorial/Museum/Community Arts Practice, Art History/Criticism, Arts Administration/Management/Marketing Practice, and Open Session. The symposium entails plenary sessions and support activities such as demonstrations/workshops, exhibitions, and site-specific tours of local national resources. Expression of interest and proposals for Plenary Sessions and Exhibitions/Practical Workshops will be reviewed until January 17, 2009. We expect about 200 participants from around the world. The working language of the conference will be English. Applications for individual paper presentation and participation will be reviewed until the space is filled. All abstracts and brief biographies should be submitted to africoae@gmail.com. More at <http://afropoets.tripod.com/eta>

USA

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Public Scholars in African American and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) cordially invite scholars to submit paper proposals for the 1st Annual 2009 Public Scholars in African American and African Diaspora Studies Conference. Our theme for the conference is

“Rethinking Economic Development in the Context of Globalization.”

Venue & Date

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

University Place Hotel Conference Center

October 8-10, 2009

The Problem to be addressed at the Conference

In the last few decades, the world community has witnessed a tremendous intensification of globalization processes and its attendant impacts on the political, economic, social, and cultural realms of society. There has been an economic restructuring of many world economies such as the United States and countries of the North from a previous over reliance on manufacturing and agriculture as the cornerstone for their development to become economies that are now characterized by a proliferation of service related enterprises. Moreover, the economic gap between countries of the North and the South has widened considerably, even as new upcoming economic superpowers such as China and India are now playing more important roles in the economic arena. These effects are expected to intensify in the coming years as a result of increasing international trade, the increase in the outsourcing of jobs from the North to the South, technological advances, global warming, and the widening digital divide.

It is therefore entirely appropriate at this juncture of our global history to rethink and reconceptualize economic development at the local, national, and international levels of analysis.

The main objectives of the conference are to:

Assess the multifaceted impacts that globalization has had on various countries of the World

- Interrogate both the theoretical and empirical aspects of entrepreneurship and economic development in the 21st century in the context of globalization.
- Present case studies of particular regions and countries that demonstrate creative and successful indigenous-based models of economic development.
- Present public policy recommendations and examples of best practices in entrepreneurship and economic development that can be replicated world-wide to enhance economic growth and self-sufficiency.

To ascertain these objectives, the conference will be interdisciplinary in nature and we invite participants from the fields of economics, history, sociology, business administration, entrepreneurship, political science, women's studies, Black Studies, urban policy and urban planning, law, medicine, public policy, technology, geography, as well as area studies scholars to discuss these issues in particular regional and geographical contexts. Graduate and undergraduate students will also be invited to participate on roundtables during the conference to discuss the topics as well. A number of individuals will also be utilized to chair the panels and also serve as discussants. On one hand, we are looking for papers that are theoretical in nature. On the other hand, we seek papers that are grounded in the current reality of particular countries of the world. All authors should link their discussions to the phenomenon of globalization which has exerted both positive and negative consequences. Papers will be assigned to particular panels based on common themes that bind them together. Several internationally renowned scholars will make

keynote speeches on the major theme articulated in this proposal.

Audience for the Conference

The audience for the conference will include international scholars from various parts of the world. University professors, administrators and students from various countries of the world will be welcome. The conference will also be of great interest to politicians, urban planners, economic development practitioners, community development organizations, financial lending institutions, and members of the public at large.

Dissemination of Scholarship

Selected papers from the conference will be published in the form of an edited book.

The conference will also be taped and aired on public access television.

Possible paper topics may include the following and should be organized according to the following themes:

1. Assessing the Impact of Globalization
2. Rethinking Economic Development in the context of globalization.
3. General themes in economic development
4. Urban and Rural Revitalization Schemes
5. Specific Country Case Studies on Economic Development
6. The Impacts of Globalization on Restructuring Economic growth

Deadline

The deadline for the submission of paper topics is March 31, 2009. All proposals must include a paper title, an abstract of about 250 words, the names, addresses, phone numbers, and the email addresses and affiliations of the authors. Paper presenters will need to pay a registration fee of \$100.00. Presenters will also be responsible for their airfare and hotel accommodations.

Send all abstracts, registration fees, and relevant materials to Conference Convener:

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

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

The conference will investigate some of the developments in the performing and visual arts in Africa, with special focus on choice and forms of language used. We will ask how African languages have changed in this new environment and look at some of the reworking of oral tradition, at works influenced by time spent outside Africa, and at new worldwide markets for products of popular African culture composed in African languages and argots.

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

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

Send abstracts via Email (preferred) to african.studies@yale.edu or via Fax to: 203-432-5963. Abstracts should be 300 words, and should be received by May 31, 2008. For information call African Studies 203-432-3436.

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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

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Peace, Ernest Uwazie

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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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Please email/fax/mail your proposal to:

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India and North Africa: In the Age of Globalisation

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International participants will be provided free local hospitality. Domestic participants and ASA Members may approach us for financial support as per UGC rules. Kindly confirm your participation by writing to us soon.

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India and North Africa under Globalisation

Despite the geographical separation by desert and sea, India and North African states have had very close ties since ages. In the ancient period the famous traveler from Morocco Ibn Batuta came to India and wrote about his Indian experiences. The cultural and literary influence of countries like Egypt on Indian scholars is well known and continues even today. During colonial period India supported various liberation movements in North African states. India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru was ardent supporter of decolonization in Africa and sided with struggle for freedom in the region. In post independence phase, both India and North Africa stood for decolonization, anti-racialism, democracy and Non-Alignment. India and Egypt were founding members of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). Globally both sides supported global peace, disarmament, and sustainable development.

In the 21st century both India and Maghreb countries are looking beyond anti-colonial and anti-apartheid struggle. Co operations in the fields of trade, energy and agriculture have been already prioritized. The current cooperation is being built on the principles of partnership to share the fruits of each other's development and resources in all fields. With fast growing economy and as an emerging major economic power, India has become an attractive partner for economic engagement for outside world. Similarly the French initiatives to launch a Mediterranean Community and bring North Africa in close interaction with the European Union also throw new opportunity for countries like India. On restructuring of UN, war against terror and Climate Changes both sides work together.

From sectoral perspective the foremost areas where two sides can cooperate is the energy security area. Africa's possession of vast quantities of energy and natural resources has been a great attraction for foreign powers. The Nile region has emerged as one of the major producers

of hydrocarbons. India has successful collaboration in Sudan in this sector. But is Indian engagement with these countries helping them in their respective priority areas? Are these priorities people centered or regime centered? Is Indian engagement with the region in anyway different from other Asian countries like China? In gaining access to resources from Africa, India should strike a careful balance between its needs and Africa's own development priorities and environmental concerns.

Most recently, through projects such as Pan African e-network India is demonstrating its willingness to share its progress in the knowledge sector and in helping to bridge the digital divide in Africa. Trade between India and North African countries has been constantly rising. Indian exports to these countries are railway rolling stocks, iron, pharmaceutical, machinery etc. The main import item to India from this region is oil, petroleum products and other primary commodities. Almost all Maghreb countries have favourable trade balance with India. But is India emerging as supplier of value added products and importer of raw materials? How is this cooperation different from North Africa Relations with developed countries? These are some of the larger questions that seminar would like to address.

Keeping these issues in mind the seminar will focus on the following sub-themes:

- India and North Africa : Historical Ties
- India and North Africa : Strategic and Economic Cooperation
- India and North Africa : Literature, Culture and Diaspora
- India and North Africa : Opportunity and Challenges under Globalisation

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• **Pambazuka News** is the authoritative pan African electronic weekly newsletter and platform for social justice in Africa providing cutting edge commentary and in-depth analysis on politics and current affairs, development, human rights, refugees, gender issues and culture in Africa.

To view online, go to <http://www.pambazuka.org/>

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

www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst

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

www.theafricareport.com

• **SOUTHSCAN**, now in its 22nd year, is a print and online service producing bi-weekly and monthly periodicals focusing on Southern and Central Africa. We are an authoritative source on our region; our analysts and correspondents present impartial reports on current economic, political and security issues from key African centres and from Brussels, London and Washington.

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http://southscan.gn.apc.org/briefings/scan_briefing2203.html

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• **Postamble** is a postgraduate journal of the Faculty of Humanities located in the Centre for African Studies and published bi-annually online. Postamble is committed to featuring original post graduate student work of a high academic standard which is of value to the promotion of multi-disciplinary study of Africa within the university environment. Submissions cover a wide range of humanities, arts and social sciences topics involving the study of Africa. This online publication allows for the exploration of alternative forms of research presentation that may include creative writing, visual essays, the use of

digital film and sound, digital photography favouring works of an academic nature.

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

For more information on submissions, online subscriptions and future issues email:

amble@humanities.uct.ac.za

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

• **South African Journal of International Affairs**

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

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

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

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

We also wish to announce the following important news:

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

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

RELAUNCH of African Journal of Political Science

Editor: Adenkule Amuwo (kunle10995@yahoo.com)

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

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

• **International African Institute**

<http://www.eupjournals.com/journal/afr>

Journal: Africa develops local African intellectuals strand - online access

Africa, journal of the International African Institute (www.internationalafricaninstitute.org), is delighted to announce a new thematic strand highlighting the work of local African thinkers and writers, especially those who are not part of mainstream academic or political life and whose work is often unpublished, or published in obscure or ephemeral outlets.

We are pleased to offer online access to the full content of both *Africa and Africa Bibliography*, the leading and most comprehensive bibliographic tool in African studies, also from the International African Institute, at www.eupjournals.com/afr until the end of February. Articles in the first issue in the African intellectuals strand (Africa 78.3) will be available freely online until the end of 2009.

Africa 78.3 launches the new African intellectuals strand with articles based around life-history interviews with Ghanaian development workers and with elderly Tanzanian villagers, and extracts from the war-time memoirs of a Gold Coast clerk, J.G.Mullen. The complete text of Mullen's early 20th century memoir, extracted from the Gold Coast Leader and edited by Stephanie Newell, is available as "supplementary material" in the online version of the journal.

Teachers, clerks, clergy, businessmen, town councillors and a host of others have engaged for over a century in the production of knowledge about African culture, producing an array of work, from local histories and philosophy, to memoirs and poetry, in English and African languages. This fascinating seam of local intellectual production is becoming an increasing focus of attention by historians, anthropologists and literary scholars. But much of it falls quickly into obscurity or remains inaccessible to scholars outside the immediate context of production.

The practice of publishing, on-line, a range of complete texts of otherwise inaccessible local documents will continue in future issues. Texts can be recent or historic, print or manuscript, oral or written, and will always be accompanied by a scholarly essay to contextualise them.

Africa Editor, Karin Barber's editorial on the African local intellectuals strand and the editorial direction of *Africa* can also be viewed freely online at www.eupjournals.com/afr.

Africa remains the main UK-based, international journal publishing on the whole of Africa, and in all disciplines of the humanities, social sciences and environmental sciences, while retaining its historic core orientation to ethnographically rich, historically informed knowledge of life on the ground in Africa.

African Arguments

Series editors: Richard Dowden and Alex de Waal

Published in association with the International African Institute, Social Science Research Council and the Royal African Society by Zed Books, *African Arguments* is a series of short books about contemporary Africa and the critical issues and debates surrounding the continent aimed at student and general readers.

Darfur: a new history of a long war

Julie Flint and Alex de Waal

Written by two authors with unparalleled first-hand experience of Darfur, who provide an authoritative and compelling account of contemporary Africa's most controversial conflict.

'...among the best works available on the current Darfur crisis. For a blow by blow account of developments, there is none better.' – **Mahmood Mamdani**

May 2008

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Britain in Africa

Tom Porteous

Why has Africa become such an important priority for Britain's foreign policy under New Labour? What interests and values is the UK seeking to uphold by intervening? Why has aid to Africa more than tripled over the past decade? What about the 'war on terror'?

Tom Porteous, a journalist with much Africa experience and currently the London director of Human Rights Watch, seeks to answer these and other questions about Britain's role in Africa since 1997. He provides an account of the key players, the policies constructed in the shadows of the war in Iraq, and sets out the future prospects for Britain's engagement with the continent.

'...the most helpful and illuminating book on a Western country's foreign policy in Africa for a very long time. Porteous takes us behind the scenes into the policy world itself. Rarely have such intricacies been conveyed so compellingly.' – **Jane Guyer, Johns Hopkins University**

April 2008

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For information about other titles in the *African Arguments* series, see

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For further information about this series, and other publishing initiatives of the International African Institute, contact:

Stephanie Kitchen, Chair, Publications Committee

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www.internationalafricaninstitute.org

sk111@soas.ac.uk

Latest News from Zed Books - January 2009

Zed won the Women in Publishing Pandora Award 2008!

The Pandora Award: For a significant and valuable contribution to publishing

The Pandora Award has been presented since 1981 to an individual or organization for promoting

positive images of women in publishing, bookselling and related trades.

Winners in past years have been women who have made important literature and studies more widely available, taken leading roles in publishing in countries where that is difficult for women, or set up apprenticeships for women wanting to get into publishing. They have put their issues onto the mainstream agenda and the publishing industry has benefited from re-assessing its output and reflecting the lives and perspectives of today's society.

RECENTLY RELEASED TITLES

Soil Not Oil
Climate Change, Peak Oil and Food Insecurity
Vandana Shiva

'One of the world's most prominent radical scientists' - The Guardian

'Shiva has devoted her life to fighting for the rights of ordinary people in India. Her fierce intellect and her disarmingly friendly, accessible manner have made her a valuable advocate for people all over the developing world.' - Ms Magazine

'The South's best known environmentalist.' - New Internationalist

'Shiva is a burst of creative energy, an intellectual power.' - The Progressive

www.zedbooks.co.uk/soil_not_oil

Pluralist Economics
Edward Fullbrook

"Edward Fullbrook's exceptional volume aims to challenge and counter the cavalier way mainstream economists dismiss theories and perspectives other than their own as "nonscience". Pluralism is long overdue in economics, and this is the best single introduction to what it means for the way we think about and use economics in the real world.' - David F. Ruccio, University of Notre Dame

'Edward Fullbrook has done it again, with an excellent and timely collection on an especially pertinent topic. This is an exceptionally insightful and thought-provoking book featuring work from significant contributors to modern heterodox economics' - Tony Lawson, University of Cambridge

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Development and the African Diaspora
Place and the Politics of Home
Claire Mercer, Ben Page & Martin Evans

'This engaging and well-written book offers a richly empirical analysis of the roles of diaspora associations in development back home. Ultimately, the book requires us to rethink many assumptions about the migration-development nexus for Africa, recentering the discussion on nuances, context, heterogeneity, and the everyday lives of people who make these long journeys' - Garth Myers, Kansas University

'This is a timely addition to ongoing discourse on the structure and diverse character of African home

associations. The authors' incisive participatory research has convinced them that despite their limitations, these associations offer transformative possibilities. Policy makers, researchers, students, development partners and relevant stakeholders will find the book very informative' - Aderanti Adepoju, Coordinator, Network of Migration Research on Africa
www.zedbooks.co.uk/development_and_the_african_diaspora

Social Justice and Neoliberalism

Global Perspectives

Edited by Adrian Smith, Alison Stenning and Katie Willis

'Social justice and neoliberalism is a refreshing alternative to the "global steamroller" view of the free-market revolution. Punchy and prescient, this superb collection of essays does a great job of putting neoliberalism in its place-both theoretically and politically.' - Jamie Peck, co-editor of *Contesting neoliberalism: urban frontiers*. Canada Research Chair in Urban & Regional Political Economy, University of British Columbia

'This excellent book focuses on the everyday spaces of neoliberalism. Richly theorised case studies from eight very different countries examine how processes associated with marketisation are differentially experienced and contested. Not only does this book provide new evidence of the relationship between neoliberalism and economic marginalisation, it also identifies the importance of new identities and forms of governance, and explores the implications for social justice. It is an impressive contribution to the literature on neoliberalism that should be read by critical scholars and all those interested in the changing lives of real people.' - Wendy Larner, Professor of Human Geography and Sociology, University of Bristol

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Relocation Failures in Sri Lanka

A Short History of Internal Displacement and Resettlement

Robert Muggah

'This book [analyzing the consequences and amelioration] of the several kinds of 'internal displacement' is a welcome addition to the literature. There are instructive similarities, but also important differences, among forced resettlement as a result of development projects, armed conflict, or natural disasters. [It is a sad commentary on our times that development studies is having to extend its scope to the restoration of governance capabilities, economic productivity and social relationships, rather than just figuring out how to advance each of these dimensions [of national existence] to more satisfactory levels.] Muggah brings insightful social science analysis to this subject, plus an incisive historical perspective. His choice of Sri Lanka as a case study is [, sadly for that country,] very apt, since this country offers relevant examples of all three kinds of internal displacement for us to learn from.' - Norman Uphoff, Cornell University

www.zedbooks.co.uk/relocation_failures_in_sri_lanka

Zed Events

Launch for Alice Hills' 'Policing Post Conflict Cities'

Organised in association with The Department of Criminology at the University of Leicester

Location: Woodhouse Room, 4th floor, Charles Wilson Building, University of Leicester main campus, UK

Time: Wednesday 21st January, 2009, 3pm

Contact: Helen Baldock, mail to: hb114@leicester.ac.uk

Launch for Patrick Chabal's 'Africa: The Politics of Suffering and Smiling'

Organised in association with The Royal African Society and the Centre for African Studies, SOAS.

Location: SOAS, Brunei Gallery, London, UK

Time: Monday 26th January, 2008, (time TBC)

Contact: ras_research@soas.ac.uk

Launch for Vandana Shiva's 'Soil not Oil'

Organised in association with The Gaia Foundation and Soil Association

Location: Hampstead Town Hall (nearest tube Belsize Park), 213 Haverstock Hill, NW3 4QP, London, UK

Time: Tuesday 27th January, 2008, 18:30-21:30

Contact: Sarah at sarahn@gaianet or 02074280055

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EDITORIAL SERIES

AEGIS/Brill Editorial series

Following the success of the 2005 AEGIS-sponsored *European Conference of African Studies* the largest ever African Studies conference in Europe, AEGIS seeks to provide a new and much-needed venue for the publication of works drawn from the lively and expanding community of scholars with interests in Africa and its Diaspora.

The Series aims to publish books within the broad fields of study within the humanities and social sciences that would bring new approaches or innovative perspectives to the topics discussed. Titles will comprise works that could also reflect established debate within African Studies if they provide new insights.

Both individually-authored works and edited collections on focused themes will be considered. Included among Series authors will be both senior and junior scholars and preference may be given to newly established scholars that may benefit from this new outlet for publication.

The Series operates according to an academic review and publication process. Books will be released simultaneous in hardback and paperback editions. Discounted purchase prices will be offered to AEGIS members as well as to scholars in Africa.

Authors are requested to submit a prospectus (of no more than 1000 words) providing a summary of the work, a description of its intended audience, a word count, and the current status of the manuscript.

The Deadline for submission of prospectus is 30 November 2009.

The prospectus should be accompanied by a brief cover letter and CV, and sent to:

AEGIS Brill Africa Book Series
attn: Angelica Baschiera
Centre of African Studies
School of Oriental and African Studies
University of London
Thornhaugh Street
Russell Square
London WC1H 0GX
United Kingdom

Manuscripts, in part or in whole, should not be sent until specifically requested by the editors.

Africa in Development Series with Peter Lang International Academic Publishers

While African Development remains a preoccupation, policy craftsmen and a multiplicity of domestic and international actors have been engaged in the quest for solutions to the myriad problems associated with poverty and underdevelopment.

This series is designed to encourage innovative thinking on a broad range of development issues. Thus its remit extends to all fields of intellectual inquiry with the aim to highlight the advantages of interdisciplinary perspective.

The series welcome proposals from collected papers as well as monographs from recent PhDs no less than from established scholars.

Book proposals should be sent to the Editor Dr J Senghor: jcsenghor@yahoo.com

FUNDING

SOAS SCHOLARSHIPS

PhD Scholarships in the topic of Governance for Development in Africa funded by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Deadline to apply 30 May 2009

For more information and to apply contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Leadership Development Fellowships for eight weeks in London funded by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Deadline to apply 30 September 2009

For more information and to apply contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

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

Candidates must be domiciled in an African country in order to be eligible to apply. All applications (including the signed application form and references) must be received no later than 5pm on 1 July 2009. Please find attached the Guidance Notes for further details on eligibility and application procedures. Applications may be obtained from the SOAS Scholarships Officer at as100@soas.ac.uk or via the website at www.soas.ac.uk/scholarships.

SOAS RESEARCH STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS 2009

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

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

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2009.

SOAS BURSARIES 2009

The SOAS Bursaries 2009 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.

SOAS OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS 2009

The SOAS Open Scholarships 2009 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 2009

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 2009 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 2009

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) 2009

ORS awards 2009 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 2009/10 or be enrolled in their first year or second year of full-time research degree study at the School in 2008/09. 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 2009/10 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.

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

Study of Religions Language Prize (Humphrey J Fisher Prize) 2008/2009

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

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

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

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

- 1) meritorious work on both sides of the degree in the 1st and 2nd year for students going abroad during their third year

or

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

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

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

The closing date for nominations is Friday 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 (click Admissions/Postgraduate/Scholarships)

British Academy research funding: forthcoming deadlines

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

Applications are invited for the following schemes:

Research Leave Fellowships and Senior Research Fellowships

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

Next deadline: March 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 2009

Further information and application form visit: www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html or contact overseas@britac.ac.uk

Full Economic Costing

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

- Research Leave Fellowships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Larger Research Grants
- Visiting Fellowships

The remaining schemes are exempt from the FEC regime. The Academy has, however, been invited by the OST to collect robust data on the Full Economic Costs of research carried out under the Small Research Grants scheme, and the various international schemes, with a view to bringing these programmes within the FEC environment at a later stage. The Academy will be most grateful for the co-operation 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 2009 for awards to be taken up after April 2008. Awards will be announced at the end of March 2010.

Details and application forms are available from www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html
Contact: Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217 or email: grants@britac.ac.uk

Also from the British Academy:

(1) Postdoctoral Fellowships

The British Academy invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships, tenable for three years. The scheme is designed to enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment, which will develop their curriculum vitae and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the Fellowship. The deadline for outline submissions is 15 October 2009.

Further details and application forms are available from www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.html
Contact: British Academy Research Posts Department 020 7969 5265
or email posts@britac.ac.uk

(2) Research Development Awards

The British Academy invites applications from mid-career scholars to enable them to develop a significant research project. Applications are particularly encouraged from scholars who can demonstrate that they are developing an innovative line of research with the potential to make a significant difference to their field and to their career profile. Awards are tenable for up to three years, at up to £150,000 FEC. The deadline for applications is 15 October 2009.

Further details and application forms are available from www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html
Contact: British Academy Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217
or email grants@britac.a.cuk

Special Joint Project Programmes: Commonwealth Countries

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

Level of award: Up to £5,000

Period of award: Up to two years.

Closing date: 30 September 2009

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 2008/09

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 or visit www.london.ac.uk/crf

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

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

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

The deadline for receipt of applications 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/ESRCInfo-Centre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities or contact Ian Farnden, ESRC Research Directorate (ian.farnden@esrc.ac.uk)

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

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

British Institute of East Africa: Graduate Training Scheme

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

European Grants

For European grants visit: www.welcomeurope.com/doc/eu-funding2006.pdf

Harvard Alumni for Social Action (HASA) Scholarship Fund for Graduate Students from Africa. This is a newly established fund by former Harvard students to support the Higher Education's condition in Africa, and to help develop more facilities for African Universities and Higher Education Institutions, especially after the AIDS/HIV pandemic and its disastrous consequences for higher education in Africa.

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

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The Martin Lynn Scholarship.

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

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

The closing date for applicants will be May 31st, 2009. Potential applicants should use the form on the Society's website, www.rhs.ac.uk.

Leverhulme Trust, UK

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

- 1) 100 Research Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2009
- 2) 20 Studentships whose deadline is 8 January 2010
- 3) 15 Study Abroad Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2009

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

The Trust also invites applications for the following awards:

Research Awards	Closing Date
Research Fellowships	November 2009
Study Abroad Fellowships	November 2009
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/research_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

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

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

Friends of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies Student Bursaries

The Institute offers two Master's Degrees:

MA Understanding & Securing Human Rights

Unique multi-disciplinary course designed to provide practical training in human rights, offering the opportunity of a placement with an international human rights organisation

MSc Globalization & Development

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

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

Applicants must have been accepted on the course by 31st May 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>
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French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Ibadan offers:

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

2. Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Field Research Grants for West African Nationals to assist young West African to undertake research in Nigeria in the Social Sciences and Humanities.
For more information contact: ifraibsecretariat@yahoo.fr or ifra_ibadan@yahoo.fr

Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) 2008-09 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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International Development and Globalization Programme/Developpement International et Mondialisation

Graduate School of Public and International Affairs/Icole supirieuse d'affaires publiques et internationales

Pavillon Desmarais, 11eme etage, Piece 11154 55, av. Laurier est Ottawa ON, K1N 6N5 Tel: ++1 613 562 5800 x4534

DelPHE Round 4: 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, 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. All enquiries about the ACU's south-south advisory role can be sent to delphe@acu.ac.uk.

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Newton Fellowships

A new round of Newton Fellowships - an initiative to fund research collaborations and improve links between UK and overseas researchers - has opened.

The Newton International Fellowships are funded by the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society and aim to attract the most promising post-doctoral researchers working overseas in the fields of humanities, engineering, natural and social sciences. The Fellowships enable researchers to work for two years with a UK research institution, thus establishing long-term international collaborations.

The funding will be distributed in the form of 50 research fellowships, awarded annually, each providing support of up to £100,000 for a two year placement. The scheme is open to post-doctoral (and equivalent) early-career researchers working outside the UK who do not hold UK citizenship.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 12 January 2009.

Further details are available from the Newton International Fellowships website: www.newtonfellowships.org or call 00 44 (0)20 7451 2559

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The African Humanities Program - to support scholars from Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda for work in Africa. The Program is being organized by the American Council of Learned Societies with financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The fellowship program has just been launched and the deadline for receipt of applications in New York is very soon -- December 1, 2008.

I ask for your help in distributing information about the availability of fellowships. Any citizen of any African country with current institutional affiliation in one of the five countries named is welcome to apply. Projects must be in the humanities and must be carried out in Africa.

Below is a link to the ACLS website, which contains additional information and a downloadable application form:

<http://www.acls.org/grants/Default.aspx?id=3210>

Please forward this information to any eligible scholars as well as to people who may know eligible scholars. We count on your help to make sure that we receive a large number of strong applications in the first annual competition

Please write to me directly if you have questions. Email can be directed to jhasty@acsls.org or hastymj@sas.upenn.edu

Applications for Doctoral Fellowships

History Workshop
School of Social Science, University of the Witwatersrand

Applications are invited for Doctoral Fellowships in the following programmes:

1. 'Local Histories and Present Realities'

This programme is funded through the National Research Foundation's South African Research Chairs' Initiative, which awarded a Research Chair to Professor Philip Bonner in 2007. The time horizon of the programme is mainly 20th to early 21st century. Its geographical horizon is the area encompassed by the North West, Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Free State Provinces. A core aim of the programme is to relate local pasts to local presents. Its main focus is small/intermediate towns and their hinterlands in the area specified. The project is interdisciplinary and would welcome applications from students with distinguished academic records in the fields of History, Political Studies, Sociology, Social Anthropology and relevant but less adjacent subjects. PhD applicants should already have obtained a Masters degree.

2. Safeguarding Democracy: Contests of Memory and Heritage

This is a joint research project between the History Workshop at University of the Witwatersrand and the Centre for African Studies at the University of Basel. The principal research question posed by this project is how to understand, through the use of interdisciplinary methodologies, the main challenges to democracy in South Africa. The overall theme of the project turns around the conditions that promote or undermine democratic practice and institutions. Our objective is to provide an analysis that goes beyond conventional understandings of the consolidation of democracy. In this project we do not see democracy merely as an outcome of a long process of struggle, but rather as a process that is constantly challenged by Identity, Memory and Heritage. Two doctoral fellows are sought to work on the following or similar topics: 'Between Conformity and Provocation? The challenges of post-apartheid generational change' and 'Contests of Traditionalism and Modernity in local governance'. This project is not confined to small/medium towns.

Doctoral fellows will receive a stipend of R60 000, plus research expenses annually for 3 years.

To apply please submit the following:

1. A detailed and up to date CV, which shows clearly your undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, and component courses of study.
2. An example of any recent written/published work.
3. Names and contact details (including email addresses) of 3 academic referees for doctoral applicants.
4. Certified copies of degrees and diplomas
5. PhD applicants should provide a detailed letter explaining their proposed area of research and how it might fit into this research programme.

For further information contact Ms Pulane Dithake:

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The Scholar Rescue Fund: Fellowship Announcement

We are pleased to announce IIEs Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) fellowships for threatened academics whose lives and work are in danger in their home country. Professors, researchers and lecturers from any country or field may apply. We invite you to refer suitable candidates, and ask for your help in forwarding the announcement to any academic colleagues who may be interested.

In addition, we are eager to identify new partner institutions interested in hosting SRF fellowship recipients as visiting scholars, professors or researchers. We would especially like to invite participation from universities, colleges and academic research centers outside of the U.S.

Apply or nominate a candidate for SRF fellowship support

Fellowships for Threatened Academics: Professors, Researchers and Lecturers
Application Deadline: January 31st, 2009

The Institute of International Education's (IIE) Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) provides fellowships for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit professors, researchers and other senior academics to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work. During the fellowship, conditions in a scholar's home country may improve, permitting safe return after the fellowship; if safe return is not possible, the scholar may use the fellowship period to identify a longer-term opportunity.

How The Scholar Rescue Fund Works:

Professors, established researchers and other senior academics from any country, field or discipline may qualify. Preference is given to scholars with a Ph.D. or other highest degree in their field; who have extensive teaching or research experience at a university, college or other institution of higher learning; who demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise; who are facing or have recently fled from direct and immediate threats; and whose selection is likely to benefit the academic community in the home and/or host country or region. Applications from female scholars and under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

Fellowships are awarded for visiting academic positions ranging from 3 months to 1 calendar year. Awards are issued for up to US \$25,000, plus individual health coverage.

Fellowships are disbursed through host academic institutions for direct support of scholar-grantees. In most cases, host campuses are asked to match the SRF fellowship award through partial salary/stipend support, and/or housing, research materials, and other in-kind assistance.

Applications are accepted at any time. Non-emergency applications will be considered according to the following schedule:

Winter 2009: Application received by January 31st; decision by March 15th.

Summer 2009: Applications received by June 15th; decision by July 31st.

Fall 2009: Applications received by September 15th; decision by October 31st.

To apply, please download the information and application materials from:
Scholar Rescue Fund - For Scholars

For universities and colleges interested in hosting an SRF scholar:
Scholar Rescue Fund - For Hosts

To learn more about the application process, please visit: [Applying to SRF](#)

To contact the Scholar Rescue Fund please email:
SRF@IIE.org

Join SRF and bring a scholar to your campus

SRF fellowship recipients are established academics from 40 different countries who represent a diverse array of disciplines and academic experience. Many prestigious institutions around the globe have welcomed SRF scholars to their campuses and provided the safe haven vital to allowing a scholar to resume his or her academic activities. While on fellowship, scholars may teach courses, conduct research, facilitate seminars and offer guest lectures and presentations. Smaller colleges and large research institutions have reaped the benefits of hosting SRF scholars who bring compelling professional and personal experiences to their host communities.

Here are some stories of success from a few SRF host institutions:

The West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar, Senegal welcomed two Congolese political scientists fleeing recent violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Targeted because of their research on the ongoing armed conflict, the scholars are now free to continue their work in peace.

A foremost expert on Uyghur culture and identity, this Chinese scholar of anthropology now teaches Uyghur language and literature at Harvard University in the United States.

A senior medical scholar from Sri Lanka faced threats resulting from his work with patients suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder until support came from the University of Adelaide in Australia where he has resumed his teaching and clinical work in safety.

Join this impressive group of host institutions and many others by inviting an SRF scholar to your campus or research center!

For more information on how to host, please visit: [Hosting an SRF Scholar](#)

Please contact us at:

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MISCELLANEOUS/ARTS

The Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1H
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.

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www.soas.ac.uk/gallery

Art and Archaeology Tues 5-7pm BG 104 at SOAS

10 March 2009 Hudita Nura Mustafa (Harvard University) 'Materializing Cosmopolitanism: Creativity and Islam in a Senegalese Cityscape'.

BRITISH MUSEUM: BM 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-19th 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

HORNIMAN MUSEUM/BM tour 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

•'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.

TATE MODERN www.tate.org.uk

Nicholas Hlobo: Uhambo (The Journey, Xhosa). New installation with large textile pieces in leather hide and inner tubes. Gallery 2, Level 2, to 1 March.

Raimi Gbadamosi, artist and theorist. Race, Power and Language, includes a gallery tour. In the series, Conversation Pieces. 12 March, 14.00-15.30. Booking recommended, £5/£4.

ART FIRST www.artfirst.co.uk.

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

KINGS' PLACE A new arts venue, York Way, Kings Cross. www.kingsplace.co.uk 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.

Godfried Donkar: Story of a London Township. New installation on shelter and the community. Space, 129-131 Mare St, London E 8. 17 Jan – 14 March. www.spacestudios.org.uk.

OCTOBER GALLERY www.octobergallery.co.uk

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