



Centre of African Studies

University of London



AFRICAN NEWS

Newsletter of the Centre of African Studies, University of London

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

09 November

Implications of China emergence in Africa for foreign aid relation: some hypotheses

Dr C Oya (SOAS)

At 12 to 2pm, Room 116

22 November

India in Africa

Dr D Harris & Dr S Vittorini (SOAS)

At 1pm to 3pm Room 116

By Invitation only

Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email:

cas@soas.ac.uk

Mo Ibrahim Foundation ‘Governance for Development in Africa Initiative’

PhD scholarship:

We are pleased to announce that the two PhD students funded by the initiative for September 2010 entry are:

Sehin Teferra (Ethiopia)

Topic: Feminist research into the experience of violence among Ethiopian sex workers.

Felix Marco Conteh (Sierra Leone)

Topic: “Decentralization, Participation and Governance Reform in Sierra Leone: What has changed?”

The next deadline to apply for PhD funding is 30 April 2011

Residential school in Africa:

The next Residential school on ‘Governance for Development in Africa’ will be held in Mozambique on 04-08 April 2011. Applications are invited with deadline 15 January 2011

Fellowship scheme:

The fellowship scheme deadline was 30 September and the winners will be announced soon.

The next deadline to apply is 30 September 2011

For more information visit www.soas.ac.uk/cas/gdai

Leventis fellowship scheme for Nigerian Nationals

This year the fellowship was awarded to:

Ozioma Onuzulike, Department of Fine Arts, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Topic ‘Creative individualist and innovation in Ceramic Art: A study of the works of Benjo Igwilo and Chris Echeta’

Oladoku Taiwo Olaniyi, Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilization. Topic: Mainstreaming Ifa worship through television in South-Western Nigeria: a search for understanding?

The next deadline to apply is 30 May 2011

EVENTS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Africa Seminar

**Room B102, Brunei Building at SOAS
Thursdays at 5pm-6.30pm**

No listings confirmed yet

For more information on all of the above events contact:

cas@soas.ac.uk

EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

⌘ **The Royal African Society meetings in association with Centre of African Studies**
36 Gordon Square, London WC1H Contact: ras_research@soas.ac.uk

www.royalafricansociety.org

SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA: A DEBATE ON THE DAMS CONTROVERSY

Monday 11th October, 6pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS

Debate with Dr. David Turton, Professor David Anderson, Dr Sarah Vaughan and Dr. Camilla Toulmin

Ethiopia is building dams on the Blue Nile. The Egyptians object. They see the Nile as their lifeblood. What are the implications of dam building on the Nile, environmentally, socially and politically? **Dr David Turton** and **Professor David Anderson** will present the findings of their recent policy paper for The Arts and Humanities Research Council. Joining them will be **Dr Sarah Vaughan** and **Dr Camilla Toulmin**, Director of the International Institute for Environment and Development.

CIVIL SOCIETY IN DARFUR: THE MISSING PEACE?

Tuesday 12th October, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS

Discussion with Theo Murphy, Jerome Tubiana and Joanna Oyediran

This meeting brings together **Jerome Tubiana** (independent consultant), **Theo Murphy** (Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue) the authors of *Civil Society in Darfur: The Missing Peace* recently published by the US Institute for Peace and **Joanna Oyediran** (Sudan Program Officer for the Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa). They will be discussing the current outlook for a political settlement in Darfur, and assess the opportunities and challenges involved in bringing civil society into the peace process.

THE LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY: MYTH AND REALITY

Monday 18th October, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS

*Book Launch with **Professor Tim Allen** and **Professor Koen Vlassenroot** in collaboration with Centre of African Studies*

Professor Tim Allen and **Professor Koen Vlassenroot** will speak on the origins on the roots this strange, violent movement in northern Uganda and the failure of the Uganda government to defeat it or make peace. What caused this war and why did it last more than 20 years? What is life like for the survivors? With a presidential election coming up, how will the legacy of the war affect its politics?

DOES AFRICA NEED FAIR TRADE?

Thursday 21st October, 6pm, Museum of London Docklands, Wilberforce Theatre
*Discussion with **Professor Chris Cramer** and **Orla Ryan***

Author of 'Chocolate Nations: Living and Dying for Cocoa in West Africa', **Orla Ryan** and **Professor Chris Cramer** from SOAS ask what fair trade might mean for Africa. In partnership with the Royal African Society, the Museum of London presents a discussion by leading experts on the evolution of fair trade, how it impacts on the lives of the people it is intended to benefit, how do present trade relations between Africa and the rest of the world work and in who's favour?

This meeting is a ticket only event. It is free for Royal African Society members only. To book your ticket, please call **0207 001 9844** and for more information visit: <http://www.museumindocklands.org.uk/English/EventsExhibitions/events/eventDetails.htm?eventID=2726>

BEYOND THE MALACHITE HILLS

25TH October, 6.30pm, Princess Alexandre Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR
*Book launch and discussion with author, **Jonathan Lawley***

There is a less reported, story of Africa; throwing off the colonial past, gaining in pride and embracing the crucial management function; all this in the context of fruitful collaboration with Western business and, increasingly, with Asian markets. **Jonathan Lawley** paints a vivid picture of solid political, social and economic progress in his book *Beyond the Malachite Hills*.

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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⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society

27 November, Seminar ‘Prospects for Agriculture in Tanzania – Kilimo Kwamza’ at 10.30-4pm, at SOAS (Room G2).

Speakers: Andrew Coulson (Birmingham and Dar es Salaam University) & Simon Maziku (University of Reading)

To register email: valerie.leach@gmail.com

For more information about the Society contact Roy Galbraith (roygal@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.

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

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

*All meetings take place on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in Room FG08 in the Faber Building,
SOAS*

*Convenor : Professor T.C. McCaskie
tm2@soas.ac.uk*

6 October

Pippa Lane (Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion)

‘“Heroes as ordinary people”: A social and cultural history of political imprisonment in South Africa, 1960-1992’

13 October

Ceri Ashley (UCL)

'The archaeology of migration and mission in the 19th century Khwebe Hills, Botswana'

20 October

Shane Doyle (Leeds)

'Sexual behavioural change in Great Lakes Africa, 1900-1980'

27 October

Coralie Hancock (Aberystwyth)

'Landscape legacies: the role of the colonial wilderness vision in the formation of Zimbabwean identities'

3 November

History Department Seminar

10 November

Reading Week

17 November

Kate Skinner (Birmingham)

'Local historians and strangers with big eyes: the politics of Ewe history in Ghana and its global diaspora'

24 November

Lars Huening (Sheffield)

'The contested role of the Rwandophone communities in eastern Zaire (DR Congo) in the political discussions of the Kinshasa based oppositional printed press, 1991-1996'

8 December

Ruth Watson (Cambridge)

"My desire is to be the possessor of all the best books in this world of struggle": respectable and literary materialism in colonial Ibadan'

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michaelmas Term 2009

FRIDAY 10:30 – 12.30PM, SELIGMAN LIBRARY, OLD BUILDING, LSE

08 October	Chris Pinney (UCL) Magic and technology as historical variables: Anthropology and photography from E.B. Tylor to Claude Levi-Strauss
15 October	Jon Bialecki (UCSD) Christian Freedom and Christian Fixity: Evangelical telos and anti-telos in Southern California and beyond
22 October	Deborah James (LSE) Money-go-round: personal economies of wealth, aspiration and indebtedness in South Africa
29 October	Victoria Boydell (LSE) Creating lasting love: a study of contraceptive practice in a Central London family planning clinic
05 November	Fenella Cannell (LSE) The re-enchantment of kinship; 'blood', 'law' and Mormon adoption in contemporary America
12 November	David Pratten (Oxford) 'There shall be no more youth': generation and insecurity in Nigeria
19 November	Alonso Barros (LSE) Water divides: Atacama Desert Peoples and Commodity Fetishism
26 November	Jo Cook (Cambridge) Mental health and mindfulness: the medical application of meditative techniques in Thailand
03 December	Sian Lazar (Cambridge) Political agency and technologies of the self in Argentinean Trade Unions
10 December	Liisa Malkki (Stanford) Bear humanity: Trauma teddies and other figments of the humanitarian imagination

For further information about this term's Research Seminar on Anthropological Theory please contact Dr Matthew Engelke (m.engelke@lse.ac.uk).

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

CARIBBEAN SEMINAR SERIES AUTUMN 2010

20th October

PANEL & BOOK LAUNCH

Policing the Caribbean: Transnational Security Co-operation in Practice

Oxford University Press, 2010

VENUE: Chapters, King's College London, Strand, London WCR 2LS

TIME: 6PM

Panel:

Ben Bowling, Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice, King's College London

Robert Reiner, Department of Law, LSE

Amanda Sives, Department of Politics, Liverpool University

Chair: Philip Murphy, Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies

3rd November

Seminar: Clara Rachel Eybalin Casseus, Université de Poitiers

'Trans-national Associative Practices: The Case of Haitians in France'

Venue: G32, Senate House, ground floor

Time: 5pm

17th November

SEMINAR & BOOK LAUNCH

Settler Society in the English Leeward Islands, 1670-1776, Cambridge University Press, 2010

Natalie Zacek, University of Manchester

Venue: G27, Senate House, ground floor

Time: 5pm

1st December

PANEL: CRIME & DEMOCRACY IN CONTEMPORARY JAMAICA

Speakers:

- **Amanda Sives**, Liverpool University
- **Rivke Jaffe**, Leiden University

Followed by book launch of *Elections, Violence and the Democratic Process in Jamaica, 1944-2007* by Amanda Sives (Ian Randle Publications, 2010)

Venue: G27, Senate House, ground floor

Time: 5pm

Amanda Sives, 'A calculated assault on the authority of the State?': Crime, Politics and the Extradition of Christopher 'Dudus' Coke'

15th December

SEMINAR: The Rise, Decline and Fall of the Belize Economy before Independence

Victor Bulmer-Thomas, Professor Emeritus, London University

Venue: G32, Senate house, ground floor

Time: 5pm

Convenors: kate.quinn@sas.ac.uk and mary.turner@sas.ac.uk

London International Development Centre

Joining LIDC

Membership of LIDC is free to all postgraduate students, staff and alumni from the six Bloomsbury Colleges (including SOAS). Membership entitles you to attend LIDC workshops, receive our media briefings and newsletters, and attend our social events. To join, please visit: <http://www.lidc.org.uk/pages.php?page=35> .

Researchers Win £6.1m to Target Animal and Human Diseases in Africa

Deadly diseases including plague, Ebola and Rift Valley Fever are being targeted as part of a new multi-million pound international partnership involving African researchers and LIDC. The Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance (SACIDS) links medical and veterinary institutions from five African countries and the UK to improve the capacity of African institutions to detect, identify and monitor infectious diseases affecting humans and animals, including new infectious human diseases of animal origin.

http://www.lidc.org.uk/news_detail.php?news_id=64

Africa Gathering

Series of events about technology and innovation in Africa.

Includes calendar of 2010 events, many taking place in Africa.

Although not explicitly linked to governance, this might be of interest to the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, particularly the mobile angle.

Report of first event: http://www.lidc.org.uk/news_detail.php?news_id=58 (including coverage on Guardian's Katine website. Editor of Katine website (for development stories, particularly with a Ugandan focus, is Liz Ford elizabeth.ford@guardian.co.uk) .

The Impact of Mobile Phones Upon Development and Health: Successes and Shortcomings

Mobile phones are increasingly used in diverse and innovative ways in developing countries, including as a tool to help monitor cattle disease in Zanzibar. Their benefits, such as their widespread availability and sophisticated functions, were discussed at a workshop at LIDC on 9 October. The challenges of implementing these technical approaches and the appropriateness of introducing them in widely differing contexts were also raised at the event for academics and representatives from the mobile phone industry.

http://www.lidc.org.uk/news_detail.php?news_id=72

Agriculture and Parliament

APPG Agriculture and Food for Development

James Birch, Coordinator, BIRCHJ@parliament.uk

I have discussed holding an event with James in Parliament next spring.

Distance Learning for Development database

An online database of more than 140 distance learning courses was launched today by Distance Learning for Development (DL4D), a project of the London International Development Centre (LIDC). The website www.dl4d.ac.uk provides information about the University of London's high-quality international development-related postgraduate courses, including Climate Change and Development, Globalisation and Health, Education and Understanding Poverty.

http://www.lidc.org.uk/news_detail.php?news_id=71

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⌘ LONDON

CALL FOR PAPERS

Between Utopia and Dystopia: The Afterlives of Empire
Annual Conference of the Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies
19-20 November 2010
Institut Français, London

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the independence of 17 African countries, most of them former colonies of the French Empire. A number of conferences already announced for this year in the UK and elsewhere will attempt to provide a critical overview of this wave of independences, working from a range of perspectives across the social sciences. This conference will adopt a complementary approach, focusing its analysis on the *utopian* and *dystopian* representations (literary, political, historical, cultural) to which the process of decolonisation gave rise. We thus invite proposals for papers that seek to explore the complex relationship between *utopian* and *dystopian* images of decolonisation in the former French and Belgian colonies.

It is now a critical commonplace that the expectation in the run up to, and euphoria in the immediate aftermath of, independence gave way to a sense of profound disillusionment by the late 1960s. For example, if the 1966 *Festival mondial des arts nègres* in Dakar posited independence as nothing less than the cultural, social and political renaissance of the entire continent, then Ahmadou Kourouma's novel *Les Soleils des indépendances*, first published in 1968, imagined post-colonial Africa as a nightmarish world of poverty, despair and the oppressive one-party state. However, the neat chronology of 1968 as the turning point separating utopian and dystopian visions of independence does not withstand sustained scrutiny: e.g. already in 1961, Fanon's *Damnés de la terre* was warning of the danger of independence being derailed by a corrupt elite; that same year, Patrice Lumumba, the democratically elected leader of the Congo, was executed by the Belgian security forces with the collusion of the CIA; in 1962, René Dumont gave his stark warning that *L'Afrique noire est mal partie*; and throughout the 1960s, the writer/filmmaker Ousmane Sembene denounced a transfer of power that was singularly failing to transform the lives of the African masses.

Although the 50th anniversary celebrations in 2010 relate to sub-Saharan Africa, we would also welcome proposals for papers dealing with other contexts such as North Africa and Indo-china, and equally the post-departmentalised DOM-ROMs, whose afterlives of empire are particularly complex. Also, we would be keen to receive proposals from scholars working on France's *ancien régime* empire: how was the loss of Canada, and India imagined? What dreams for the future sustained the French-speaking populations or was their imaginary marked solely by a postcolonial melancholy? How and when did Haitian dreams of a black Republic give way to often dystopian images of a seemingly endless spiral of oppression and exploitation? As global inequalities seem to become ever more entrenched, is it still possible or desirable to create utopian representations of independence?

We welcome proposals for papers from scholars working across a range of fields (including literature, history, politics, cultural studies). We also welcome comparative approaches analysing French contexts alongside British, Portuguese, etc, as well as the comparison of coloniser-colonised visions of decolonisation (e.g. *pie* *noir* vs Algerian nationalist). Potential topics for papers include:

- Pan-Africanism
- Tri-continentalism
- les romans de la désillusion
- republicanism and colonial utopia
- The Cold War
- modern(ist) utopias/dystopias
- dreams of a return to past glories/tradition as oppression
- neo-colonialism
- postcolonial melancholy
- tragedies of decolonization
- ideologies of the postcolony
- mourning the lost homeland

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Africa Programme News and Events October 2010

NEWS

Nigeria's 50th Independence Day is a reminder of the ambiguous legacy of the past 50 years. One of the few federal creations of its era to survive, Nigeria is remarkable for its durability and, despite the obvious deep flaws, there is in fact much to cautiously celebrate with regards to the prospects for what is arguably Africa's most important country. In the run up to planned elections next year Chatham House will be holding a series of events examining the practical implications of these ambiguities as part of our [Nigeria project](#).

September saw the launch in Maputo of a Chatham House [report](#) arguing that the Mozambican Government and its international partners need to focus more on engaging with political and security factors constraining development progress. The report has already been constructively incorporated into the policies of some key actors, and there are hopeful signs that it will continue to resonate.

International engagement, for better or worse, is a central factor in considering many of the challenges facing African states. A closed meeting with Joseph Mutaboba, UN Special Representative in Guinea Bissau, pointed to the need for a more robust approach from the international community. The launch of an important new briefing paper this month on [Yemen and Somalia](#) argues that much external engagement continues to be counterproductive, and suggests some alternatives. A major [conference](#) to be held at Chatham House in association with IAI in Rome and ISS in Paris at the end of October will identify effective ways for Europe and Africa to work together on the many important security issues they face.

EVENTS

Entry to these expert meetings is restricted. Experts and interested individuals should apply via the email address below. Only receipt of a confirmation email from Chatham House allows entry to meetings.

Places are limited & Chatham House reserves the right to restrict access to any of its meetings without notice or explanation.

Attendees may be required to present photo identification at any time. Access to these meetings for corporate supporters of the Africa programme as listed below is free, access to non-sponsoring profit making entities may be restricted or subject to a fee. More information supplied on application to attend.

Unless otherwise stated, if you would like to apply to attend any meeting please email Tighisti Amare at tamare@chathamhouse.org.uk stating your name and affiliation.

Agents of Fear: Launch of an Amnesty International Report on Sudan | Monday 4 October 2010 13:00 to 14:00

This event will launch an Amnesty International Report which argues that human rights violations, including secret detention and torture, have created a climate of fear in Sudan.

MONUSCO and the Democratic Republic of Congo | Tuesday 5 October 2010 14:00 to 15:00

Ambassador Roger A. Meece, UN Special Representative for the DRC and Head of MONUSCO. Chaired by Neil Wigan, HM Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo. **This is an invitation-only event. If you wish to apply for a place please contact Tighisti Amare.**

Nigeria: Planning and Prospects for the 2011 Elections | Friday 8 October 2010 10:30 to 12:00

Professor Okechukwu Ibeanu, Chief Technical Adviser, Independent National Electoral Commission, Nigeria.

Perspectives From the Millennium Development Goals Summit | Tuesday 12 October 2010 17:30 to 18:30

Professor Babatunde Osotimehin, former Minister of Health, Nigeria; Dr Devi Sridhar, Centre of Global Health Security, Chatham House and Dr Kevin Watkins, Director, Global Monitoring Reports, Education for All, UNESCO will discuss the key challenges for the next five years.

All Party Parliamentary Group on Nigeria: Looking Forward After 50: Nigeria's Democracy and Foreign Relations * | Thursday 14 October 2010 18:00 to 19:30

Henry Bellingham MP, Minister for Africa and the United Nations, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Professor Joy Ogwu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations (tbc) *THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MACMILLAN ROOM, PORTCULLIS HOUSE, WESTMINSTER. **Spaces are limited. Please apply for a place with Tighisti Amare tamare@chathamhouse.org.uk Only registered participants will be allowed entry. Please allow 15 minutes to clear security.**

Nigeria's Police Force: Corruption and Reform | Friday 15 October 2010 10:30 to 11:45

Eric Guttschuss of Human Rights Watch, Jim Drummond of the Department for International Development (tbc) and Professor Bruce Baker, Director of African Studies Centre, Coventry University on challenges to policing and police reform in Nigeria.

Livestock Trade in the Horn of Africa | Tuesday 19 October 2010 13:45 to 18:00

Report authors Nisar Majid and Hussein A. Mahmoud discuss their findings of two reports published as part of the Africa Programme's project on 'The Economics of Conflict and Cooperation in the Horn of Africa'. **This is an invitation-only event. If you wish to apply for a place please contact Tighisti Amare.**

Africa After the Cold War | Tuesday 19 October 2010 13:30 to 14:30

Adekeye Adebajo, Executive Director, Centre for Conflict Resolution, will argue that historical and structural events continue to affect and shape Africa's contemporary international relations.

Yemen and Somalia: Terrorism, Shadow Networks and the Limitations of State Building | Wednesday 20 October 2010 17:30 to 18:30

This event marks the publication of the Chatham House briefing paper Yemen and Somalia. The authors will discuss the challenges faced by the two countries, as well as analyzing the current

patterns of Western engagement.

South Africa: Perspectives on Political and Economic Developments | Monday 25 October 2010 15:00 to 16:00

Joel Netshitenzhe, Head of Policy co-ordination and Advisory Services in The Presidency, South Africa. **This is an invitation-only event. If you wish to apply for a place please contact Tighisti Amare.**

Conference: Ensuring Peace and Security in Africa: Implementing the new Africa-AU Partnership | Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 October 2010

In cooperation with IAI, EUISS, CREA, AGI, and KAIPTC; funded by the European Commission

'Development Without Freedom: How Aid Underwrites Repression in Ethiopia': A Human Rights Watch Report Launch | Friday 29 October 13:00 to 14:00

This report by Human Rights Watch argues that the Ethiopian government uses donor supported development programs to repress and control its citizens.

Nigeria: the Biggest and the Best? 50 Years of Independence * | Wednesday 10 November 2010 10:00 to 17:30

The African Studies Centre of Coventry University, in association with Chatham House, is hosting a key policy-relevant academic conference on Nigeria as it marks its fiftieth year of independence. *THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST MARY'S GUILD HALL, BAYLEY LANE COVENTRY, CV1 5RN. **To register e-mail: lsx103@coventry.ac.uk. Cost £10 to be paid at the conference (free for students).**

Further Information

For further information about the Africa Programme please [click here](#)

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Michaelmas Term 2010
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Mondays, 5.p.m., Social Sciences, Manor Road Building, Seminar Room A.

11 October	Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth) <i>East Africa's Other Coast: Translocal Topographies of Lake Tanganyika before 1900</i>
18 October	Adekeye Adebajo (Cape Town) <i>The Curse of Berlin: Africa after the Cold War</i>
25 October	Joel Cabrita (SOAS) <i>Rumour, Reputation and Miracles: Early 20th Century 'Zionist' Healing-Prophets in South Africa</i>
01 November	Mike Jennings (SOAS) <i>Common Counsel, Common Policy: Health-Care, Missions and the Rise of the Voluntary Sector' in East Africa.'</i>
08 November	Rawia Amer (Oxford) <i>South Africa under Zuma: Domesticating Foreign Policy?</i>
15 November	Stephen Chan (SOAS) <i>Black Majoritarianism, Democratic Protocols, and Interested Public Administration in South Africa and Zimbabwe</i>
22 November	Ruth Watson (Cambridge) <i>Akinkpelu Obisesan, Diary Writing and Making the Self in Colonial Ibadan</i>
29 November	Ricardo Soares de Oliveira (Oxford) <i>Postwar Reconstruction in Angola</i>

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Seminar Series, Michaelmas Term 2010

Fellows Dining Room, St Antony's College (unless otherwise specified)

- 14 October *The politics of Mobilisation against Gengsterism in South African Townships*, Laurent Fourchard (Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire, Bordeaux)
- 19 October *Africa Now, some reflections on an old continent*, Patrick Chabak (Kings College, University of London)
N.B. Seminar held on Tuesday, 5pm, Kirk-Greene Seminar room, African studies centre
- 21 October *Of compounds and cellblocks: The foundation of violence in Johannesburg, 1890s-1950s*, Gary Kynoch (Dalhousie University)
- 28 October *Theories of African rhythm: History and Critique*, Kofi Agawu (George Eastman visiting professor in American studies, Princeton University)
- 04 November *History as Literature: Plumbing the Exhilaration and Agony of Life in the colonial city, Bulawayo, 1893-1960*, Terence Ranger (St Antony's College, University of Oxford) followed by launch of 'Bulawayo Burning'
- 11 November *Portuguese immigrant history in twentieth century South Africa: a Preliminary overview*, Clive Glaser (University of Witwatersrand/Oppenheimer visiting scholar)
- 18 November *Abuja: Limits of Ethnic Engineering? Building Abuja to re-build Nigeria*, Raufu Mustapha (St Antony's college, University of Oxford)
- 25 November *The politics of Magic: Mandela symbolic capital and its returns in the making of a 'new' South Africa*, Deborah Posel (University of Cape Town/Oppenheimer Visiting scholar)
- 2 December *He, who learns, teaches': have Nigerian Teachers Learned?* David Johnson (St Antony's College, University of Oxford)

OXFORD AFRICA READING GROUP

The Africa Reading Group is open to all and is an informal community that meets a couple of times a term to discuss a prominent work of African literature, usually with the author. The Group offers a fantastic opportunity to engage with African authors and to make friends across the University.

Aminatta Forna will be joining the Reading Group to discuss her recent book 'The Memory of love' on Friday November 26 at 17:00, location tbc. Numbers are strictly limited and as usual we expect to be 'sold out' so please email nicholas.cheeseman@politics.ox.ac.uk to reserve a place (attendance is free).

"Post Elections Government of Sudan: How are they Preparing for a Referendum on Self-Determination"

Saturday 13th November at St. Antony's College

For more information contact:

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ahmed.al-shahi@sant.ox.ac.uk

www.sant.ox.ac.uk/mec/sudan.shtml

Centre of African Studies, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE Research Seminar Series, Michaelmas 2009

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

Cambridge/Africa Collaborative Research Programme Seminar Series Michaelmas
2010 **Myth and Modernity in African Literature**

Monday 8 November 2010 at 5pm

Professor Ato Quayson, University of Toronto *"Myth vs Existential Doubt: Individual and Collective Alienation in African Literature"*

Monday 15 November 2010 at 5pm

Professor Steph Newell, University of Sussex *"Folktales and Trickster Tactics in Colonial Ghanaian Newspapers"*

Monday 22 November 2010 at 5pm

Professor Harry Garuba, University of Cape Town *"Tradition, Modernity and Normalisation"*

Monday 29 November 2010 at 5pm

Dr Mark Muthuray, Royal Holloway London

"An Aesthetic of (Post) Colonial Failure:

Modernism and the Mythic Imagination in Soyinka's The Interpreters"

For more information: centre@african.cam.ac.uk
www.african.cam.ac.uk
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Tel: 01223 334396

Cambridge to Launch MPhil in African Studies

The Centre of African Studies will in October 2010 launch a new nine-month MPhil course in African Studies. Our aim is to offer students a window into the cultural, intellectual, and political dynamism of African societies. At a time when Africa is often represented a place in need of outsiders' benevolence and direction, we hope to give students the linguistic and interpretive tools to study African societies on their own terms. The degree will provide an excellent foundation for those who wish to expand their knowledge of Africa, and particularly for students entering positions in the arts, the media, NGOs, and other professions.

The MPhil is associated with the Faculty of History for administrative purposes, see the link at the bottom of the page.

There are four elements comprising the MPhil course in African Studies:

- A core seminar;
- A discipline-specific seminar in African History, Social Anthropology, Geography, African Politics or Commonwealth and International Literature;
- Language training in Swahili or, by arrangement, in another African language; and
- A dissertation of 15,000 words.

The course is organized in two parts. In the first part of the course, students will enrol in the weekly core seminar, where they will be guided through a body of literature concerning Africa's history, geography, politics and anthropology. Students will, at the same time, attend one of several discipline-specific seminars, chosen according to their particular interest. In Lent term students will write two 5,000 word essays based on their work in the core seminar and in the discipline-specific seminar.

In the second part of the course students will focus their attention on a research project. They will develop a topic in conversation with a supervisor, conduct research, and write intensely during Lent and Easter terms. Students will discuss their work regularly with a supervisor, and will present their research results in the core seminar.

Throughout the year students will attend biweekly classes in Swahili language. Other African languages may be taught by arrangement.

Students who complete the degree to a sufficient standard may apply for admission to doctoral programmes in History, Politics and International Studies, Divinity, English Literature, Anthropology, Geography or in another field. (The Centre of African Studies does not at present offer PhD training). Staff with expertise in African Studies supervise doctoral theses in all of the main disciplinary faculties of the university, and students can continue to work with the same supervisor who guided their MPhil work.

Teaching for the MPhil course will be conducted by a group of fifteen lecturers and [post-doctoral researchers](#) connected with the Centre of African Studies. Further information on the staff involved in the teaching programme can be found elsewhere on this website.

The Centre has very strong links with African universities, and each year it hosts a group of five Visiting Fellows from Africa, who come to Cambridge for six months of [coordinated research](#). MPhil students will have many opportunities to interact with, and learn from, the African Visiting Fellows. [The Centre's 35,000 volume library](#), newly housed in the Mond Building, offers rich resources; and MPhil students will in addition have access to the [University Library](#), which holds more than eight million volumes. MPhil students will make particular use of the Library's extensive archival holdings: the Royal and Commonwealth Society's papers and photographs; the Churchill College archives; the British and Foreign Bible Society's papers; and other collections.

MPhil students will be made members of one of Cambridge's thirty [colleges](#), where they will be provided with accommodation and meals.

Specific inquiries can be directed to the Centre, at afrenq@hermes.cam.ac.uk.

Leeds University Centre for African Studies

LUCAS Seminar Series and YASN Workshop, Autumn Term 2010

Location of seminars: Room 11.13, Social Sciences Building, 4.40pm-6pm

Wednesday 6 October, **Ray Bush (POLIS, Leeds)**

'Mining and Resistance: Accumulation and Underdevelopment in Ghana'

Wednesday 13 October,

Jane Plastow (African Theatre and LUCAS Director) and Richard Borowski (LUCAS)

'Challenging stereotypes of Africa in schools: The LUCAS African Schools Project'

Wednesday 20 October, **Claire Mercer (Geography, LSE)**

'Contemporary Nationalism in Tanzania'

Friday 29 October, **11am–7pm, Yorkshire African Studies Network (YASN)* workshop:**

'Citizenship and the Politics of Belonging in Africa' *** A day-long event launching a new research network, with coffee, lunch and drinks, but with limited space. Those wishing to attend should contact Dr Gabrielle Lynch (g.lynch@leeds.ac.uk) for details and to reserve a place. Event co-sponsored by the Review of African Political Economy, POLIS and LUCAS.*

Wednesday 17 November, **Chukwuma Okoye (Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan)**

'Contemporary Nigerian Theatre; or how (not-) postcolonial we are'

Wednesday 24 November,

Nadine Beckmann (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford)

'Pushing the borders of marketisation: AIDS and the commodification of suffering'

Wednesday 1 December, **Jane Plastow (English-Theatre Workshop, Leeds),**

'Using performance to understand women's issues in Uganda: The Buganda intergenerational Women's Theatre Project'

All are welcome from near and far (*YASN with regional priority)

Please note that occasionally changes and cancellations occur at short notice. If you are travelling from afar, we particularly recommend you e-mail us to tell us that you are attending so we can try to ensure you are advised of any such changes. Do also check our website:

<http://www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/lucas/activities/events/>

*Leeds University Centre for African Studies, Room 3.01a, Hillary Place, University of Leeds
Leeds LS2 9JT, Tel: 0113 343 5069 African-studies@leeds.ac.uk*

'Guns and Identity in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries'

May 5th-6th 2011

University of Kent, Canterbury

Call for Papers

Over the past few years, both European and extra-European historians have begun to examine the densely interwoven relationships between firearms and broad processes of social change. This development has allowed the study of guns to extend beyond the confines of military history and the study of specific historical events and outcomes.

Sponsored by the School of History and Centre for American Studies at the University of Kent and the Institute of History at the University of Leiden, this international conference aspires to bring together historians interested in the study of the intersections between technology, culture and society. Its overarching intention is to use the historical trajectory of firearms as an entry point into the exploration of such economic, political and cultural dynamics as are still relevant to our understanding of the contemporary world.

Within this general framework, the organizers are specifically interested in papers that address one or more of the following themes and sub-themes:

- Firearms and the Empire. (The role of firearms in the wars of imperial conquest; firearms legislation in the metropolises and the colonies.)
- Firearms and the Environment. (The socio-economic history of hunting in Europe and elsewhere; firearms and the emergence of conservationist ideologies.)
- Firearms and Violence. (The extent of which changes in firearms technology contributed to the intensification of conflicts in the 'short twentieth century'; guns proliferation in an historical perspective.)

- Firearms and Gender. (The significance of gun ownership in the construction of masculine identities)
- The Representation of Firearms in Propaganda and the Arts.

The conference, to be held at the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, is scheduled for 5th-6th May 2011.

Proposals for papers (including an abstract of c200 words and a short CV) should reach the organizers before the end of October 2010.

Please send proposals to:

Dr. Karen Jones, School of History/Centre for American Studies, University of Kent;
K.R.Jones@kent.ac.uk

Dr. Giacomo Macola, University of Kent/University of Leiden; G.Macola@kent.ac.uk

Details about the conference programme and registration will appear on a dedicated website in due course

African Studies Centre, Coventry University, in association with Chatham House, are hosting one of the most important academic conferences on Nigeria this year.

Nigeria: the biggest and the best? 50 years of independence

Wednesday 10th November 2010

St Mary's Guild Hall, Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5RN

To register e-mail: lsx103@coventry.ac.uk.

Cost £10 to be paid at the conference (free for students)

Programme

10.00 – 10.10	Welcome Prof. Bruce Baker , Director of African Studies Centre, Coventry University
10.10 – 10.40	Keynote address: reflections on 50 years of change in Nigeria Dr. Jean Herskovits , research professor of history, State University of New York's Purchase College , New York
10.40 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Politics: the domestic context Dr. Abdul Raufu Mustapha , Lecturer in African Politics and Kirk-Greene Fellow in African Studies, University of Oxford
12.00 – 13.00	Politics: the international context Dr. Eric Silla , US Department of State
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch

14.00 – 15.30	The curse or blessing of oil: the Niger Delta (debate) Mutiu Sunmonu , Shell Nigeria, Country Chair (tbc) A Nigeria Delta NGO
15.30– 15.50	Tea break
15.50 – 17.20	The future of Nigeria’s economy Standard Bank (tbc) Unilever (tbc) Dr. Lola Banjoko , Exec. Director, AfricaRecruit Danny Srisikandarajah , Director, Royal Commonwealth Society (tbc) Dr Moses Oketch , Senior Lecturer, Institute of Education, University of London
17.20 – 17.30	Closing remarks HE Dalhatu Tafida , High Commissioner of Nigeria to the UK (tbc) Prof. Bruce Baker , Director of African Studies Centre, Coventry University

International Conference on Making Development Inclusive: MDGs and Beyond

Date: 26-28 January 2011

Venue: Norcroft Centre, University of Bradford, UK

Organizers: Development Studies and John and Elnora Ferguson Centre for Africa Studies (School of Social and International Studies, University of Bradford)

Keynote Speakers:

- Professor Haleh Afshar, York University, UK
- Professor Ben Fine, SOAS, London, UK
- Professor Des Gasper, ISS, Hague, Netherlands
- Professor Barbara Harriss-White, Oxford University, UK
- Dr Mark McGillivray, Chief Economist, AusAID

Themes:

The aim of this three-day conference is to examine key challenges to making development inclusive from the perspective of different disciplines.

Hunger, human poverty, and inequality still remain among key challenges for economic development today. Even as economic growth in China and India has brought more than 500 million people out of poverty, questions are being raised about veracity of those figures, on estimations of poverty, and sustainability of such economic growth and implications for climate change. Life expectancy at birth in many countries south of the Sahara today is lower than it was four decades ago mainly due to HIV/AIDS. To what extent can communities, civil society institutions, and nongovernmental organizations influence and shape the necessary change remains an issue. 2

This conference aims to address some of these issues by bringing together analysts from different disciplines such as development studies, economics, international relations, management, politics, public administration, and sociology. Papers accepted for presentation at the conference fall into six thematic areas:

- Millennium Development Goals – progress so far and challenges remaining- in Africa and elsewhere
- Micro-finance initiatives as a means to fighting poverty and promoting self-help based credit institutions
- Social economics, Cost benefit analysis, methodological and informational challenges and innovations
- Political economy of development, addressing civil conflicts, controlling corruption, promoting participation, building resilient civil society institutions for good governance
- Climate change, water, natural resources (such as minerals), livelihood and governance challenge

Submission of Abstract and Panel Proposal

- Submit your abstract (no longer than 300 words) to jefcasconference@bradford.ac.uk by **20th October 2010**. After review of the abstract, the decision on acceptance will be communicated by first week of November. Each speaker will have 20 minutes for the presentation.
- For panel proposal, submit a Panel Proposal Form with the abstract of the panel (less than 200 words), abstracts for each paper (less than 200 words).

Enquiries

- Enquiries about the content should be directed to: Conference Organizing Team, JEFICAS, School of Social and International Studies, University of Bradford, Bradford, West Yorkshire, UK, BD7 1DP. E-mail: jefcasconference@bradford.ac.uk

⌘ EUROPE

AEGIS 4th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 4) Uppsala, Sweden 15-18 June 2011

CALL FOR PANELS

AEGIS, the African Studies in Europe Network, convenes a biennial European Conference on African Studies (ECAS). Previous conferences have been held in London (2005), Leiden (2007), and Leipzig (2009). The fourth ECAS will be hosted by the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden on 15-18 June 2011. The overall theme of ECAS 4 is “**African Engagements: On whose terms?**”. The ECAS 4 Organising Committee warmly invites scholars and students in the field of African Studies to Uppsala to make ECAS 4 a significant and memorable event.

AEGIS was founded in 1991 as a network of African Studies in Europe. AEGIS is a network of university and non-university centres of African Studies based in Europe. It aims to create synergies between experts and institutions. With its primary emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities, the main goal of AEGIS is to improve the understanding of contemporary African societies. AEGIS members include

Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Birmingham, Bologna, Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Göteborg, Hamburg, Leiden, Leipzig, Leuven, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mainz, Naples, Oxford, Paris, Porto, Trondheim and Uppsala. For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

The conference is open to all disciplines and methodological approaches in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The Organising Committee strongly encourages panel proposals that look into how the world can study and engage a resurgent Africa on the basis of mutual respect. Critical questions relate to how Africans can define their own priorities and partnerships, and with which voice(s)? Who are, and can be Africa's real partners in the quest for mutually beneficial (re)engagements and on whose terms? This perspective highlights topics such as the cultural representation and misrepresentation of Africa; media, information and communication in Africa in the age of globalization; visual arts: re-creating Africa in the image(s) of the times; Africa in global sports; trade and regional integration; the changing nature of Africa's international relations; Euro-African relations; Africa and the emerging powers; Africa in the global financial crisis; the agrarian question; social policy and development in Africa; globalization and manufacturing; managing fast growing African cities; human rights and human security; democracy, peace and conflict resolution; economic growth and poverty reduction; gender relations in Africa; migration, diaspora and development, to name a few. Presentations should explore the means of expanding opportunities and spaces which can allow for multi-disciplinary knowledge production. ECAS 4 thus seeks to promote a dynamic and more diverse and understanding of contemporary Africa which does not necessarily entail talking with one voice.

The ECAS 4 Organising Committee invites interested panel organizers to submit proposals for inclusion in the conference programme. Panels may comprise of one (or more) sessions. Each session should consist of four papers, with a chair and a discussant. Submissions should include

- Panel title
- Name(s) and affiliation(s) of panel proposer(s)
- Names and affiliations of possible panel participants
- A 250 word (maximum) outline describing the panel topic

Submissions should be made in **pdf-format** to ECAS4@nai.uu.se.

The official conference language is English.

The deadline for panel proposals is 15 August 2010.

Time schedule – ECAS 4 15 August 2010	Deadline for submission of panel proposals
15 October 2010	Notification of accepted panels
20 October 2010	Publication of panels and call for papers
31 December 2010	Deadline for submission of paper abstracts
28 February 2011	Publication of accepted paper abstracts
15 October 2010 to 15 March 2011	Early participant registration (at reduced rate)
16 March to 11 June 2011	Participant registration
31 May 2011	Deadline for submission of full papers
15 – 18 June 2011	Conference in Uppsala, Sweden

Rethinking Contact Induced Change, Leiden, June 9-11, 2011

www.hum.leiden.edu/lucl/research/conferences/upcoming-conferences/language-contact.html

Celebrating the transfer of the online Journal of Language Contact to Brill publishers in Leiden (see <http://www.jlc-journal.org/>) this conference is sponsored by Brill, on request of the founding editor of the Journal, Robert Nicolai. The conference can be seen as the follow-up to the 2007 symposium in Leipzig, see :

http://www.unice.fr/ChaireIUF-Nicolai/Archives/Symposium/Index_Symposium.html

This conference addresses a number of fundamental questions in the domain of contact-induced change that have emerged from the debate in the last decades and also aims to formulate new questions. Robert Nicolai, the founding father of the Journal of Language Contact, will present his thoughts on « La place de la dimension sémiotique dans le contact des langues (construction des signes et place des acteurs de la communication : vers une anthropologie renouvelée). »

We aim at contributions that assess the main issues based on empirical data, but with a wider view of the theoretical consequences of these data, and specifically invite abstracts for proposed papers or posters on the following issues:

- Is there a difference in output of contact-induced change in language maintenance situations and in language shift situations?

- Do mixed languages, creoles, and metatypized languages (in the definition of Malcolm Ross) reflect essentially different histories of language contact than other languages, or do they constitute the edges of a continuum?

- To what extent do structural differences and similarities between the languages in contact shape the way they influence each other?

Invited speakers: Alexandra Aikhenvald, Robert Nicolai, Malcolm Ross, Don Winford.

The conference will take place over two and a half days, namely Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning, and in line with the aim to address and discuss the fundamental issues we will not have parallel sessions. Papers will be selected on the basis of anonymous abstracts. Presentations are twenty minutes with an additional ten minutes for discussion. In addition we have an option of poster presentation. Poster presenters will be given the possibility to introduce their poster for 3 minutes during a plenary session. Prospective presenters can opt for a paper or poster or paper/poster presentation. The last category is for those who are interested in doing a poster in case their abstract for a paper is not accepted. Abstracts should be in by November 30, 2010 and notification will be sent out before January 31, 2011. Selections of abstracts is done by the organizing/scientific committee.

How to submit an abstract:

Send your (anonymous) title and abstract as an email attachment to:
RCIC@hum.leidenuniv.nl

‘Independence: Through Grassroot Experience in the 1960s’, International Conference organised by the Africa-Indian Ocean Group, Laboratoire SEDET (Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7), Paris, France, 2-4 December 2010

1960 opened the path for African freedom: years of promises but also years of complexities, years carrying the seeds of conflicts to come. One half-century after independence, 2010 marks, for many countries of the continent, the fiftieth anniversary of the political accession to independence. The international conference’s title refers to the events experienced by the people fifty years later, not to celebrate the events but to offer a renewed reading of them. Everywhere euphoric crowds acclaimed the raising of the national flags, learned the verses from the national anthems which did not cease resounding in the streets, and, in French-speaking former colonies, danced to the sound of ‘Independance Cha cha’, to welcome the emancipation of many African countries. The approach adopted by the conference

relates to the less known aspects or situations of the very moment of Independence: how did the people live the Independence Day but also the few years which preceded it or followed? For more information contact Sylviane Cheminot: independances.afrique@univ-paris-diderot.fr

AEGIS Thematic conference

[un]disciplined encounters: science as terrain of postcolonial interaction between Africa and Europe — past and future

Brussels, 5-6 November, 2010

Looking at science as a terrain of postcolonial interaction between Africa and Europe adds a vital dimension to the many commemorative and celebratory events related to the fiftieth anniversary of seventeen African countries. The central question is if, how and to what extent scientists have been assessing their stances and interventions in connection with Africa in terms of decolonisation. The conference invites scholars to put their own positions to academic and public scrutiny and scrutinize the vicissitudes of science and scientists throughout the postcolonial period.

This general question is not the licence for a navel-gazing retrospective but the starting point of an open-minded combination of historical reconstruction and reflexive prognosis on science as site of collaboration and distinction, antagonism and complicity between Africa and Europe. Without for that matter essentialising either the colonial vs. the postcolonial, science vs. 'non-science', or Africa vs. Europe, this conference is a transgressive as much as an interdisciplinary endeavour which addresses the overall theme in three different registers: theoretical, institutional and thematic. In the thematic register, the conference investigates the role of science in processes of subjectification and objectification that take place in the domains of heritage, conflict and advocacy.

For more information and to register:

Dominique Godfroid — secretariat@science2010-af-eu.com

www.science2010-af-eu.com

⌘ AFRICA

Conference: Preserving Africa's Ancient Manuscripts

Addis Ababa, 17-19 December 2010

The International Conference on Preserving Ancient Manuscripts in Africa will bring together African and international senior librarians/information sciences managers, researchers, private and public managers of ancient manuscripts, knowledge industries, decision takers, civil society and international organizations.

This wide array of expertise will set itself the task of analyzing the most salient issues raised by Africa's ancient written treasures and historical records. In addition, it will suggest concrete solutions and set up mechanisms aimed at building professional and financial capacities of private libraries and closed family circles who are the keepers of most of the continent's ancient manuscripts. Several international gatherings have already called the international community's attention on the dismal state of Africa's written ancient manuscripts whether in the East Coast, the Sudanic-Sahelian area, the

Chadian basin, the Maghreb in its diversity and a myriad kingdoms and empires scattered throughout one of the largest continents in the world.

Africa is the fountain source of the earliest and most complete types of writing systems and alphabets. It still retains several alphabets including newly created ones. Since the highest antiquity, African Pharaonic Egypt revolutionized mankind's evolution through the most startling inventions including elaborate hieroglyphs at least 5000 years old way before its appearance in other cultural cradles.

Africa's written treasures kept in adverse conditions are at present in great danger of being lost forever if bold action is not undertaken now to preserve ancient manuscripts, offer manuscripts keepers sustainable ways for generating income from their cultural treasures, taking appropriate legal steps to protect this cultural heritage and promote innovative ways for involving private and philanthropic institutions as well as the international community of donors and States.

The rehabilitation of these most endangered world cultural heritage sites and written treasures deserves special attention because they are the repositories of ancient knowledge still vital for an understanding of Africa and world civilization's past, present and future. They represent a key platform for a genuine dialogue of civilizations in a global era dangerously threatened by all kinds of challenges.

- **Thematic areas**

This three-day International Conference will bring together respected scholars, field specialists and practitioners raising central issues and suggesting practical solutions for promoting manuscripts keepers and preserving existing collections. The program will be comprised of three parallel sessions: a/ Research related to ancient manuscripts content and historical significance; b/ Preservation, cataloguing, digitization and restoration issues; c/ Knowledge management and financial capacity building.

- **Call for papers**

This announcement will be circulated as widely as possible in relevant institutions. Contributors will be asked to send a CV and an abstract of 200 words summarizing salient methodological and analytical approaches. The deadline for abstracts submission is **30 October 2009**. All documents should be sent to the Steering Committee at the following email address: Scommittee@africanmanuscripts.org. Selected authors will be informed and will receive information on the editorial format they will be using. Deadline for papers submission will be **30 March 2010**. Commissioned papers will cover research expenses and honoraria. All papers will be peer-reviewed and published in a book format that will be available prior to the International Conference.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Violence against Women

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, February 2011

Within the that supports evidence-based decision-making, the Social and Human Sciences Sector in collaboration with the University of Hull, U.K., is currently undertaking a program of research on men and violence against women framework of UNESCO's actions to combat violence against women and enhance women's rights and empowerment, and building on its central objective of promoting research, gendered poverty and legal socio-cultural factors influencing women's access to freshwater.

The aim of this program of research is to develop policy recommendations on violence against women, and more specifically men and violence against women, gendered poverty and women's access to fresh water. The second in this series of research meetings will be held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in February 2011. It will build upon the success of the previous meeting, held in Pretoria in August 2007 on 'Women's Rights for Peace and Security in post-Conflict Democracies in sub-Saharan Africa', which formed the basis for a productive dialogue with Ministers at the Forum of Ministers of Women's Affairs of the Great Lakes Region in Mombasa in 2009, and for a series of policy papers and policy briefs, now available on the UNESCO website.

Terms of reference

For the meeting in Kinshasa, researchers specializing in gender-based violence (GBV) are invited by UNESCO to prepare papers on the following research themes, situated within the framework of UNESCO's actions in favor of women living in post-conflict situations:

Men and violence against women

- (i) male perceptions of gender-based violence,
- (ii) why men commit violence against women,
- (iii) working with perpetrators of violence,
- (iv) experiences of involving men in campaigns against GBV and
- (v) reconfiguring masculinities

Gendered poverty and access to freshwater

- (i) analysis of gendered poverty and its causes, including recommendations for poverty reduction strategy papers, especially in post-conflict situations
- (ii) obstacles to women's access to fresh water and other productive resources including men's controls, government policies, legislative frameworks, and cultural constraints
- (iii) gendered poverty and access to fresh water perceived as violence against women
- (iv) the links between poverty, gender and violence against women

Papers may take the form of accounts of original research, reviews of literature, or accounts/reviews of policy and practice. To meet UNESCO's objective of promoting evidence-based policy-making, all papers should have a strong policy focus and must present concrete recommendations to policy- and decision-makers, both governmental and non-governmental, and specific steps to make them operational

The meeting will be concerned primarily with countries in the Great Lakes region, but relevant papers which deal with other African and/or ISESCO (Islamic Educational,

Scientific, and Cultural Organization) countries or take a comparative focus on these issues in post-conflict situations will be welcome, particularly if their recommendations are applicable to the Great Lakes region.

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/>

E-mail: gender.SHS@unesco.org Tel: +33 (0)1 45 68 47 20

CALL FOR PAPERS

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

Institute of African Affairs

Workshop

Bringing History Back in:

Institutional Legacies, Critical Junctures and Political Regime Development in Africa

Bamako, Mali, 24-27 February 2011 at the Centre Point Sud

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IN COOPERATION WITH

Centre Point Sud Bamako, Mali

Roughly twenty years after the democratization wave of the early 1990s political scientists note significant differences in political regimes (democratic/ hybrid/ authoritarian) across the African continent. So far research on the causes of regime development has neglected the historical impact of institutions. The above workshop aims to provide a contribution in eradicating this shortcoming.

The GIGA *German Institute for Global and Area Studies* invites scholars to send abstracts (one page/about 500 words) in order to participate in the workshop. Our principal goal is to bring together scholars from African academic institutions. However, proposals from outside Africa can also be considered.

Potential paper givers should focus on the role of institutions in one of the following fields of research:

- (a) the history of electoral systems and electoral management,
- (b) the struggle for political participation rights and the scrutiny of government by political parties, civil society or the media,
- (c) the history of checks and balances in the political system (the relationship between parliament and government or between judiciary and government),
- (d) the development of political civil-military relations.

Contributions should have a theory-driven empirical approach. Ideally all participants should adopt a historical perspective towards their topic. Comparative views are welcome. For systematic reasons single case studies should cover one of the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Tanzania, Togo, or Zambia. The workshop aims to include historians, political scientists, jurists and other social scientists working in this area of interest as well as an equal amount of Franco- and Anglophone scholars. Therefore papers in both French and English are acceptable. The workshop organisers will provide for basic translation assistance if necessary.

Invited scholars will provide a written paper in anticipation of the conference, give an oral presentation of their paper during the workshop and attend all conference sessions. Point Sud will cover the travel costs to Bamako of all invited participants (economy class flight). It will also provide free accommodation and meals.

Please send your abstracts including your full contact details, institutional affiliation and language skills to both elischer@giga-hamburg.de and stroh@giga-hamburg.de by **September 15, 2010**.

Successful participants will be informed by **September 30, 2010**. Paper givers are required to hand in their final paper by **February 1, 2011**.

The organising committee

Dr. Gero Erdmann Sebastian Elischer Alexander Stroh

⌘ USA

Conference: African Studies Association (ASA) meeting. The meeting this year will be held in San Francisco, California on **November 18-21, 2010**. For more information, please visit the ASA website at <http://www.africanstudies.org>

⌘ LIST OF JOURNALS ON AFRICAN STUDIES

◆ Africa Confidential

Africa Confidential is one of the longest-established specialist publications on Africa, with a considerable reputation for being first with the in depth news on significant political, economic and security developments across the continent. Our track record owes much to our comprehensive network of local correspondents and the connections that we've built up throughout Africa since we started publishing back in 1960.

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This continent-wide, on-the-ground coverage enables us to identify and monitor upcoming issues before they are picked up by the general media – and analyse their real significance for our readers. What's more, all our contributors write for us on the basis of strict anonymity, a principle that was established from the outset in 1960 to ensure writers' personal safety in the turbulent, early years of post-colonial African independence. Hence the newsletter's title.

<http://www.africa-confidential.com>

Africa-Asia Confidential

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

◆ **Routledge African Studies Journals:**

1. *Development Southern Africa*

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

Volume Number: 24, 2007, 5 issues per year

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

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

2. *Journal of African Cultural Studies*

Editor: Chege Githiora, *School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK*

Volume Number: 19, 2007, 2 issues per year

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

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

3. *Journal of Southern African Studies*

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

JoAnn McGregor, *University of Reading, UK,*

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

Volume Number: 33, 2007, 4 issues per year

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

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

4. *The Journal of Eastern African Studies* aims to promote fresh scholarly enquiry on the region from within the humanities and the social sciences, and to encourage work that communicates across disciplinary boundaries. Its broad coverage will encompass archaeology, anthropology, cultural studies, development studies, economics, environmental studies, geography, history, international relations, literatures and languages, political economy, politics, social policy and sociology. With its multi-disciplinary focus,

the [*Journal of Eastern African Studies*](#) will complement *Azania*, the original journal of the BIEA and the primary peer-reviewed publication for eastern African archaeology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. *Ethnic and Racial Studies Journal*, **Editors:** Martin Bulmer and John Solomos, Now to be published 9 times a year, is the leading journal for the analysis of these issues throughout the world. The journal provides an interdisciplinary academic forum. **Submissions:** All submissions should be made online at the *Ethnic and Racial Studies* Manuscript Central site at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rers> Notes for Contributors and further information are available at www.informaworld.com/ers

12. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, **Editor:** Russell King, This journal publishes the results of first-class research on all forms of migration and its consequences, together with articles on ethnic conflict, discrimination, racism, nationalism, citizenship and policies of integration. **Submissions:** For details on how to submit a paper to *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* go to www.informaworld.com/jems

13. **African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal**

Navigating African Diaspora: Crossing, Belonging and Presence

The new international journal *African and Black Diaspora* seeks manuscripts that critically examine notions of crossing, belonging and presence in the context of African and Black Diaspora.

For further information about *African & Black Diaspora*, please contact the marketing coordinator, Alexis Goodyear: alexis.goodyear@tandf.co.uk

To order free sample copies of any of the above journals please visit

www.tandf.co.uk/journals/onlinesamples.asp

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

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

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

The Journal is published by Oxford University Press.

www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org

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

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

For previous issues of African Renaissance, see:

http://adonisandabbey.com/show_journal1.php?list_journals=2&subJournal=Submit

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

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

3. Review of Nigerian Affairs a quarterly multidisciplinary journal of Nigerian politics and society debuts in early March. The journal is a cross between an academic publication and any quality newsfeature publication. To contribute to the journal, contact:

editor@adonis-abbey.com (Dr Jideofor Adibe)

◆ [African Performance Review](#)., a triennial, peer-reviewed journal of the African Theatre Association (AfTA) debuts in March.

To contribute to the journal, contact: The Editor, (Dr Osita Okagbua)

African Performance Review,

Department of Drama, Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW United Kingdom.

Tel: +44 (0)207 919-7581. Email: AfTA@gold.ac.uk

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

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

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

www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst

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

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.

If your college or institution is not already a subscriber please visit our website and look at some sample issues: <http://southscan.gn.apc.org/samples/samplintro.html>

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We also publish a free online briefing service, which might be of interest to college African studies departments and other specialists. The current link is: http://southscan.gn.apc.org/briefings/scan_briefing2203.html

All subscription details are here:

<http://southscan.gn.apc.org/indexlinked/admin/subsintro.html>

Email: southscan@allafrica.com

www.SouthScan.NET

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

International African Institute, new titles

Publications from the International African Institute

September 2009–August 2010

Africa. Journal of the International African Institute

Special Issue: Interpreting Land Markets in Africa

Edited by Jean-Philippe Colin and Philip Woodhouse

Land is of fundamental concern in economic and political development; however, empirical studies remain sparse. These papers address the role of the state in the reform of customary land rights, customary land tenure, and 'informal' transactions, as well as questions relating to discourses of fairness or justice of land access, and the linkage of land rights to autochthony, ethnicity and citizenship.

ISBN: 9780748640638, 160pp, 2010

Published for the IAI by Edinburgh University Press.

Africa Bibliography 2008

Edited by T. A. Barringer

A new volume of the institute's leading bibliographical instrument in African studies was published in December 2009. The opening article in the volume by Susan Murray of African Journals OnLine (AJOL) considers the role of bibliographies in increasing structured access to the plethora of scholarly information to, within and from Africa in the current information era.

ISBN: 9780748640317, 440pp, 2009

Published for the IAI by Edinburgh University Press.

Classics in African Anthropology series

Reaction to Conquest. Effect of Contact with Europeans on the Pondo of South Africa. New introductions by James G. Ellison and Francis Wilson

Monica Hunter

This study by Monica Hunter Wilson, originally published in 1936, and reissued in a second edition in 1961, was one of the first to provide a detailed account of an African people in the process of change from rural cattle-raising tribesmen to urban and agricultural wage-earners in a European-dominated economic system. This new edition was published on the centenary of this pioneering anthropologist's birth.

ISBN 9783894738754, 350pp, 2009

Published for the IAI by Lit Verlag.

African Arguments series

Climate Change in Africa □

Camilla Toulmin

Within Africa, it's likely to be the continent's poorest people who are hit hardest by climate change. In this accessible and authoritative introduction, Camilla Toulmin uses case studies to look at issues ranging from natural disasters to biofuels, and from conflict to the oil industry. The book addresses what future there might be for Africa in a carbon-constrained world.

ISBN 9781848130159, 160pp, 2009

Published for the IAI by Zed Books.

Struggles for Citizenship in Africa

Bronwen Manby

Hundreds of thousands of people living in Africa find themselves non-citizens in the only state they have ever known. Such policies can lead to economic and political disaster, and war. This book by Bronwen Manby of the Open Society Institute brings together new material from across Africa on the most egregious examples of citizenship discrimination, and makes the case for urgent reform of the law.

ISBN 9781848133525, 208pp, 2009

Published for the IAI by Zed Books.

Prizes

Two books published in the International African Library series won awards in 2009.

David Pratten: *Man Leopard Murders: history and society in colonial Nigeria* (Edinburgh University Press, 2007) was awarded the Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology awarded by the Royal Anthropological Institute for works published in 2007.

Ben Jones: *Beyond the State in Rural Uganda* (Edinburgh University Press, 2008) was selected as the winner of the 2009 Elliott P. Skinner Book Award presented by the Association for Africanist Anthropology.

EDITORIAL SERIES

◆ AEGIS/Brill Book series : Call for proposal

As a showcase of the largest European network in African studies, the AEGIS Brill book series is an important forum for European African studies. It contributes to the empirical and theoretical development of the field and to a common identity of African Studies in Europe.

The series publishes outstanding works that rely on original research, integrate humanities and social sciences and combine a focus on real life with a strong interest for theoretical

interpretation. In this situation in which the research in African studies is increasingly directed towards more narrow policy-oriented research in a development framework, the series aims at stressing the specific strengths that characterize interdisciplinary African studies in Europe: the combination of a strong empirical emphasis with an interest in larger theoretical questions of the humanities and social sciences, and the integration of 'cultural' and 'social' themes. Emphasis is on innovative work within the interdisciplinary field of African studies that creates new questions and influences ideas about the field and its aims. As such the AEGIS book series contributes to shifting the field of African Studies towards a more balanced – and a theoretically interesting – study of African cultures and societies.

The series invites authors to submit

- Innovative monographs opening new questions that are addressed with a strong theoretical interest, based on sound empirical research.
- Edited volumes addressing a significant topic from a coherent perspective, integrated into a common contribution to the field of African Studies.

The AEGIS series will publish two books a year. Potential authors should first submit a proposal using the guidelines found at <http://www.brill.nl/downloads/Manuscript-Preparation.pdf>.

The proposal should also state why the book project would fit into the AEGIS Brill Book Series.

After reviewing the proposals, selected manuscripts will be requested by the series editors and sent out to two external reviewers. The final decision about publication then rests with the series editors. We strongly encourage potential authors to contact the series editors in an early phase of the work and not to wait until the manuscript is finished.

The Deadline for submission of prospectus is 30 November 2010

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

AEGIS Brill Africa Book Series

Angelica Baschiera

Centre of African Studies School of Oriental and African Studies

University of London

Thornhaugh Street

Russell Square

London WC1H 0GX

United Kingdom

Email: ab17@soas.ac.uk

♦ **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

Leadership Development Fellowships for eight weeks in London funded by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Deadline to apply 30 September 2011

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

SOAS Governance for Development in Africa PhD scholarships

In association with the Centre of African studies:

Two PhD part-present scholarships are available for African residents to conduct

a PhD Research degree in issues of Governance and Development in Africa

For more information: cas@soas.ac.uk

Leventis Fellowship for Nigerian scholars

Deadline 30 May 2011

To apply contact cas@soas.ac.uk

SOAS RESEARCH STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS 2011

The SOAS Research Student Fellowships 2011 are available for students who are proposing to register full-time for an MPhil/PhD at the School in 2011/12. 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. New awards offered in 2011 are valid only for the 2011/12 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 2011.

SOAS BURSARIES 2011

The SOAS Bursaries 2010 are for students who propose to register full-time for Taught Masters programmes at the School in the academic session 2011/12. The value of the SOAS Bursaries is £8300 per annum. 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 2011 are valid only for the 2011/2012 academic session.

The closing date for applications is 3 March 2011.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND - ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP 2011

The Alumni Scholarship 2011 will be allocated on merit to one student who applies for and is awarded a SOAS Open Scholarship 2010. 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

Application forms for all scholarships and bursaries can be found at 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 Grants

International Partnerships (Africa) Scheme

In an initiative developed by the British Academy's Area Panels, awards of up to £10,000 a year for up to three years are available to support the development of ongoing links between

research centres or institutions, within the humanities and social sciences, in the UK and in Africa. The link would be built around a specific research theme of mutual interest. This could be carried forward through visits in both directions; workshops; seminars and lecture programmes; collaborative research; and joint publications. The programme might form part of either institution's training programme and will ideally involve participation from more than one overseas institution, and might also involve more than one department/university/group/research centre in the UK.

Aim of Award

The scheme is intended to foster links between the UK and Africa, with an emphasis on helping scholars to develop research skills and to produce a joint research outcome.

Scope

Priority will be given to projects with a training element, such as the support and development of staff or postgraduate students (in the UK and overseas). The scheme is intended to benefit early-career scholars from both the UK and overseas, and projects will be highly regarded where they include junior academics from both sides. Visits might be undertaken for staff exchange, supplying teaching elements to courses and developing joint curricula. Workshops and seminars should form an integral part of the programme, and involve both staff and postgraduate students. It is expected that each programme should produce papers or some other joint research outcome designed for publication.

Eligibility

Applicants must be of postdoctoral or equivalent status (i.e. academic staff with at least one or two years of teaching/ research experience)

Level of Grant

Grants are offered up to a maximum of £10,000 per year for up to 3 years.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications is 20 April 2011. Decisions will be announced in mid-July. Applications must be submitted via <https://egap.britac.ac.uk/>, the Academy's electronic grant application system.

Further information together with application forms and notes of guidance are available from the Academy's website:

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/ip.cfm>

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 2010** for awards to be taken up after April 2010. Awards will be announced at the end of **March 2011**.

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 2010**.

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 2010**.

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 2010

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>.

British Academy Visiting Fellowships 2010-2011

The British Academy is pleased to announce a call for applications under this year's round of its Visiting Fellowship scheme. The scheme is intended to enable overseas postdoctoral academics to come to the UK for two to six months in order to carry out research in a British institution, in conjunction with a UK academic. A number of places are being reserved specifically for candidates from Africa.

The scheme is open to application by any scholar from outside the UK. Applicants should normally have obtained a PhD after January 2005, or be able to demonstrate equivalent status. Application must be made in tandem with a UK-based academic sponsor whose home institution is willing to host the visit.

The closing date for applications is 12 January 2011, for visits to take place after 1 May 2011. Results of the competition will be announced in late March 2011.

Further information together with application forms and notes of guidance (for both candidates and host institutions) are available from the Academy's website:

<https://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visfells.cfm>

Contact:

International Relations, The British Academy
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Tel 020 7969 5235 Fax 0207969 5414
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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 2011. Full details of the call, including a link to application forms, can be accessed directly from the ESRC's web pages at: http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities or contact Ian Farnden, ESRC Research Directorate (ian.farnden@esrc.ac.uk)

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

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

British Institute of East Africa: Graduate Training Scheme

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

European Grants

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

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

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

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

David Rothman: rothmandavidj@msm.com Emily Mandelstam: emandelstam@aol.com Paula Tavrow: ptavrow@yahoo.com

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 2010**

- 2) 20 Studentships whose deadline is 8 January 2011**

- 3) 15 Study Abroad Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2010**

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 2010
Study Abroad Fellowships	November 2010
Study Abroad Studentships	January 2011
Emeritus Fellowships	February 2011
Early Career Fellowships	March 2011

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 2011** 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>

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) 2011-12 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

Dr. J. Schafer

Assistant professor/Professeur adjointe

International Development and Globalization Programme/Developpement International et Mondialisation

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

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DelPHE Round 5: 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/delphedelphe.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/delphedelphe> 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 ACU: l.roberts@acu.ac.uk

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

The Scholar Rescue Fund: Fellowship Announcement

We are pleased to announce IIE's 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, 2011**

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:

Fall 2011: 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

Sephis: The South-South exchange programme for research on the history of development

Research Fellowships

In 2011, fellowships are available at the Post-Doctoral and PhD level. Funding will be provided for travel and research costs, and salary according to local standards. These fellowships extend from a minimum of three months to a maximum of two years for both fellowships at Postdoctoral level and for fellowship at PhD level. In addition, Sephis encourages proposals at the interface of history, theory, and development.

Grants for 'Preserving social memory: History and social movements'

Contact:

Sephis Programme
International Institute of Social History
Cruquiusweg 31
1019 AT Amsterdam
The Netherlands
<http://www.sephis.org>

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at Washington University in St. Louis seeks to fill a two-year post-doctoral appointment in masculinities and queer theory, to begin in the 2009-2010 academic year. We are particularly interested in candidates from disciplines or interdisciplinary programs in the social sciences and humanities. Special consideration will be given to those whose research explores transnational and/or intersectional issues and masculinities, as well as queer theory. The responsibilities of this appointment include course teaching and research.

Applicants should send a letter of interest explaining research and scholarly interest; current curriculum vitae; a five-page description of current research project(s); a published article or dissertation chapter; and three (3) letters of recommendation, including one from the dissertation advisor.

Washington University especially encourages application from women, members of ethnic minority groups, and disabled individuals. Applicants must be eligible to work in the United States and have received the doctorate after 1 July 2006 and before 1 July 2011. Applications should be sent to Mary Ann Dzuback, Chair, WGSS Search Committee, Campus Box 1078, Washington University, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis,

MO 63130. The committee will review applications until the position is filled, but priority will be given to those received by 15 May 2011

Further inquiries can be made to 314-935-5102 or women@artsci.wustl.edu ,
<mailto:women@artsci.wustl.edu>

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Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
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The University of Portsmouth has launched a new MA Francophone Africa.

MA Francophone Africa

Mode of study: Full time or Part time

Duration: 1 or 2 Years

Entry Requirements: A good honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject.

The largest concentration of countries in the world in which French is the official language is in Africa. Yet very little is known in the English-speaking world about the history, politics and society of those vast areas of the African continent that were previously under French colonial rule and that are today referred to under the generic term 'Francophone Africa'.

This highly innovative new Master's course offers a programme that focuses exclusively on Francophone Africa. It provides an exciting opportunity to study in depth France's relations with both French-speaking North Africa (focusing in particular on Algeria) and sub-Saharan Africa. A key feature of the degree is that it incorporates a study of the history of the very different approaches to French colonial rule in each of these regions with an analysis of how this historical relationship has shaped - and continues to shape - contemporary relations between France and its former African colonies. France's rapidly changing relationship with both North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa in the contemporary period and the impact of France's African empire on France today are key areas of study.

The first of its kind in Europe, this MA will be informed by three distinctive intellectual approaches. The first will be comparative. The focus will not be on a particular nation or area, but will examine connections and relationships across the whole of Francophone Africa. Second, the course will study Francophone Africa within a transnational context, underlining how Africans have engaged with, for example, decolonisation, nationalism, the Cold War, political Islam and globalisation. Third, the course will situate the region within its wider global context, with a view to analysing the singularity of the colonial and post-colonial experience of Francophone Africa.

For more information:

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