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CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES EVENT SERIES, ACTIVITES & PROJECTS

**Centre for African Studies Annual Lecture
June 21, 2011@ 6pm
Brunei Gallery, Lecture Theatre**

Indigenous Language and the African Renaissance

Prof. Tope Omoniyi, Roehampton University

Chair Chege Githoria
CAS Chair & Senior Lecturer, Dept of African Studies

Tope Omoniyi, PhD, is a Professor of Sociology and Convener, MRes, MPhil/PhD Programmes. He is also Director, Centre for Research in English Language & Linguistics, Department of Media, Culture and Language at Roehampton University. He has held teaching positions in Africa, Asia and Europe over the last quarter of a century until he joined Roehampton in February 2000 where he teaches several undergraduate modules: Language Issues in Multilingual Settings, Language in the Media, Child Discourse, Discourse and Conversation Analysis. He is also convener of the Master of Research in Sociolinguistics and the MA in Applied Linguistics programmes as well as coordinates the MPhil/PhD programme. He is widely published and his research covers broad areas of sociolinguistics, applied linguistics and the sociology of language and religion, Sub-Saharan African language policy and development, language and identity, and Black and African diasporic identities.

Centre for African Studies Event Series

The Africa Business Group (ABG), run by the Centre of African Studies in association with *Africa Confidential*¹, 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.

Conference
Business in Africa: What next Africa?
23 – 25 June 2011
Room 116, SOAS

The Centre of African studies, SOAS are hosting a two day conference on Business in Africa. The themes will be focusing on aspects of business in the present and prospectus for the future. Knowing that 2010 was the year for 17 African countries to celebrate their 50 years of Independence and 16 elections took place throughout Africa, 2011 is the year to ask what next Africa?

Thursday 23rd June 2011 - Day 1 - Governance

Governance and Development

Corruption

Entrepreneurship

Friday 24th June 2011 - Day 2 - Business

China / India in Africa

Natural Resources

The role of Business in development

Featured Speakers will be

Karen Ellis (ODI)

Daniel Large (Political Consultant)

Tara O'Connor (Africa Risk Consulting)

Professor Tunde Ogowewo (King's College London)

Simon Quinn (University of Oxford)

To register email: Angelica Baschiera on: ab17@soas.ac.uk

For further details please see <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/conferences/whats-next/>

Fees apply.

¹ www.africa-confidential.com/

Africa Seminars

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

The Africa Seminars series will commence in the new Academic year, September 2011.

For more information on all of the above events contact:
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Centre of African Studies Activities

- ***Governance for Development in Africa Initiative' PhD scholarship***

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 2012**

- **Residential Schools Programme "*Governance for Development*" in Africa 2011**

The first residential school took place in Mozambique from the "***Governance and Development in Africa***" **4 - 8 of April 2011**. For a report on the residential visit <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/gdai/residential-school/2011-mozambique/>
www.governanceinafrica.org

The next Residential School will take place in Tanzania "***Governance and Health Systems***" **18-22 July 2011**

Applications deadline 31st March 2011.

For further details please see <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/gdai/residential-school/2011-tanzania/>

- ***Governance in Africa Conversations***

As part of the Governance in Africa Initiative, CAS has launched a series entitled called ‘**Governance in Africa Conversations**’, presented by Armando Conte – former BBC World Service journalist and broadcaster. This series brings together some of the most important and inspired thinkers, policy makers (such as for example Daniel Kaufmann) and experts focusing on issues affecting governance in Africa.

Please refer to the website for interviews: governanceinafrica.org

- ***Governance for Development in Africa Fellowship Scheme:***

In 2010 the fellowship was awarded to **Aua Balde** “**A Portuguese Practical Guide to the African Human Rights System**”

The fellowship scheme deadline 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 2012**

Centre of African Studies Projects

Academics visit Africa

The Centre of African studies at SOAS is running the pilot project ‘SOAS Academics visits Africa’ in the academic year 2010/11

The project connects SOAS Academics who are planning to visit Africa with a University convenient to their research destination. The aim is to allow leading experts to share their research through a series of free lectures.

The initiative will support knowledge transfer as well as building institutional links with African University staff and students.

We aim is to deliver 15 lectures during the 2010/11 academic year. The following lectures have been delivered:

15th November 2010

"Steady like the Elephant", University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, Speaker Dr Simona Vittorini (SOAS, Politics Department)

2nd December 2010

"Songs of Mobility and Belonging", University of Cape Town, Speaker Dr Angela Impey (SOAS, Music Department)

16th March 2011

"The Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutions: Implications for US foreign policy in the Middle East and North African Region", University of Tunis, Speaker Dr Corinna Mullin (SOAS, Lecturer in Politics of the Middle East)

12th April 2011

"Violence and Colonial Law in Southern Africa", University of The Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, Speaker Dr Wayne Dooling (SOAS, Senior lecturer in African History), <http://www.ufs.ac.za/templates/archive.aspx?news=1994&cat=1>.

For more details visit: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/ava/>

Business in Africa Link: Knowledge Transfer project

Centre of African Studies has been awarded £12,000 by the Knowledge Transfer Initiative to develop a programme for Business in Africa.

The main activity in 2011 will be a two day Business Conference 23-24 June 2011.

The themes will be focusing on aspects of business in the present and prospectus for the future.

Knowing that 2010 was the year for 17 African countries to celebrate their 50 years of Independence and 16 elections took place throughout Africa, 2011 is the year to ask what next Africa?

There is already a strong discourse on the role of business in development and the need for business to drive economic growth. We have recognised the need for businesses in the UK and worldwide to understand the climate in African countries.

This conference will tackle the influence of government policy on the business climate, the ongoing link with India and China, the role of public sector and entrepreneurship and the role of natural resources for the future.

For more information see: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/ktp/>

Street Action Research project

Street Action works with local partners to tackle the complex needs of children living on the streets and is currently works in Burundi, Kenya and South Africa. It promotes the work of its partners in Africa by building connections and links with its community of Street Action supporters around the world. Its four key aims are:

1. Providing sustainable financial support for local pioneering street child organisations.
2. Raising public awareness and promoting the work of its partners.
3. Putting street children back on the development agenda through advocacy and research.
4. Expanding 'good practice' models from existing partnerships to support the development new and existing partners in Africa.

Joe Walker co-founded Street Action in 2004 after completing his MSc in Development Studies in 2004. He has worked alongside street children activists since 1996 when he first travelled to Africa. Joe Walker began his career with Oxfam, working in campaigns and communications. He followed this by working for a number of smaller international NGOs and has worked with a number of pioneering street children projects in South Africa as well as other Southern and Eastern African countries.

In 2010 Joe joined CAS as a research associate. Through his commitment to the application of research into practice, he is seeking to expand Street Action's research and advocacy strategy to build connections with partner organisations, NGOs and research institutions to deepen and broaden the understanding on the multifarious and complex issues that affect street children.

Street Action is a partnership driven organisation, seeking to strengthen the 'street children' sector globally to ensure that the needs of its partners are being reflected in child rights sector wide strategies for mainstreaming child protection and care. By working alongside the Centre for African Studies and SOAS, we are seeking to ensure that street children are recognised within the broader policy frameworks of human rights, health and education and that their experiences are highlighted in the international development agenda.

The first Executive Summary 2010 of Street Action can be found on their website (see bellow). For more details please see: www.streetaction.org or <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/streetaction/>.

In February 2010 Street Action launched 'Including Street Children' a collaborative research report looking at the situation of street children in Durban, South Africa. Speakers: Lord Paul

Boateng, Stephen Chan, OBE, Professor of International Relations at SOAS, Tom Hewitt, MBE from Umthombo Street Children, South African and Joe Walker, Director of Street Action.

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

Royal African Society

Book Launch - *Season of Rains: Africa in the World*

7 June 2011, 6pm,

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS

In Collaboration with Hurst Publishers

The Author Stephen Ellis is a historian, with a broad range of interests in contemporary history and politics. He is the author of *Season of Rains: Africa in the World* and co-authored of *Worlds of Power: Religious Thought and Political Practice in Africa*

Respondent: William Wallis - Africa editor, Financial Times

Chair: Richard Dowden – Director of the Royal African Society

The Book

Most of what is written about Africa is framed in terms that have been out of date for years. Too often it is seen as heading for either disaster or salvation; the realities are more subtle, more complicated than this binary opposition suggests.

The continent has over the last century experienced the fastest population growth in the entire history of our planet. This brings pressures environmental and human, but it also changes the logic of Africa's economics.

Season of Rains explains how one billion Africans are changing their continent and changing the world. Stephen Ellis dissects how the postcolonial legacy has been overcome, how Africans are seizing the commercial and political initiative, and why this matters. In a series of short, punchy chapters, Ellis surveys the continent today, offering the reader an indispensable guide to how money, power, religion and indigenous development will shape Africa's coming generations.

The launch will be followed by a drinks reception

Royal African Society

**Book Launch - *Nigeria: Half a century of Progress & Challenges*
15th June 2011, 6pm,
Brunei Suite, SOAS**

The Book

Half a Century of Progress and Challenges, has chapter contributions from a diverse group of distinguished Nigerians.

This new book has brought together in one volume, comprehensive insights of Nigerians that have focused on nation building issues in the past. It has articulated where Nigeria is coming from, where it is and where it should be going. This new book is solution-oriented.

It tackles subjects as vast and varied as Religious Tolerance, Tackling Tribalism /Ethnicity and Stemming Corruption

The Author

Constance Chigor Ikokwu works for THISDAY Newspaper, Nigeria's leading national daily.

She draws upon a rich background: she earned her degree in Political Science from Lagos State University, Nigeria and a Masters Degree in International Law & International Relations from Lancaster University, UK.

Ikokwu was the Washington, DC Correspondent for THISDAY between 2007 and 2009. She is a commentator for the National Public Radio (NPR) US. She has spoken at forums at the American University, John Hopkins University, Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis, George Washington University, the National Press Club, the Cosmos Club and the Foreign Press Centre (FPC) US.

Chair

Kaye Whiteman, writer and journalist, specialising in West African affairs

Royal African Society

***Pride vs Prejudice: analysing the Criminalisation of homosexuality in Africa*
16th June 2011, 6pm,
SOAS, Room G2**

This expert panel of speakers will address the implementation of anti-gay laws across Africa and the current LGBTI struggles to undermine and change these laws. They will also discuss

the struggle for personal reconciliation of gay Africans with their faith and culture within homophobic societies.

Speakers:

Dr Oliver Phillips - Research director at the School of Law, University of Westminster. He has written and published extensively on sexuality and the law in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He is one of the founding members of GALZ (Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe), and is currently on the board of the *International Gay and Lesbians Rights Commission* (IGLHRC).

Reverend Rowland Jide Macaulay - Author, preacher and the founding Pastor of *House of Rainbow Fellowship*, a Christian Fellowship with groups in the UK, Nigeria and Ghana. Its vision is to assist sexual mortality on the journey to reconcile their Christian faith and sexuality.

Godwyns Onwuchekwa - Co-founder and coordinator of *Justice for Gay Africans Society*, will focus on the response to criminalisation of homosexuality by activist groups such as his own, and how they seek to promote protection and equal rights for gay citizens.

Chair

Ellah Allfrey - Deputy Editor of *Granta*, and previously a senior editor at Jonathan Cape, Random House.

Royal African Society

Zambia 2011 General Elections

Diaspora Zambians & Stakeholder Interactive Forum

A Discussion for Peaceful, Free, and Fair Elections in Zambia

29th June 2011, 6-8pm,

Committee Room 18, Houses of Parliament

UKZAMBIANS are pleased to invite you to the Diaspora and Stakeholder Interactive Forum to discuss the dynamics surrounding the forthcoming 2011 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Zambia.

The forum will ensure that the Zambian Diaspora and relevant stakeholders voice their views in regards to Zambia holding peaceful, free, and fair presidential and parliamentary elections. Invitations have been extended to, and we expect attendance from UK representatives of Zambian political parties; non-governmental organizations; faith-based organizations; the media; international organizations; community based organisations; representatives of the Zambian High Commission in London; Zambians and friends of Zambia in the UK and Europe; as well as investors, co-operating partners and other stakeholders.

For more info: www.ukzambians.co.uk/elections2011

To register email: info@ukzambians.co.uk

Royal African Society

**Blessing or a Curse: Analysing the Rights of Children in Africa
5th July 2011, 6pm,
SOAS, Room G3**

In the west, child abuse gained recognition as a social problem from the 1960s' and has since retained its prominence as a topic for much discussion. In Africa the recognition of such issues happened much later, in 1984 when the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect was formed. What has this meant for children?

In previous years the UK news has bombarded us with reports in and out of Africa of different cases of Child Abuse:

Pastor jailed for trafficking African child 'slaves' – BBC

Exorcism mania breeds child abuse – The Times

Children trafficked into Britain for sacrifice rituals – The Guardian

In the last year it has gone quiet, does this mean bewitched children are yesterday's news or has the abundance of reports brought Child Cruelty and Child rights to the forefront; so much so that change is beginning to happen?

Join the panel of speakers to discuss the current issues on the Rights of Children in Africa.

Royal African Society

**Caine Prize for African Writing Symposium
13th July 2011, 1-5pm,
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London**

In collaboration with the Centre of African Studies, the Institute of English Studies and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and the Caine Prize.

The Caine Prize is awarded every year to a short story in English by an African writer. The Prize is now in its 12th year, and previous winners include Binyavanga Wainaina and Brian

Chikwava. At this event, the Caine Prize shortlisted writers will be joined by expert commentators in a seminar on African writing.

Caine Prize shortlisted writers are:

- NoViolet Bulawayo (Zimbabwe) ‘Hitting Budapest’ from ‘The Boston Review’ Vol 35, no. 6 - Nov/Dec 2010
- Beatrice Lamwaka (Uganda) ‘Butterfly dreams’ from ‘Butterfly Dreams and Other New Short Stories from Uganda’ published by Critical, Cultural and Communications Press, Nottingham, 2010
- Tim Keegan (South Africa) ‘What Molly Knew’ from ‘Bad Company’ published by Pan Macmillan SA, 2008
- Lauri Kubuitsile (Botswana) ‘In the spirit of McPhineas Lata’ from ‘The Bed Book of Short Stories’ published by Modjaji Books, SA, 2010
- David Medalie (South Africa) ‘The Mistress’s Dog’ from ‘The Mistress’s Dog: Short stories 1996-2010’ published by Picador Africa, 2010

Please RSVP for all RAS events at RSVP@royalafricansociety.org

CAS in collaboration with:

Britain - Tanzania Society

Business and Politics in Tanzania

16th June 2011, 5-7pm

SOAS, Room B104

Opinions differ on the success of Tanzania’s latest round of economic reforms. The optimists see sustained economic growth over the last decade as proof that the country has the right policies in place to produce sustained market-led growth and development. The pessimists argue that the growth is restricted to a small number of economic enclaves, mineral and tourism in particular and has not been accompanied by significant job creation or poverty reduction. This seminar examines the nature of state-business relations in Tanzania using a political economy framework developed by the DFID – financed African Power and Political Programme (APPP).

Speaker: Briam Cooksey has been living in Tanzania for more than three decades. He has taught sociology at the University of Dar es Salaam and undertaken research on a wide range of issues and sector, most recently gold and export agriculture with APPP.

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

CAS in collaboration with:

Anglo-Ethiopian Society

Leishmaniasis in Ethiopia

16th June 2011, 7-8pm

SOAS, Room G50

Speaker: Doctor Pascale Kropf

Contact email address: secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org

For listings of seminars at Universities in UK see forthcoming September 2011 Newsletter

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ON AFRICA IN THE UK & INTERNATIONALLY

UK

- ***Democracy, Governance and Development: Between the Institutional and the Political?*, Oxford Department of International Development and St Antony's College, June 27 & 28, 2011**

For further information, see website: http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/pdf/pdf-misc/CFP_Dem_Gov_Dev.pdf

- ***Development and Empire, 1929-1962*, Humanities Research Centre, university of York, 1-2 July 2011**

A two-day conference bringing together scholars based in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America to share knowledge and ideas about British aid-assisted colonial development in the mid twentieth century.

Speakers: Paul Greenough, Jordanna Bailkin, Barbara Bush, David Clover, Billy Frank, Joseph Hodge, Gerald Hödl, Leigh Gardner, Michael Jennings, Margaret Jones, Gerold Krozewski, Edward Hamilton, Lucy McCann, Zachary D. Poppel and Uyilawa Usuanlele.

The conference is supported by the Department of History and is organised by its British Empire research cluster. Additional financial support has been provided by the Economic History Society, the Wellcome Trust, the Centre for Modern Studies, University of York, and the British Society of the History of Science. For information on registration and a provisional programme, see the website.

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Visit the website at <http://www.york.ac.uk/history/research/conferences/development-and-empire/>

- ***Myths and Fairy Tales in African Art*, Africa in Motion 2011 Symposium, Edinburgh, 29 October 2011**

Website: www.africa-in-motion.org.uk/symposium/

Email: symposium@africa-in-motion.org.uk

- ***Sport in Africa: History, Politics and the Archive*, SCOLMA (the UK Libraries and Archives Group on Africa) Annual Conference, The National Archive, Kew, London, Wednesday 29th June 2011**

To register for the conference, please contact Lucy McCann at lucy.mccmann@bodlean.ox.ac.uk.

SCOLMA website: www2.lse.ac.uk/library/scolma/

Rest of EUROPE

- ***Representation and Memorialization of Violence in Art, Literature, and Anthropology in Africa*, University of Bayreuth, Germany, 14th – 16th July 2011**

Following up on an interdisciplinary workshop of BIGSAS and UKZN on the interrelations between literary studies and anthropology, this conference zooms in on a specific phenomenon: violence. According to Achille Mbembe (2001) it is possible to “follow the trail of violence” that marks African history from the violence implicated in the colonial experience to the pluralistic chaos that characterizes the post-colony. From its moments of founding, through conquests, to its dictatorial self-arrogation as the sole source of power and law, colonization rested on violence, and some practices of “Commandment” are in continuity with colonial power.

To register online: tracks.traces@googlemail.com

- ***The History of Health Care in Africa: Actors, Experiences and Perspectives in the Twentieth Century*, Conference at the Historische Seminar and Centre for African Studies University of Basel Base, 12-14-2011**

Health in Sub-Saharan Africa has always been experienced, debated and pursued in a specific historical context. At the same time the history of health and health care in a specific local setting cannot be separated from processes on a larger scale. Neither diseases nor ideas and practices about health, healing and care stopped at colonial or national borders. Patients, medical practitioners and medicines moved - whether connected to illness or not. A whole array of inter- and transnational organisations and networks were involved in the development, implementation and negotiation of health strategies in African countries.

This conference looks beyond the borders of colonial empires and national states by bringing together researchers with different temporal and spatial perspectives on the history of health, health care and medical research in Sub-Saharan Africa. While historical studies will lie at the core, the conference also includes other disciplines,

such as social anthropology, sociology, political science, epidemiology, theology or international health.

The conference concludes a three-year research project on the "History of Health Systems in Africa: Swiss Mission Hospitals and Rural Health Delivery in the 20th Century". The project, led by the Department of History in collaboration with the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and the Institute of Social Anthropology, conducts a comparative analysis of the histories of three former Swiss mission hospitals in Ghana, South Africa and Tanzania. Its aim is to draw conclusions on the development of local and national health care systems and the role faith-based health providers have played in Africa.

For more information visit: <http://zasb.unibas.ch/research/research-projects/>

- ***African Memory in Danger: Plundering and return of cultural and anthropological heritage in Africa, 15-16 September 2011, Musée d'art et d'Histoire, Geneva, Switzerland,***

The African continent has been subject to plundering for centuries, the nature, form and motivation of which has varied with conquests, colonization, independence and globalization. At present, plundering and the illicit trade of cultural property have seriously affected African history and compromise the development of populations. Export of blood samples and repatriation of human remains also raise important ethical questions. For several years, laws have been formulated, agreements ratified, ethics code proclaimed and ethical commissions established. Local initiatives for cultural heritage protection appeared, the return of cultural property and biological remains was organized. Yet the positive effects have not always been seen, or the situation is shown to be more complex than expected.

Organised by the swiss society of African studies, the laboratory Archéologie et peuplement de l'Afrique (Unité d'anthropologie of University of Geneva), and the CECOJI (CNRS), this conference is under the patronage of the swiss commission for UNESCO.

For more information visit: <http://www.sagw.ch/en/africa.html>

- ***Fifth Annual Conference of the African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE), 21 – 25 September, 2011, ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute, Lisbon, Portugal***

Organization: African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE)

Call for Papers--Crossing African Borders: Migration and Mobility-

The fifth Annual Conference of the African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE) will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on 21-25 September 2011 at the ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute (www.iscte.pt) in Lisbon, Portugal, where the Centre of African Studies (www.cea.iscte.pt) is located.

Conference panels are coordinated by ABORNE members, who will select papers that best match the overall conference theme – Borders and Migration/Mobility – and the specific theme of the panel, as well as the importance and role of borders.

Financial support (all expenses for travel and accommodation) is available for a limited number of participants. In accordance with the rules set by the European Science Foundation, speakers based in countries financing the networking programme have to be given preference in funding. These are Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom). Additional funding for Africa-based scholars will be sought through various programs and African colleagues are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts for papers directly contributing to the conference theme.

For more information visit: <http://www.aborne.org/nc/members.html>, Register Online: crisrina.rodriques@iscte.pt

USA

- **54th Annual Meeting, 50 YEARS OF AFRICAN LIBERATION, November 17-20, 2011, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC, USA**

Program Committee Chair: Carol Thompson, Northern Arizona University

Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs: Peter Lewis (SAIS), Carl LeVan (American University) and Stephen Ndegwa (World Bank)

As you may know, the ASA Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of Africanists scholars in the world. With an average attendance of 1,400 scholars and professionals, the conference offers more than 200 panels and roundtables, scholarly and professional plenary and institutional events, awards and prizes, as well as discussion groups, and international exhibit hall, and an on-demand film to appreciate the teachings, research and professional results of Africanist scholars and that of their colleges, university and museums in different regions of North America and attracts participants from North and South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

For more information visit:
http://africanstudies.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=9E03FB90-26B9-564D-D66B771C7C118F7C

2012 AFRICA CONFERENCE: POVERTY AND EMPOWERMENT IN AFRICA, March 30-April 1, 2012, University of Texas at Austin

Convener: Toyin Falola

Africa is among the most resourceful continents in the world and yet the least developed compared to other continents. This has not always been the case historically as many pre-colonial formations had successful agrarian and market economies that delivered food and services. When and how did things begin to go wrong? Today, the

scourge of poverty remains an entrenched reality, majority of inhabitants in some places struggle to make a living. The model of empowering Africa to dig out of this quagmire remains elusive. Against this background the thrust of this interdisciplinary conference is to engage scholars to reflect on the historical and contemporary issues of poverty, poverty alleviation, and empowerment. It is also to generate a dialogue and incite meaningful debates on the conceptualization of poverty and empowerment. Was Africa and poverty conceived in the same 'womb'? Or is it the case that Africa 'betrothed' poverty. In what ways and with what level of success has a resourceful Africa over time empowered its citizenry? What has been the bane and ramifications of poverty reduction/eradication and empowerment? Can scholars come up with meaningful new policies?

The deadline for submitting paper proposals is November 30, 2011. For more information please visit: <http://www.isanet.org/blog/2011/04/cfp-2012-africa-conference-poverty-and-empowerment-in-africa-.html>

Please submit all Abstracts to: Toyin Falola, toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu and Tosin Funmi Abiodun, africainconference2012@gmail.com

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Russia

- ***Africa in the Changing World Development Paradigm, 12th Conference of Africanists, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 23 - 25 May 2011, Moscow, Russia***

*For more information visit:
<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/IDEAS/programmes/africaProgramme/pdfs/moscowMay2011.pdf>*

Africa

- ***Indigenous Knowledge and Global Changes in Africa: The Challenges in the 21st Century, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu, Nigeria 8 - 10 June 2011***

For more information email: Iasunn2011conference@unn.edu.ng

- ***Nollywood in Africa, Africa in Nollywood, International Conference, Pan African University, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria, 21-24 July, 2011***

For more information email: Añuli Agina, aagina@smc.edu.ng

- ***Media and Democracy towards Sustainable Stability, 17 - 19 August, 2011, Accra International Conference Center, Accra, Ghana***

For more information email: info@amdmc.org

- ***Cambridge/Africa Collaborative Research Conference: Myth and Modernity in African Literature, Wednesday August 24, 2011 - Friday August 26, 2011, Pan-African University, Lagos, Nigeria***

Jointly organised by the Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge, UK and School of Media and Communication, Pan-African University, Lagos, Nigeria

Critics have long recognised the value of African literatures' representation of the mythic and the folkloric, but too often this recognition is based on an anthropological approach, where myth is seen as an expression of the pre-modern or pre-colonial. Not enough attention has been paid to the ways in which myth, through literature, can serve as a vital ingredient in the construction of the modern in Africa. Myth, legend, folklore, and appropriations from the oral tradition frequently serve to embed the imaginary in the historical, to anchor texts within communities, to allow writers to negotiate their places within a nascent African modernity. The theme of the 2010-2011 Fellowship programme allows scholars to explore these and other issues related to the persistence of myth in African literatures, and to consider in details their implications for our sense of Africa in the twenty-first century.

The conveners, Dr. Chris Warnes of the Faculty of English, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, and Dr. James Tar Tsaiior of the School of Media and Communication, Pan-African University, Lagos, Nigeria invite abstracts and panel proposals around the theme of the conference with the following sub-themes:

- Myth in Africa, Africa in myth: theoretical issues
- Myth of modernity, modernity of myth in a globalised order
- Interfaces of myth and the oral arts in modern Africa
- Myth, modernity and the construction of nationhood in Africa
- Myth, modernity and the idea of Africa
- Myth, modernity and the popular imagination in Africa
- Media constructions of myth and the modern in Africa
- Mythic (Mis)Representations of gender/sexuality in African literature

- African literature and the myth of identity
- Politics of Be/Longing: the myth of race/ethnicity in Africa
- Religion and the mythic imagination in Africa
- Myth, modernity and the written tradition
- Appropriations of myth in new media technologies in Africa
- Myth and African Epistemologies
- Myth and the Institution

Abstracts and panel proposals of not more than 300 words should be sent to the following: Anuli Agina - aagina@smc.edu.ng (Tel) +234(0)7032237197 and Ijeoma Nwezeh - inwezeh@smc.edu.ng (Tel) +234(0)8028494293 not later than 20 June, 2011

For more information visit: www.smc.edu.ng

- ***Linking Ghana and the Caribbean: Legacies, Memories and Belongings, 12 - 19 December, 2011, University of Cape Coast, Ghana***

Organization: Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on the Global Migrations of African Peoples and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana

Papers are invited for presentation at a conference focusing broadly on the historical and contemporary connections between Ghana and the Caribbean. Using the Atlantic Slave trade as the progenitor of this link we seek papers which explore the memories of displacement and loss, the rituals of reconnection, and the claims for belonging on both sides of the Atlantic. The conference aims at bringing together scholars who are working on the archived as well as the lived and/or imagined connections between those Africans who were deported from the general area known as Ghana (the Gold Coast) and their descendants in the African Diasporas of the Caribbean. A major scholarly concern of this conference is the examination of the ways in which these connections have shaped ideas of historical belonging and contemporary citizenship. The conference is wide ranging in scope and invites the participation of those scholars who are working in a variety of disciplines which attempt to illuminate this historical and contemporary connection.

The following themes are suggested but are not exclusive:

- Establishing the Link: Histories of Departure and Arrival
- Cultural Production and the African Diasporic Imagination
- Spirits across the waters: Connections in the religious sphere
- Reproducing History and Memory in diurnal ritual
- The political strategies of Decolonization
- Reconnecting: Historical and contemporary repatriations and reconnections

The deadline for submission of abstracts and proposals together with an up-to-date CV is May 1, 2011.

For further enquiries, please contact:

The Ghanaian-Caribbean Diasporas Conference Organizers at tubman@yorku.ca or visit http://tubman.apps01.yorku.ca/linking_ghana_and_the_caribbean_legacy...

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

www.africa-asia-confidential.com

◆ **Routledge African Studies Journals:**

1. Development Southern Africa

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

Volume Number: 24, 2007, 5 issues per year

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

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

2. Journal of African Cultural Studies

Editor: 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

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◆ **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 items 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 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 news feature publication. To contribute to the journal, contact: editor@adonis-abbey.com (Dr Jidefor Adibe)

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

◆ **Pambazuka News** is the authoritative pan African electronic weekly newsletter and platform for social justice in Africa providing cutting edge commentary and in-depth analysis on politics and current affairs, development, human rights, refugees, gender issues and culture in Africa. To view online, go to <http://www.pambazuka.org/>.

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

www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst

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

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

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

All subscription details are here:

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◆ **Postamble** is a postgraduate journal of the Faculty of Humanities located in the Centre for African Studies and published bi-annually online. Postamble is committed to featuring original post graduate student work of a high academic standard which is of value to the promotion of multi-disciplinary study of Africa within the university environment. Submissions cover a wide range of humanities, arts and social sciences topics involving the study of Africa. This online publication allows for the exploration of alternative forms of research presentation that may include creative writing, visual essays, the use of digital film and sound, digital photography favouring works of an academic nature. Postamble is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes general, as well as thematically focussed special issues. The journal is edited by an editorial committee comprised of students and academic staff from the Faculty of Humanities.

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

amble@humanities.uct.ac.za

◆ **Ecquid Novi: African Journalism Studies.** The Journal has just been re-launched and more information can be found on

<http://www.wisc.edu/wisconsinpress/journals/journals/ajs.html>

◆ **South African Journal of International Affairs**

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The *South African Journal of International Affairs (SAJIA)* is the flagship publication of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), an independent, nongovernmental 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.

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, no 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.

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 the Book Series

African Arguments is a series of short books about Africa today. Aimed at the growing number of students and general readers who want to know more about the continent, these books intend to highlight many of the longer-term strategic as well as immediate political issues confronting the African continent.

They get to the heart of why Africa is the way it is and how it is changing. The books are scholarly but engaged, substantive as well as topical.

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Series Editors: Alex de Waal, Social Science Research Council and Richard Dowden, Royal African Society

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Congo Masquerade: The Political Culture of Aid Inefficiency and Reform Failure, Theodore Trefon

Congo Masquerade is about mismanagement, hypocrisy and powerlessness in what has proved to be one of Africa's most troublesome and volatile states. In this scathing study of catastrophic aid inefficiency, Trefon argues that whilst others have examined war and plunder in the Great Lakes region, none have yet evaluated the imported 'template format' reform package pieced together to introduce democracy and improve the well-being of ordinary Congolese. It has, the book demonstrates, been for years an almost unmitigated failure due to the ingrained political culture of corruption amongst the Congolese elite, abetted by the complicity and incompetence of international partners.

ISBN: 9781848138360, 176 pages, 2011

Published for the IAI by Zed Books

Chocolate Nations: Living and Dying for Cocoa in West Africa, Orla Ryan

Chocolate - the very word conjures up a hint of the forbidden and a taste of the decadent. Yet the story behind the chocolate bar is rarely one of luxury...

From the thousands of children who work on plantations to the smallholders who harvest the beans, Chocolate Nations reveals the hard economic realities of our favourite sweet. This vivid and gripping exploration of the reasons behind farmer poverty includes the human stories of the producers and traders at the heart of the West African industry. Orla Ryan shows that only a tiny fraction of the cash we pay for a chocolate bar actually makes it back to the farmers, and sheds light on what Fairtrade really means on the ground.

ISBN: 9781848130050, 192 pages, 2011

Published for the IAI by Zed Books

Climate Change in Africa, Camilla Toulmin

Climate change is a major challenge for us all, but for African countries it represents a particular threat. This book outlines current thinking and evidence and the impact such change will have on Africa's development prospects.

ISBN: 9781848130159, 192 pages, 2009

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Struggles for Citizenship in Africa, Bronwen Manby

Hundreds of thousands of people living in Africa find themselves non-persons in the only state they have ever known. Because they are not recognised as citizens, they cannot get their children registered at birth or entered in school or university; they cannot access state health services; they cannot obtain travel documents, or employment without a work permit; and if they leave the country they may not be able to return. Most of all, they cannot vote, stand for office, or work for state institutions. This book brings together new material from across Africa of the most egregious examples of citizenship discrimination, and makes the case for urgent reform of the law.

ISBN: 9781848133525, 208 pages, 2009

Published for the IAI by Zed Books

Life after Violence: A People's Story of Burundi, Peter Uvin

Burundi has recently emerged from twelve years of devastating civil war. Its economy has been destroyed and hundreds and thousands of people have been killed. In this book, the voices of ordinary Burundians are heard for the first time.

This groundbreaking book on conflict and society in Africa will have profound repercussions for development across the world.

ISBN: 9781848131804, 224 pages, 2008

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

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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

Deadline 30 September 2011

For more information visit <http://soas.ac.uk/cas/gdai/gdai-phd-scholarships.html> and to apply contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Leventis Fellowship for Nigerian scholars

Deadline 30 May 2012

For more information visit <http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/sponsorship/leventis/> and to apply contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

SOAS Fellowships and Bursaries

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SOAS offers a wide-range of scholarships, bursaries and awards to support students undertaking our degree programmes. A number of scholarships are also provided by the University of London, the British government and other external organisations.

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

- Postdoctoral Fellowships

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

- **British Academy Visiting Fellowship**

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Contact:

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vf@britac.ac.uk

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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.

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

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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.

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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

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

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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.

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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.

Further details are available from the website,
<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

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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

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

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

Contact: All general enquiries about the scheme can be sent to the British Council at delphe@britishcouncil.org, All Enquiries about ACU: l.roberts@acu.ac.uk

Announcement

Fellowships for Threatened Academics: Professors, Researchers and Lecturers

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

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

Apply or nominate a candidate for SRF fellowship support

For all details and deadlines please visit <http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/page/intro.php>;

Contact: SRF@IIE.org

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

Sephis, the South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development, was established in 1994. The programme encourages researchers located in the South to establish links with their colleagues in other parts of the South. This growing South-South network is concerned with research on the history of development. Prime objectives of the Sephis programme are supporting dialogues between researchers from the South with their various visions of development and history, encouraging comparative research, and strengthening Southern-based research capacity. Sephis is largely funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Development Cooperation but also increasingly receives funding from other organizations.

Under the general theme of Historicizing Modernity and Development, Sephis has been focusing its activities on two subthemes which run through histories of national and local development: identity and equity.

For more information visit <http://www.sephis.org/node/2>:

Contact:

Sephis Programme

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2010 – 2012 Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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); 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.

For further information visit: <http://swg.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=50>

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

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Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects on Sub-Saharan Africa

Call for Pre-Proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Social Sciences in Sub-Saharan Africa, Deadline 15 June 2011

This Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme, funded by the Gulbenkian Foundation, the Volkswagen Foundation and other European partners aims at providing sustainable support for research in Sub-Saharan Africa. Besides an African-European cooperation, special emphasis is put on the development and extension of academic networks within Africa. This call is part of the Foundations' career development strategy for African researchers in which junior and senior postdoctoral fellows should take responsibility for developing and executing their own research project and show leadership responsibilities for their research group (in the case of senior fellows). The project must be carried out in collaboration with a European partner institution. The call is open to all scholars from Sub-Saharan Africa, who are actively researching the economic and political developments in contemporary Sub-Saharan societies.

For more information visit: [http://www.ziaf.uni-frankfurt.de/PDF/Call Volkswagen Foundation.pdf](http://www.ziaf.uni-frankfurt.de/PDF/Call_Volkswagen_Foundation.pdf)

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