The Centre of African Studies of the University of London is the largest centre of expertise on Africa outside Africa. Founded in 1965 at SOAS, University of London, since 1991 the Centre has assumed formal responsibility for co-ordinating, stimulating and promoting interdisciplinary study, research and discussion on Africa within the University; and promoting a wider awareness of African issues.

The Centre’s present membership is in excess of 200 scholars, including over 100 members from the lecturing staff of the University of London, as well as Professorial Research Associates, Senior Research Associates, Research Associates and Associate Members, drawn from media, business, finance, politics, government, and academic scholarship outside London.

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Angelica Baschiera
Seraphin Kamdem
Letter from the Chairman

Over the past year or so, Africa’s profile in international debates, media and policy discussions has been noticeable. ‘Africa rising’ has become a dominant part of narratives about the continent and its future, reflecting the (perhaps now diminishing) optimism generated by the so-called ‘Arab spring’, a decade of sustained economic growth, progress in meeting some of the Millennium Development Goals, and a sense of optimism about Africa’s future permeating donors, international investors, media reports and commentary upon the continent – both from within and outside.

As with all such narratives, the general hides considerable variation in the particular, and as Africanists we know only too well how quickly and completely narratives about African can shift from blanket optimism to overwhelming pessimism. The role of the Centre of African Studies (CAS) remains as it always has been: to contribute to a better understanding of Africa within UK and international public and policy audiences; to challenge unbalanced, un-nuanced debates, especially those which treat this vast continent as an homogenous whole; and to promote the research and knowledge of our members in the University of London.

CAS has had another successful year in this core mission to promote African studies within the University of London and to a wider public audience. Through public lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences; through hosting visiting scholars and providing scholarships for African researchers to come to London; and through securing external funding for CAS-run and CAS-partnered projects, CAS has continued to build upon its well established expertise and role in research on and in Africa, policy debates within the UK and internationally, and on helping to promote African arts and culture within Britain. We are enormously proud of all that we have achieved, over the past year, and over the past almost 50 years (next year we will begin plans for how we will mark the occasion of our 50th anniversary, coming up in 2015).

For this 2012-13 academic year, through the generous support of the Leventis Foundation, we have funded three Nigerian scholars to come to London to undertake research: Dr Aliya Adamu from Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto; Dr Rotimi Fasan, from the College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Osogbo; and Dr Edewor Uyoyou Nelson, from the Fine and Applied Arts Department, Delta State University, Abraka. Through our collaboration with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, we have funded a new PhD researcher for the 2012-13 entry: Nimrod Zalk, from South Africa; and for the 2013-14 entry, we will be having three new Masters Scholars also funded by the Mo Ibrahim Scholarships programme: Sam Bbosa from Uganda, Gertrude Kitongo from Kenya; and Nigisty Gebreegziabher from Ethiopia.

We have also continued with our programme of international residential schools on governance, this year based in Accra, Ghana. This year’s annual lecture was given by novelist and academic Professor Abdulrazak Gurnah, who discussed writing about the African Indian Ocean by authors such as Joseph Conrad, Karen Blixen, and the Naipauls. Through our collaboration with the Business Council for Africa, CAS ran a series of interesting and well attended seminars. Events were also undertaken in in partnership with the Royal African Society, the Horn of Africa Business Association, and the Tanzania Development Studies Association, amongst others. In May, we ran a two day conference on Mali in Transition, sponsored by MBI Al Jaber Foundation, ASA-UK and Goldsmith’s College. Almost every week saw a CAS hosted or sponsored event, all of which were very successful.

The success of CAS is down to its members, and as Chair I would like to thank all for their continued collaboration and support. I would especially like to thank the core CAS team, Angelica Baschiera, Sebastiana Etzo and Seraphin Kamdem, for all their hard work and support in ensuring CAS remains one of the most recognised of UK centres for African Studies.

Dr Michael Jennings,
Chairman, CAS
Members’ Activities

Recent publication and activities by some members

Dr John Campbell, SOAS

Publications


Dr Zoe Marriage, SOAS

Publications


Prof. Ben Fine
Professor of Economics at SOAS

Publications


Dr Deborah Johnston, SOAS

Publications


‘Using examples from Sub-Saharan African countries, the book explains how economics has been applied to the various HIV epidemics. Designed both for economists and non-economists, the book shows the weaknesses of standard approaches and argues that there are alternative approaches that better illuminate the economic causes and consequences of this terrible disease.’


Prof. Sarah Randall, UCL

Publications


Prof Trevor Marchand, SOAS

Book chapter:

Exhibition:
‘Mud Masons of Mali’, co-curated with Mary Jo Arnoldi, at the Africa Focus Gallery, Smithsonian Institution National Museum for Natural History, Washington DC. Opens August 30 2013

Documentary film:

Journal article:
(currently under review for Museum Anthropology): ‘For the Love of Masonry: Djenne craftsmen in turbulent times’

Prof Lutz Marten, SOAS

Workshop on ‘Word-order, information structure and language contact in Bantu languages’, organised in February: (http://www.soas.ac.uk/linguistics/events/bantu/)

Keynote address :
‘A typology of Bantu subject inversion.’ 5th International Conference on Bantu Languages, Paris (13-15 June 2013, with Jenneke van der Wal)

Research visits:
School of Foreign Studies, Osaka University (November 2012)
School of Asian and African Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University (Oct-Dec 2012)

Publications:


Prof. Andrew Dorward, SOAS

Publications
(Forthcoming). Chirwa, E., and A. Dorward. Agricultural Input Subsidies in Low Income


Commissioned papers:


Dr Claire Mercer, LSE

Publications


Dr Wendy Willems, LSE

Publications


Professor Deborah James, LSE

Grants

2011 LSE Research Committee Seed Fund grant “Rights Welfare and Law. Legal Aid Advocacy in Austerity Britain” £ 24,236.00

2011 LSE STICERD Grant “Rights Welfare and Law. Legal Aid Advocacy in Austerity Britain” £4,815.00

Chapters in books


Articles in journals


Forthcoming (with Alice Forbess) “Acts of assistance: navigating the interstices of the state with the help of UK non-profit legal advisers” Special issue of Social Analysis, ed. Thelen, T, K

Benda Beckmann and L. Vetters, entitled The Relational State.


2012 “Money-go-round: personal economies of wealth, aspiration and indebtedness in South Africa” Africa 82(1) 20-40

2012 (with Elizabeth Hull) "Introduction: local economies and citizen expectations in South Africa” Africa 82(1): 1-19

Dr Matteo Rizzo, SOAS

Publications


Prof David Simon AcSS
Professor of Development Geography at Royal Holloway

Publications

Book Chapters


Journal Articles
2012 ‘To and Through the UK: Holocaust refugee ethnographies of escape, education, internment and careers in development’ Contemporary Social Science: Journal of the Academy of Social Science 7(1), pp. 21-38.


Grant
£19,990 from the Urban Studies Journal Ltd 2012 Seminar Series Competition for ‘Bearing the brunt of environmental change: understanding climate adaptation and transformation challenges in African cities’. This international workshop was held at RHUL in April 2013 and will lead to various follow-up activities. For a report on the workshop, see http://www.rhul.ac.uk/aboutus/newsandevents/news/newsarticles

Dr Michael Jennings, SOAS

Journal Articles

Book chapters


**Dr Laura Hammond, SOAS**

**Publications**


**Dr Marie Rodet, SOAS**

**Book Chapters**


**Articles**


**Dr Carlos Oya, SOAS**

**Book Chapters**


**Professor William Gervase Clarence-Smith**

Professor of the Economic History of Asia and Africa

**Articles, chapters, and review articles**


**Organization of conferences**

‘The camel conference at SOAS,’ 29-30 April 2013 (2nd in series; with Ed Emery).
Current Projects and Research Schemes

Mo Ibrahim Foundation – Governance for Development in Africa Initiative

The Importance of Governance and Development in Africa
by Dr Michael Jennings, Chair of the CAS

It is clear that governance – the structures, processes and rules that determine the allocation of resources by the state – has an impact on development. The way decisions are made, by whom and for whom, and the transformation of decisions into implemented policy, affects the lives and prospects of the poor across the world.

However, since the 1990s, a particular narrative of the governance-development nexus has risen, one which suggests particular forms of governance which emphasise democratic participation, transparency and accountability, independent and effective judicial systems and strong civil society (characterised as ‘good governance’) will set in place conditions required for rapid and sustained development.

The link, many of those involved in research in this area would contest, and especially those members of CAS involved in the Governance for Development in Africa Initiative, is far from clear. The core elements of good governance may be worthwhile aims in themselves, they may reflect the type of society many people would choose to live in, but there is little evidence that they are necessary pre-conditions for development.

And yet donors and international organisations continue to push forward the good governance agenda by attaching conditions to aid, and demanding reforms of governments in sub-Saharan Africa especially. CAS, over the past five years, has become fully engaged in these debates through discussions, research and collaborations with African research institutions, in engaging with future African leaders to foster better international understanding of how governance and development are linked.

Since 2008, CAS has been working with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF) on the Governance for Development in Africa Initiative (GDAI), which has provided for PhD scholarships for African researchers wishing to study issues related to governance and development at SOAS, and for six residential schools on governance and development, held in a different African country each year. Following the success of the first five years of the GDAI, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation has extended its funding for another five years, and we have expanded the scholarships to include support for masters programmes as well as those seeking to undertake a PhD.

As we start on the next five years, this sees a good time to reflect on our past experiences, and on lessons for the next five years.

CAS’ work on governance and development under GDAI has consisted of three main strands, all designed to help boost knowledge and capacity within Africa’s generation of future leaders. Firstly, it has consisted of the PhD scholarships, helping to bring African scholars who otherwise would have no opportunity to undertake doctoral research, to SOAS to undertake their studies. A critical part of this scholarship is that it has expected students to remain in their countries for the final year of writing-up, rather than returning to SOAS as would usually be expected. This increases the opportunities that their research, knowledge and experience can be used to help build knowledge capacity in their own countries.

So far we have had nine MIF-funded doctoral scholars, and from this academic year 2013-14, we are welcoming our first batch of MIF-funded Masters scholars.

What have we learnt from this experience? Firstly, that there is huge demand for scholarships for African students, who have been especially hard hit by the contraction in opportunities for funded studies. Secondly, that whilst PhD studies are important, so too is masters-level study (where a similar dearth of funding for African scholars exists). Accordingly, in the next five years of the programme, we will be supporting masters as well as PhD scholarships for African researchers.
The second stand of activity is the annual week-long residential school on governance and development, held in a different African country each time. Since 2008 we have run the residential school in Dakar, Maputo, Entebbe, Addis Ababa and Accra. We also ran a special residential school on governance and health in Dar es Salaam to provide a more focused examination of governance and development within a specific sector.

These residential schools have allowed us to bring together a number of those who we have identified as being future leaders in their field – academics, civil society actors, civil servants, journalists – and who already work in areas of governance and development. Through an intensive five day course, students engage with a range of speakers, and are expected to contribute fully to discussions within each session and outside it. We co-host the residential schools with a local partner, and this has allowed us to develop closer links with African research and higher education institutions. The most recent school, in Accra, for example, was run in partnership with the internationally renowned Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana (CDD-Ghana), with whom we have continued to engage in seeking out new projects.

Listening to the voices of participants has always been an essential part of the course, allowing people to bring their experiences from the wide range of African countries that are always represented to the discussions.

The third strand consists of efforts to create and expand a range of online resources for those interested in governance and development. Our GDAI Governance Conversations consist of a growing number of lectures and interviews with international leaders in governance, as well as making available online lectures and materials from the residential schools. The hope is that as this resource continues to grow, it will become ever more useful to those working in this area.

What has been the main benefit for CAS members engaged on the GDAI? All those involved work on issues around governance and development. We come, therefore, with our own views, informed by our research. But what I think all would say has been especially useful for us, is interaction with those who are living at the front-end of the governance – development nexus. Listening to their experiences, their hopes and wishes, has shaped our own responses to our research and analysis. Getting a feel for commonalities across regions, and particular points of difference, has helped those of us who have mostly operated within a particular geographical area. But especially, it has drawn CAS and the individuals involved, more fully into international policy debates, allowing us through CAS to take part in discussions and challenge orthodox ideas about how governance and development are understood to be linked.

For more information on how to apply to the different schemes and for deadlines, see under Awards and Grants

Updates on Mo Ibrahim scholars at the CAS

The Mo Ibrahim PhD Scholar for the year 2012/2013 is Nimrod Zalk from South Africa.

Research Topic: The prevalence, form and impact of various forms of economic rents in the post-apartheid political economy of South Africa’s iron ore and steel value chain, on South Africa’s efforts to industrialise

Supervisor: Professor M H Khan, Economics Department, SOAS

For the 2013-14 academic year, we will be having our first batch of Masters MIF scholars: Sam Bbosa, from Uganda, Gertrude Kitongo, from Kenya, and Nigisty Gebreegziabher from Ethiopia

Governance in Africa Conversations

The series Governance in Africa Conversations brings together some of the most important and inspired thinkers, policy makers and experts focusing on issues affecting governance in Africa.

The programmes are produced as 30 minute radio shows aimed at audiences in the African continent. They are also recorded in video format for online distribution and as educational resources for universities in Africa. These audio and video programmes are available for broadcasting and syndicating free of charge through national and community Radio and TV stations.

The interviews recorded for the Governance Conversations series can be accessed here: http://www.governanceinafrica.org/ and http://www.youtube.com/user/governanceinafrica.

For previous lectures, visit http://governanceinafrica.wordpress.com

Speakers have included:
- Prof. Thandika Mkandawire, London School of Economics
- Prof. Daniel Kaufman, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution
- Dr Jibrin Ibrahim, Director of the Centre for Democracy and Development
- Hein Marais, South African author and journalist
- Luisa Diogo, former Prime Minister of Mozambique and former student at SOAS
- John Githongo, Journalist
Residential Schools

The annual residential school on governance and development aims to contribute to and stimulate debate on governance, development, and the relationship between them. About 20 participants from a range of African countries, and representative of the academic, civil society and government sectors, are selected each year to take part in the residential school.

Past residential schools were held in:

2009 - Dakar, Senegal
2010 - Entebbe, Uganda
2011 - Maputo, Mozambique
2011 - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
2012 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2013 - Accra, Ghana
The Residential School held this year in Accra, Ghana, was an intensive programme of lectures, seminars and workshops organised by the Centre of African Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, in association with the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development (CDD Accra, Ghana), and was funded by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Initiative on Governance for Development in Africa.

Over thirty International Development participants including policy makers, academics, government officials and civil society representatives from across Africa and Europe met in Accra in order to explore issues of governance, development and the current situation in Africa.

Among the speakers – representative of different sectors were: Dr Michael Jennings (SOAS/CAS); Dr Jonathan di John (SOAS); Dr Funmi Olonisakin (Kings College, London); Dr Laura Hammond (SOAS); Prof E. Gyimah-Boadi (CDD Ghana/University of Ghana); Mr Yao Graham (Third World Network); Abdoulie Janneh (Mo Ibrahim Foundation); Dr Carlos Oya (SOAS).

They discussed the themes of governance and development from different perspectives and in relation to different issues, offering both theoretical insights and practical case studies. These themes included the discussions of democratic politics as an asset and a liability for oil/natural resource governance in Africa, Political economy of aid and the good governance agenda in Africa, taxation, state-building regional integration and ethnic division. Participants also took part in small group workshop sessions, in which they discussed a particular topic before reporting back to the group as a whole.

Throughout the week both speakers and the participants challenged the common understanding of ‘good governance’, as an idea and as a practice, all speakers drawing from their own personal experiences as governance practitioners and experts.

All PowerPoint presentations of the speakers can be accessed on the Governance in Africa website:

http://www.governanceinafrica.org/category/residential-schools/

Online Links for Further Information
Centre of African Studies at SOAS: www.soas.ac.uk/cas/

Governance for Development in Africa Initiative: www.soas.ac.uk/cas/gdai/

Governance in Africa lectures and radio programmes: www.governanceinafrica.org

Mo Ibrahim Foundation: www.moibrahimfoundation.org/en

The residential school has also seen the launch in West Africa of the Governance in Africa DVD series and the Governance in Africa website and YouTube channel with video lectures and radio interviews with academics and African leaders discussing the challenges for good governance in Africa.

"African citizens are increasingly demanding greater accountability and better governance from their leaders. The Residential School offers a timely opportunity to examine the different pillars that impact governance outcomes, from natural resources to healthcare, and to explore new policy ideas."

Dr Michael Jennings, Chairman, CAS

The CAS Team at the 2013 Residential School in Ghana: (from left to right) Angelica Baschiera, Carlos Oya, Chris Cramer, Jonathan Di John, Michael Jennings, and Laura Hammond.
Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme for Nigerian Nationals funded by the 
Leventis Foundation

The Centre of African Studies of the University of London yearly invites applications from Nigerian 
academics to take part in a scheme of collaborative research funded by the Leventis Foundation.

(More information on how to apply can be found under Awards and Grants)

The 2012/2013 Leventis Scholars were:

- Dr Aliya Adamu, Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto  
  Topic: Colonial legacy in Northern Nigeria: Rupert Moultrie East and the Development of Hausa 
  Literature.

- Dr Rotimi Fasan, College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Osogbo  
  Topic: Yoruba Oral Arts, specifically the verbal form of South-eastern Yoruba region

- Dr Edewor Uyoyou Nelson, Fine and Applied Arts Department, Delta State University, Abraka  
  Topic: A Historical Survey of the Olawonyi Carving dynasty

For the academic year 2013-14, we will be having the following Leventis post-doctoral scholars at the 
Centre:

- Eyo O. Mensah, from the University of Calabar,
- Abubakar Aliyu Liman, from Ahmadu Bello University.
CAS Activities

Africa Business Group

The Africa Business Group (ABG), run by the Centre of African Studies in association with our partners who include the Business Council for Africa (BCA) and African Foundation for Development (AFFORD), holds two events each academic 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 all share an interest in and expertise on Africa.

ABG meetings 2012-2013
(See next pages for details)

Africa Seminar series

The African Seminar series will now take place every Mondays at 5 - 7pm in Room 4429, Russell Square main buildings, SOAS.

23 May 2013,
Game changers? Multilingual learners in a Cape Flats primary school (South Africa)
(A Seminar about Multilingualism in South Africa; as part of the Endangered Languages Week 2013)
Caroline Kerfoot (Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Stockholm University)

18 April 2013,
Tanzania in transition: the contribution of a small development NGO
Julian Marcus, Chairman, Tanzania Development Trust

14 March 2013,
Speaking to the Wound: Are Justice and Healing in Africa Mutually Exclusive?
Gary Geddes

7 March 2013,
Fabrication 2013
Dr Atta Kwami (Cambridge/Africa Collaborative Research Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Cambridge) ; Chaired by Dr Augustus Casely-Hayford (CAS Research Associate)

28 February 2013,
Is This the Oldest Living Civilisation?
Felicity Heywood (Cultural journalist and researcher)

27 February 2013,
Transmission of Cultural Heritage of Slavery in the Indian Ocean on Film
Marie Rodet (SOAS, University of London); Francesca Declich (University Urbino); Beheroze Shroff (University of California, Irvine); Shihan de Silva (Institute of Commonwealth Studies)
Part of the Workshops/Film Screening on History on Film | Slavery & The African Diaspora From a Global Perspective

20 February 2013,
Memorialising African Slavery in Brazil on Film
Shihan de Silva (ICS); Hebe Mattos (University Federal Fluminense/Brazil); Carolina Moraes-Liu (Independent Producer)
Part of the History on Film | Slavery & The African Diaspora From a Global Perspective Workshops and Film Screenings

7 February 2013,
Poetics of the infra-ordinary
Elvira Dyangani Ose (Curator, International Art, Supported by Guaranty Trust Bank Plc - Tate Modern); Chaired by Prof. John Picton (SOAS)

31 January 2013,
Film Screening - “Dear Mandela” + Discussion
Dr Wayne Dooling (chair)

30 January 2013,
History on Film | Slavery & The African Diaspora From a Global Perspective
(Film Series and Panel Discussions)
Various Speakers

29 January 2013,
Multilingualism and Writing Systems in Cameroon: From King Njoya’s Shumum to the General Alphabet of Cameroonian Languages
Dr Seraphin Kamdem (SOAS, University of London); Chaired by Professor Graham Furniss

17 January 2013,
Book Launch:
Gondar’s Child: Songs, Honor and Identity Among Ethiopian Jews In Israel
Dr Marilyn Herman (author); Chair: Dr Shihan de Silva Jayasuriya
6 December 2012,
Democracy and Media in Tanzania
Ananilea Nkya (Executive Director of the Tanzania Media Women’s Association), Ben Taylor (Daraja)

6 December 2012
Frameworks for Africa-UK Collaboration in Research: The Nairobi Report and Beyond
Professor Graham Furniss (Pro-Director for Research and Enterprise, SOAS)

29 November 2012,
Contemporary Art in Nigeria
Dr Edewor Uyoyou Nelson (Nigeria sculptor/Leventis Visiting Fellow)

18 October 2012,
Illuminating the darkness. Blacks and North African in Islam
Habeeb Akande (author); Chair tbc

11 October 2012,
Making the Move: Ghana’ Event - Silk Solutions

4 October 2012,
Of Agency and Entitlement: A Feminist Analysis into Violence against Sex Workers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Sehin Teferra Ayele (SOAS, MIF Fellow)

Conferences

The Centre of African Studies organises and administers academic workshops and conferences on behalf of its members based throughout the University. It also holds meetings in collaboration with other Africanist organisations.

29 May 2013,
Mali in Transition: Interdisciplinary Perspectives
Various speakers

A forum to examine and discuss the political and humanitarian crisis in Mali and its impact on the country’s social and cultural diversity

(See p.18 for further details about this conference)
The Igbo Conference in association with the Centre of African Studies (CAS) celebrated the life of Chinua Achebe on Saturday 3rd August at 6:30pm in Room G2, SOAS.

We were privileged to have the eminent scholar Professor Ernest N. Emenyonu, leading the tribute on Chinua Achebe.

Professor Ernest N. Emenyonu is a professor of Africana Studies at the University of Michigan-Flint. Professor Emenyonu is an authority in African Literature, which is reflected in his extensive publications in the field. He has taught African Literature in institutions of higher learning in Nigeria and the United States, and is the editor of the journal African Literature Today.

Professor Emenyonu's corpus of work includes the two edited volumes on Chinua Achebe entitled *Emerging Perspectives on Chinua Achebe: The Master Artist* and *Emerging Perspectives on Chinua Achebe: Isinka, the Artistic Purpose* as well as numerous book chapters and journal articles on Achebe's work and interviews with Chinua Achebe.
The conference theme was *Mali in Transition: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*

Held on 29 and 30 May 2013, in the Khalili Lecture theatre at SOAS, University of London, this international conference was organised by the Centre of African Studies and SOAS, University of London, with the support of the MBI Al Jaber Foundation, ASA-UK and Goldsmiths’ College.

The aim of the conference was to provide an interdisciplinary and research-based platform to Africanists from Europe, Africa and the USA, to initiate a debate about the causes of the present political and humanitarian crisis in Mali, but also its impact on the country’s social and cultural diversity.

Academics from Europe, US and Africa attended this lively and constructive conference, with contributions and debates analysing the various and complex aspects of the crisis in Mali, looking at various avenues for solutions and shedding a critical light on all the challenges ahead regarding the sociopolitical and cultural situation unfolding in Mali.

The four conference panels focused on the following themes:
- Interdisciplinary perspectives on the crisis
- Emergency crisis and impact of humanitarian action
- Heritage and conservation
- Historical perspectives and future scenarios

The conference also provided an opportunity to present the work of Mohamed Alher Ag Almahdi, a Malian Tuareg artisan who trained in restoring ancient manuscripts at the British Library and subsequently helped with the restoration of ancient manuscripts in Timbuktu.

*Some of the presentations and papers given at the Mali conference are available on the SOAS radio website: [http://soasradio.org/cassoas](http://soasradio.org/cassoas)*
Africa Business Group - 2012/2013

Since starting in 1995, the ABG’s membership has expanded, there are now two types of membership, Corporate and Individuals. Members get free or discounted admission to all events which are open to non-members with fees payable.

ABG event programming highlights the latest issues, developments and research affecting Business in Africa. Lively lunch discussions or longer partnered events with members and academics’ input help shape the annual programme.

In 2012-13, events organised included:

7 November 2012

*Food security - is Business the answer? Where does the power lie – with the producers or consumers?*

**Perez Ochieng**, CEO, Sacoma (Sahara communities abroad); Chaired by **Dr Michael Jennings** (CAS, SOAS)

Perez Ochieng is a Social Entrepreneur with extensive experience in project management and access to markets for small holder farmers. She has contributed to numerous projects in UK and Africa through International Relations, Trade negotiations. She is the Winner of Global Women innovator in SME capacity building and project development, service innovation, coaching and mentoring.

2 February 2013

*Young African Diaspora Entrepreneurs – Exploiting your USP (Unique Selling Proposition)*

Various speakers

This was a one-day training event (with Certificate of Attendance) for young people interested in developing their own businesses, linking their UK connections and insights to opportunities across Africa. ABG members and partners had the opportunity to share their experiences with the participants. This event was organised in partnership with HABA (Horn of Africa Business Association)

6 June 2013

**Agribusiness Africa: Ploughing Ahead?**

A SWOT Analysis of Agribusiness in Africa

**Michael Jennings** (CAS, SOAS), **Rosanne Whalley** (AgDevCo), **Nigel Harris** (Farm Africa), **Chris Okeke** (Wicklow Ltd)

The speakers shared their experiences of different enterprises to illustrate challenges faced in West, Southern and East Africa and their routes to becoming profitable enterprises. BCA West and Southern and the African Business Group at SOAS were delighted to host this joint meeting.

If you would like further information about membership or meetings, please contact the Centre of African Studies: cas@soas.ac.uk
Annual Lecture

The CAS 2013 Annual Lecture took place on Monday 17 June 2013, at 6pm, in the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

The CAS 2013 Annual Lecture, on the theme of the representation of the Coast, was given by Professor Abdulrazak Gurnah who discussed writing about the African Indian Ocean by authors such as Conrad, Blixen and the Naipauls, and by means of his own writing.

Abdulrazak Gurnah was born in Zanzibar and is now best-known as a novelist. His fourth novel Paradise was short-listed for the Booker Prize in 1994. His latest novel is The Last Gift (2011). His main academic interest is in postcolonial writing and in discourses associated with colonialism, especially as they relate to Africa, the Caribbean and India. He has edited two volumes of Essays on African Writing, has published articles on a number of contemporary postcolonial writers, including Naipaul, Rushdie and Zoe Wicomb. He is the editor of A Companion to Salman Rushdie (Cambridge University Press 2007).

The event was chaired by Dr Michael Jennings, Chairman of the CAS, and the discussant was Professor Mpalive Msiska, from Birkbeck College; and was followed by a reception in the Brunei Suite.
In September 2012, the Centre for African Studies at SOAS and the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) launched a new course: “Policy-making to challenge social exclusion, inequality and marginalisation”. Poverty, inequality, and discrimination on grounds such as gender, sexual orientation or disability, frequently constitute appalling individual and collective experiences as well as violations of human rights. So does marginalisation because of membership in certain groups, such as indigenous peoples, minorities or migrants. Poverty and inequality are anathema to sustainable development and democracy. They also constitute a source of tension and frustration that often results in conflicts and further cycles of repression. Responding to these developments is a worldwide challenge; this challenge is particularly pronounced in southern Africa, such as in respect of persons living with HIV/AIDS and migrant communities.

The course seeks to enhance the skills of practitioners and policy makers working in this field to meet the multiple challenges faced in southern Africa. As set out when launching the course, its “objective is to create a cohort of policy makers and senior leaders within national and regional NGOs, policy institutes and government agencies, who are equipped with both the theoretical framework and the practical tools to give impetus to efforts to address social exclusion, marginalisation and inequality”. Particular emphasis is placed “on a human rights framework for protecting the rights of marginalised people and policies and programmes that seek to address the challenges of marginalised groups in a long-term and systemic manner.”

To this end, academics and practitioners from the region and beyond who deliver modules cover a range of issues in the week-long course, providing unique interdisciplinary perspectives and space for exchange and debate.

The 2013 course took place in Botswana, bringing together participants from ten southern African countries. This course is expected to recreate the enthusiasm, level of engagement and depth of critical inquiry and discussions witnessed during the first course in Zambia in 2012. Judging by the initial experience, the course will become an important annual fixture for those engaged in combating what are frequently deep seated, systemic political and societal ills. Providing the intellectual and practical means to tackle these ills is an important piece in the broader struggle for dignity, equality and justice in the region.

Africa Research Student Network (AfNet)

The Africa Research Student Network was created in October 2012 to facilitate greater dialogue between research students focused on Africa from across the University of London. Each institution within the university attracts talented research students using innovative methodologies from multidisciplinary backgrounds: development, economics, politics, history, linguistics, geography etc. The network provides an opportunity for students with a similar geographical, methodological and thematic focus to exchange ideas and form collaborative projects in the future. It is the first time research students from across the University of London who are studying Africa will be formally connected in such a way.

The research experience can often be daunting and isolating for many students. The network provides a platform for students to learn about one another's work. It provides an opportunity for research students to support each other and learn from each other's experiences in the field. It provides a forum for students to discuss their research as it evolves, while also providing a forum for presenting finished work. Through establishing ourselves as a formal network, we also provide the capacity to link with research bodies, think tanks, publishers etc. who would be interested in the diverse range of our research. Finally, as the UK Higher Education system evolves, the network will enable our members to understand the opportunities available to us as we research a dynamic continent, while remaining aware of the challenging professional environment that awaits us.

Goals

- To formally connect research students across the University of London who are studying Africa
- Create a monthly seminar series that would highlight the work of our research students
- Organise a one day conference event on issues relating to methodologies, approaches to doing research on Africa
- Create networking opportunities with funding bodies, research institutions, think tanks and publications across the UK
- Facilitate dialogue among students from
different schools and faculties in order to foster interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary approaches to research on Africa
• Increase awareness of professional development opportunities available to research students and create more such opportunities
• To build relationships with academics across the University of London researching Africa
• Provide an online space that will showcase the work of our members

Recent activities
The Africa Research Student Network (AfNet) sparked a number of activities through the year:

(a) A series of meetings were held which enabled students to meet with their peers from across the University of London and foster possible opportunities of collaboration.

(b) A launch event was held which celebrated the beginnings of AfNet. Professor Graham Furniss of SOAS, and Jonathan Harle of the Association of Commonwealth Universities introduced students to the Nairobi Report. Students were then provided an opportunity to meet with each other, as well as academics who attended the event.

(c) A seminar series was held, allowing researchers from the University of London to present their work and engage with fellow researchers who worked on similar regions and topics.

(d) Several meetings were held with the AfNet working committee to discuss the future of the Network and the organization of events.

(e) An Africa Research Day was held in April - Doing Research in Africa: The State of Research. Students from across the University of London attended and presented at the conference. Professor Richard Fardon delivered the keynote speech, while Dr. Zoe Marriage, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Development Studies, chaired a session at the conference. This was the seminal event of the AfNet network and it is hoped to make it an annual feature.

For further information, and updates about the Afnet activities, please contact the coordinators at africaresearch@soas.ac.uk

Other Events

26 October 2012
New developments in Somali Studies
Panel 1: Somali Studies: Influences of Young Somali Academics on Somali Studies.
Chair: Idil Osman
Panel 2: Mogadishu: The heart of Somalia crisis for the last 20 years
Chair: Dr Laura Hammond

12 November 2012
Book Launch: Making and Remaking Mosques in Senegal
Cleo Cantone (SOAS, author); Louis Brenner (SOAS); Geoffrey King (SOAS)

24 November 2012
Religion and Diaspora: African Migrants’ Religious Networks in Britain and Europe
This was one-day event co-organised by the Department of the Study of Religions, and the Centres and Programmes Office, and brought together African Muslim and Christian religious practitioners with historians, anthropologists and scholars of religion.

29 November 2012
Contemporary Art in Nigeria
Dr Edewor Uyouou Nelson (Nigeria sculptor/Leventis Visiting Fellow)

6 December 2012
Democracy and Media in Tanzania
Ananilea Nkya (Executive Director of the Tanzania Media Women’s Association), Ben Taylor (Daraja)

6 December 2012
Book Launch:
Print, Text and Book Cultures in South Africa
(edited by Andrew van der Vlies)
Discussant: Carli Coetzee (SOAS, University of London)
Speakers: Peter D. McDonald (Oxford University); Patrick Flanery (Birkbeck College, University of London); Andrew van der Vlies (Queen Mary University, University of London).
21 January 2013
*Africa Research Student Network (AfNet) Launch*

**Professor Graham Furniss** (SOAS, University of London);
**Dr Michael Jennings** (SOAS, University of London);
**Jonathan Harle** (Association of Commonwealth University)

24 January 2013
*Researching Citizenship Education in Post-Colonial Africa*
(as part of the AfNet Seminar Series)

**Ridwan Osman** (PhD Candidate, Cambridge University)

31 January 2013
*Reflections on Nigeria's Forth Republic*

**Sylvester Odion Akhaine** (Lagos State University and Centre for Constitutionalism and Demilitarisation)

13 February 2013
*World Radio Day: New Perspectives on Radio*

**Tim Williams**, Non-Executive Director and Deputy Director of the UK National Commission for UNESCO; Dr
**Mary Myers**, Radio in Africa Expert;
Chaired by **Dr Seraphin Kamdem**, SOAS

(See below for details on the day at SOAS)

4 March 2013
*Child-naming Song Poetry of South-East Yoruba*

**Dr Rotimi Fasan** (Leventis fellow, CAS, Osun State University, Nigeria); Chaired by **Dr Akin Oyetade** (SOAS)

9 March 2013
*Masterclass: Africa*

The training seminar, organised in partnership with ReConnect Africa, was aimed at the African diaspora and included three Master Classes by experienced professionals with proven expertise in careers and enterprise. The event offered practical advice on planning a move to work in Africa to start a business, and insights into opportunities for investment and career progression.

11 March 2013
*Africa: Opportunities and Challenges*

**Roger Nord** (Deputy Director of the IMF’s African Department)

12 March 2013
*The Modern Griot - Where old traditions meet the new*

**Sunara Begum** (artist and film-maker); Tunde Jegede (composer and multi-instrumentalist); Angela Impey (SOAS, University of London)

This event was an exclusive evening of films, discussions, performance and more… exploring the role of the griot in contemporary society.

4 April 2013
*African Textiles Today*

This was a book launch and panel discussion with the author, organised in partnership with the Royal African Society.

**Christopher Spring** (Author, Curator Northeast, East and South Africa, British Museum)
Respondents: **Leo Asemota**, artist; **Bella Ikpasaja**, Zeitgeist Africa; and **Elvira Dyangani Ose**, Curator of African Art, Tate Modern. Chair: **Dr Atta Kwami**, Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Cambridge

16 April 2013
*Africa's Next Generation: A bright Future?*
(In partnership with African Development Forum).

Africa is home to 350 million young people – and the numbers are growing rapidly. How can the African continent turn this into an asset? What if it becomes a liability? Which scenarios are likely? This second African Development Forum focused on harnessing the potential of youth for the continent’s development.

Addressing opportunities and challenges in this context, the Forum consisted of two interactive panel discussions: ‘Mobilising Youth’ and ‘Innovating Africa’, involving a range of dynamic speakers from different industries and disciplines.

The following questions were tackled:
- Employment: How will the continent employ 350 million young Africans?
- Agriculture: How can farming attract Africa’s youth to compete with urbanisation?
- Diaspora: What impact will the ‘brain gain’ have on African development?
- Entrepreneurship: What is the role of young African women in business?
- Leadership: Will the young replace the old and inspire real change in African politics?
- Technology: Already pioneering in mobile technology, how can Africa do the same elsewhere?

22 April 2013
*Book Launch: Beautifying the Body in Ancient Africa and Today*

**Christelle Kedi** (author); **Joe Okwesa**, Chaired by **Paul Asquith**, AFFORD
Body adornment has enormous significance in Africa. The quest for beautification is central to African cultures from the time of the ancient Egyptians up to the present. This book looks at the history of adornment and at its practical application today in Africa and among black people worldwide.

1 May 2013
Book Launch: *The Shining Girls*
**Lauren Beukes** (Author),
Chair: **Dr Seraphin Kamdem**, SOAS

From the author of the acclaimed Zoo City and the winner of 2011’s coveted Arthur C Clarke award, The Shining Girls is a tense and chilling masterpiece of fiction. When violent down-and-out Harper is hounded from Hooverville, Chicago, he finds refuge in a strange shell of a house on the outskirts of town. Driven by visions, Harper finds he can slip through time and space to embark upon a killing spree across the ages – and return from each one to the safety of the house and the year of 1931. Untraceable, it seems no one can stop his brutal, terrifying murders – until, in 1992, wild child Kirby Mazrachi miraculously survives his attacks and sets herself to tracking him. A formidable writing talent at the height of her powers, Lauren explores violence towards women and crimes of depravity with a devastating energy and humanity.

Lauren Beukes breaks all the boundaries with this breath-taking piece of thriller writing.

3 May 2013
*Inside African Anthropology*
**Andrew Bank and Leslie Bank** (eds);
Chaired by **Dr Wayne Dooling** (SOAS, University of London)

Inside African Anthropology offers an incisive biography of the life and work of South Africa’s foremost social anthropologist, Monica Hunter Wilson. By exploring her main fieldwork and intellectual projects in southern Africa between the 1920s and 1960s, the book offers insights into her personal and intellectual life. Beginning with her origins in the remote Eastern Cape, the authors follow Wilson to the University of Cambridge and back into the field among the Mpondo of South Africa, where her studies resulted in her 1936 book Reaction to Conquest. Her fieldwork focus then shifted to Tanzania, where she teamed up with her husband, Godfrey Wilson. In the 1960s, Wilson embarked on a new urban ethnography with a young South African anthropologist, Archie Mafeje, one of the many black scholars she trained. This study also provides a meticulously researched exploration of the indispensable contributions of African research assistants to the production of this famous woman scholar’s cultural knowledge about mid-twentieth-century Africa.

7 May 2013
*Somalia: A different Perspective - Photo Exhibition*
All photographs by **Petterik Wiggers**

After two decades of war, Somalia adopted a new constitution in August 2012 amid renewed hopes for the return of lasting peace. Hope is an extraordinarily powerful force. A lot of attention is paid to the conflict and disasters in Somalia, but little light is shed on the other side of this beautiful country and its people. Somalia has a rich history and culture, filled with poetry and literature and it has remained true to this through the years. The Somali people still have a clear sight of their dreams. They carry with them innovation, entrepreneurship, resilience and strength, just like people anywhere else on earth.

This exhibition showed a side of Somalia different from how is has been and continues to be portrayed. Through these pictures, an intimate glimpse at Somali life was provided.

15 July 2013
Book Launch - *The Great African Land Grab*
**Lorenzo Cotula** (IIED)
Book launch with author Lorenzo Cotula, in partnership with Zed Books

30 July 2013
Book Launch: *Ethiopian Reminiscences: Early Days*

**Richard and Rita Pankhurst** (Authors)
Book launch with authors Richard and Rita Pankhurst, in partnership with Tsehai Publishers, and the Anglo-Ethiopian Society.
(See more about the book at: www.tsehaipublishers.com)
World Radio Day: New Perspectives on Radio

13 February 2013

Tim Williams, Non-Executive Director and Deputy Director of the UK National Commission for UNESCO;

Dr Mary Myers, Radio in Africa Expert;

Chaired by Dr Seraphin Kamdem, SOAS

February 13 was World Radio Day.

World Radio Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to understand the importance of radio and celebrate the service it provides. The event was marked by a high-profile panel discussion with experts in development and communication, Radio and Africa. There was also a Communication for Development Trade Fair, which provided an opportunity for media and development organisations and technology providers to showcase their work to students, academics and Communication and Development professionals. In the evening, a group listening session held by ‘In The Dark’ explored stories that touched the heart of human development - all told through sound.

The ‘In the Dark’ team is an international group of radio enthusiasts who celebrate the power of radio through group listening events. For World Radio Day, they had curated a special listening session themed on development, and in under an hour they moved listeners with great radio from around the world.
Collaboration

The Centre of African Studies collaborates with the following institutions:

AEGIS
The Centre of African Studies is a member of the AEGIS network. AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies) was set up in 1991 in order to build upon the resources and the research potential available within Africanist institutions of the European Union. As the dynamics of contemporary change in Africa and the continent’s response to globalisation are intimately linked, understanding the continent’s evolution is the major academic and policy challenge AEGIS seeks to address.

AEGIS organises the biennial European Conference on African Studies (ECAS). The 5th ECAS, ‘African Dynamics in a Multipolar World’, was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from June 27 to 29, 2013 (see website: http://cea.iscte.pt/ecas2013/index.shtml). AEGIS also published books in association with Brill. With the AEGIS Series, AEGIS provides a venue for the publication of works drawn from the lively and expanding community of scholars with interests in Africa and its Diaspora.

The AEGIS Series aims to publish books within the broad fields of study within the humanities and social sciences that would bring new approaches or innovative perspectives to the topics discussed. Titles comprise works that could also reflect established debate within African Studies if they provide new insights. Both individually-authored works and edited collections on focused themes will be considered.

Africa Confidential
We collaborate in the running of the Africa Business Group series (http://www.africa-confidential.com)

Anglo-Ethiopian Society
We promote the work of the society and co-host events and AGM.

Britain-Tanzania Society
We promote the work of the society and co-host events and AGM.

Business Council for Africa
We collaborate in organising ABG events. The Business Council for Africa West & Southern, established in 1956, is a group of over 400 companies and entrepreneurs having interests in West and/or Southern Africa. It is closely linked with the Eastern Africa Association and also with the EU through its membership of the Business Council for Africa UK (BCA UK) which is part of the European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean (EBCAM)

Centres of African Studies in University of Oxford, Cambridge University, University of Leeds, and University of Edinburgh
CAS contributes to the dissemination of seminar lists and conference calls as well as any other relevant information from each of the centres (see our termly e-Newsletter)

International African Institute
We promote the publications of the institute.

For further details, see: http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=afr

Africa Bibliography
Africa Bibliography has become available as a searchable online database from February 2011.
For further details see http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=AFB

International African Library series
- AIDS, Politics, and Music in South Africa
Fraser G. McNeill
ISBN: 9781107009912, c. 300pp, August 2011
Published for the IAI by Cambridge University Press
African Arguments series
Getting Somalia Wrong? Faith, War and Hope in a Shattered Place
Mary Harper
Published for the IAI by Zed Books.

Royal African Society
With the RAS, we collaborate in the organisations of events, seminars, book launches and in the last year we hosted very successful events (see our website for listings). CAS also supported the organisation of Film Africa (www.filmafrica.org.uk), an initiative of the Royal African Society in collaboration with SOAS.

African Foundation for Development (AFFORD)
The latter half of the 2012-13 academic year has seen a new and growing collaboration between CAS and the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD-UK), an African diaspora NGO based in the UK which conducts lobbying and advocacy on the role of the African Diaspora in Africa’s development, and also runs social enterprise and business support programmes in West Africa through its sister organisation in Sierra Leone (AFFORD-SL). (See below to know more about AFFORD and its collaboration with CAS)

CAS Collaboration with the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD) in 2012 - 13

by Paul Asquith, AFFORD

Africa-UK Programme
In January Comic Relief announced that phase II of its Africa-UK programme was awarded to a consortium of diaspora partners, led by AFFORD, and including the Centre of African Studies. The Africa-UK programme is a national programme of advocacy and capacity-building for African diaspora organisations involved in development, and aims to improve the ability of African diaspora practitioners to influence and engage policy and other decision-makers. The programme is delivered by AFFORD in partnership with regional delivery partners in Scotland (African Council Scotland) and Wales (Sub-Saharan Advisory Panel), and with associate partners in the English regions (Mifumi in the SW, Global Native in the north, Himilo Relief and Development Association (HIRDA) in the Midlands, and Norfolk African Community Association (NACA) in the east). CAS role is to lead on communications, contribute to a communications strategy for the programme, administer the Africa-UK website, and organise four research seminars on topics of relevance to diaspora, migration, and development across the UK. This phase of the Africa-UK programme is set to run until the end of March 2014.

Africa-UK: Research Seminars
To aid Africa-UK learning, outputs and outcomes into current research and debates on migration and development, the Centre for African Studies (CAS) will be developing and holding research seminars over the autumn and winter seasons to strengthen collaboration between the academic institution and the diaspora sector.

Provisionally four seminars are planned to be held in London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and in the
north of England. Each seminar will produce a policy paper as well as a toolkit and a best practice guide for academics on engaging and collaborating with the diaspora on development issues. The themes of the seminars are yet to be confirmed, but information will be made available on the Africa-Uk and SOAS websites in September 2013.

**African Diaspora Book Launch Seminars**

CAS in collaboration with AFFORD also helped organise seminars to launch books by two African diaspora authors based in the UK. The first of these, looking at representations of Black and North Africans in Islam, involved the young diaspora author Habib Akande and took place at SOAS on October 18th 2012. Habib launched his new book, 'Illuminating the Darkness' at this seminar. The session was chaired by Paul Asquith, Engagement & Policy Manager at AFFORD, and included a question and answer session between the author and SOAS students. The second of these examined notions of beauty and the body in Africa and diaspora communities worldwide, and launched Christelle Kedi’s new book, ‘Beautifying the Body in Ancient Africa and Today’. This seminar, held in the Brunei Suite on 22nd April 2013, included a panel discussion with the author, the British-Nigerian photographic artist Joe Okwesa, Paul Asquith from AFFORD, and Nigel Watt from Books of Africa.

**Africa-Europe Platform (AEP) Project.**

The Africa Europe Platform (AEP) is an initiative supported by the EC, the Swiss Development Agency, and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which aims to promote the contribution of the diaspora to the development of Africa by creating a Europe-wide African diaspora development network in Europe. This network is made up of African Diaspora Organizations in the 27 EU Member States, plus Switzerland and Norway (totaling 29 European countries). The project also works with five African pilot countries: Angola, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Morocco, and Senegal.

A consortium of five partners has been responsible for the delivery of this project: the African Diaspora Diaspora Policy Center (ADPC - Netherlands), the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD - United Kingdom), la Coordination Générale des Migrants pour le Développement (CGMD - Belgium), the Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale des Migrations (FORIM - France), and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD - Austria / Belgium).

Since its inception in 2011, AEP has conducted a series of activities starting a significant mapping exercise (mapping) of the African Diaspora organizations in the EU, Switzerland and Norway, the organization of two "expert meetings" of the African Diaspora in Eschborn / Frankfurt, Germany in March 2012 and then in Paris in November 2012, and the construction of an Internet portal that focuses on the concerns and expertise of African diaspora organizations in connection with the development of the African continent.

As part of AEP, AFFORD commissioned research on good practices in diaspora development from the Centre of African Studies, SOAS. This examined trends in diaspora development relating to Africa from across the European Union, and forms the basis for the development of and is developing a Good Practices catalogue. Following presentation of CAS’ research findings at the 2nd African Diaspora Expert Meeting in November 2012, it was agreed that more African diaspora organisations in the EU would have the opportunity to submit data on their projects, with the final report due to be published in October 2013.
Awards and Grants

The Centre of African Studies is committed to academic collaboration with universities in Africa. Since the 1990s, the Centre of African Studies has welcomed African academics as Visiting Scholars under several Fellowship schemes.

Currently the Centre manages two main Fellowship Schemes: the Leventis post-doctoral scheme, and the Mo Ibrahim Postgraduate fellowships.

Leventis Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Nigerian Scholars

The Centre of African Studies of the University of London invites applications from Nigerian academics to take part in a scheme of collaborative research funded by the Leventis Foundation.

Applicants are invited to apply to spend three months as visitors of the Centre of African Studies in order to pursue their research in libraries and archives and to participate in the intellectual life of the Centre. The scheme might be particularly appropriate for scholars working up a PhD thesis into publishable form.

The Leventis Research Co-operation Programme is devised to assist younger scholars develop their research interests in collaboration with their counterparts in London. Applicants will be expected to submit a complete curriculum vitae and a statement of their current research interests (of not more than 1,000 words) specifying the aims to be achieved during the research period in London.

Applications are considered by a Steering Committee based in London. Letters will be sent to the applicants informing them of the Committee's decision soon after the deadline of 31 May.

Applications by letter should be addressed to:
The Chair,
Centre of African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies,
Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square,
London WC1H 0XG

Next deadline for applications: 31 May 2014

Mo Ibrahim Foundation - Governance for Development Initiative (GDAI)

PhD Scholarships

A competition is open for African students to apply for research towards a PhD on governance-related issues that will be supervised both at SOAS and at the students' home university in Africa.

In order to apply for the PhD programme and the scholarship you need to download the SOAS PhD application form. Please state on the form that you wish to be considered for one of these scholarships and that admission tutors are kindly asked to liaise with the Centre of African Studies on this.

In addition to the completed application form, you should send in a research proposal detailing your intended research project in no more than 1,000 words. This should outline the research objectives, appropriate methods and research relevance. It should also make clear the relation between the proposed research and the core themes of governance and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

Masters Scholarships

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation has also generously provided SOAS with three MSc scholarships each year for African students undertaking full-time MSc programme in the field of Governance for Development in Africa. The scholarship provides for Fees, for accommodation and living cost for the year.

Applicants must be domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa.

MSc (Full-time) undertaken by scholarship applicants must directly address or be applicable to the issue of Governance in Africa.

Scholarship candidates will be assessed based on their academic merit and references. SOAS is committed to accepting only those scholarship candidates who can demonstrate an ability to
complete a MSc in one year.

For more information and to download the form, visit http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/gdai

The deadline to apply for the Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF) Masters and PhD Scholarships for entry in September 2014 is 30 April 2014

Governance and Leadership Residential School

Each year, in a different African country, the centre organizes a Residential School on governance themes (ranging from legal systems and human rights protection to the institutions of democracy and economic growth) for 20-25 people from a number of African countries. These schools will expose participants to the latest evidence and debates. Participants will come from universities, the no-profit sector, government, trade unions and businesses.

The deadline to apply for next residential school is December 2013.

Please check the CAS website (www.soas.ac.uk/cas) for more details and updates.

Other relevant awards and grants administered by SOAS and external bodies

(Please note, this is not an exhaustive list – check suggested websites in order to keep up-to-date with new funding opportunities)

SOAS Research Student Fellowship 2014
For more details and the closing date for applications, go to:
http://www.soas.ac.uk/registry/scholarships/

British Academy research funding
http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/index.cfm

International Partnerships (Africa) Scheme
For more details and the closing date for applications, go to:
http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide
(May not be re-offered for 2014)

Postdoctoral Fellowships

www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfefts.html
Or contact the British Academy Research Posts Department: +44 (0)20 7969 5265; email posts@britac.ac.uk

Special Joint Project Programmes: Commonwealth Countries
http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide
(May not be re-offered for 2014)

British Academy Visiting Fellowships 2013-2014
Check website for next closing date.
http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visfells.cfm; email vf@britac.ac.uk

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission
http://www.csfp-online.org/countries.html

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP)
http://www.csfp-online.org/about.html

British Institute of East Africa: Graduate Training Scheme
For more information, contact the programme:
http://www.biea.ac.uk/research_pages/index.htm or the Centre of African Studies in Oxford:
african.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk

Harvard Alumni for Social Action (HASA) Scholarship Fund for Graduate Students from Africa.
For more information contact Paula Tavrow, HAGA Chair: ptavrow@yahoo.com

Leverhulme Trust, UK
For deadlines and information visit: http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/grant_applications.cfm

Wellcome Trust: People Awards
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/People-Awards/
**Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK**
http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx

**French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Nairobi**
OR: See websites of IFRA in Africa for more information:
http://www.ifre.fr/index.php/instituts

**The Scholar Rescue Fund**
http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/pages/for-scholars.php or email SRF@IIE.org

**Royal Economic Society – Grant and Prizes**
Check website for programmes and next deadlines:

**Nuffield Foundation: Africa Programme**
http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/africa-programme

**African Studies Centre in Leiden - Visiting Fellowship**
http://www.ascleiden.nl/Research/Vfprogramme.aspx

To receive regular updates on scholarships and research funding, subscribe to Africa News – CAS electronic newsletter - by emailing cas@soas.ac.uk
Research Students
University of London

Samer Abdelnour, LSE
Postwar peace-building, development, and humanitarian interventions through the lenses of institutional theory and social enterprise
Supervisors: Harry Barkema (LSE) and Jannis Kallinikos (LSE)

Nimo–Ilhan Ali, SOAS
Supervisor: Laura Hammond (SOAS)

Alicia Altorfer-Ong, LSE
Independence, Dependence and Third World Solidarity: Sino-Tanzanian Relations from 1964-1975
Supervisor: Joanna Lewis (LSE), Antony Best (LSE)

Clementina Amankwaah, UCL
Continuity and Change in the making of Elites: University Students in Post War Sierra Leone
Supervisor: Barrie Sharpe (UCL)

Alexandra Antohin, UCL
An Ethnography of Orthodox Christianity and Religious Pluralism in Wollo, Ethiopia
Supervisor: Charles Stewart (UCL)

Ruben Andersson, LSE
On the road – the making of migrants in Europe’s African borderlands (ESRC funded)
Supervisor: Deborah James, LSE

Julie Soleil Archambault, SOAS
Cruising through uncertainty: Mobile phone practices, occulted economies and the politics of respect in Southern Mozambique
Supervisors: Harry West (SOAS), J D Y Peel (SOAS)

Abiola Atinuke Akiyode-Afolabi, SOAS
Gender and Armed Conflict in Africa: Sierra Leone and Liberia
Supervisors: Fareda Banda (SOAS), Mashood Baderin (SOAS), Peter Muchlinski (SOAS)

Dominik Balthasar (Helling), LSE
War, Nationalism and State Trajectories in Somalia andSomaliland – Understanding State-(Un)Making as Processes of Institutional and Socio-Cognitive (De)Standardization
Supervisor: James Putzel (LSE) and Tobias Bebiel (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)

Rhona Barr, LSE
The possible role that payments for environmental services could play in rural coastal marine conservation and development, and the feasibility of applying this economic tool to marine settings (Focus on Southern Tanzania).

Jonathan Bashi R., SOAS
OHADA, a regional legal system to support the creation of an internal market in Africa (working title)
Supervisor: Prof. Diamond Ashiagbor (SOAS)

Neha Batura, SOAS
Long-Term Impact of Child Malnutrition on Adulthood: Evidence from Rural Tanzania
Supervisor: Deborah Johnston (SOAS)

Claire Bedelian, UCL
Community conservation in the Maasai Mara in Kenya
Supervisor: Katherine Homewood (UCL)

Ezi Beedie, Birkbeck
Women and Pension Systems Benefit Income Adequacy in Nigeria: the case of civil servants (working title)
Supervisors: Dr. Penny Vera –Sanso (Birkbeck) and Dr. Jasmine Gideon (Birkbeck).

Goetz Bechtolsheimer, LSE
The United States’ Intervention in the Congo and the Rise of Mobutu from 1964 to 1967
Supervisor: Odd Arne Westad (LSE)

Pritish Behuria, SOAS
Becoming A Strong State: Kagame’s Rwanda Develops After 1994
Supervisor: Prof. Christopher Cramer (SOAS)
Stefano Biagetti, UCL
Ethnoarchaeology of Pastoralism in the Acacus Mts (south-western Fezzan, Libya): A Case Study of Kel Tadrart Lineage
Supervisor: Kevin MacDonald (UCL)

Gary Blank, LSE
British Foreign Policy and the Nigerian Civil War (1967-1970)
Supervisor: Joanna Lewis (LSE)

Mike Brass, UCL
The archaeology of social organisation at Jebel Moya: 5th to 1st millennium BC
Supervisor: Kevin MacDonald (UCL)

Peter Brett, SOAS
The Judicialisation of Politics: some African examples
Supervisor: Tom Young (SOAS)

Brandon Broll, Birkbeck College
History of the Civil Rights League in South Africa (1948-1994)
Supervisor: Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck College)

Andrew Brooks, Royal Holloway
Riches from Rags or Persistent Poverty? The Transnational Used Clothing Trade in Mozambique (ESRC 1+3; Submission due Sept 2011)
Supervisor: David Simon (Royal Holloway)

Paula Callus, SOAS
Sub-Saharan African animation
Supervisor: Dr Charles Gore (SOAS)

Marisa Candotti, SOAS
Cotton Growing and Textile Production in Northern Nigeria: from Caliphate to Protectorate c. 1804-1914
Supervisor: John Parker (SOAS)

Christine Carter, UCL
Conservation and development; the search for synergies around an MPA on the coast of Kenya
Supervisor: Katherine Homewood (UCL)

Andre Chapatte, SOAS
‘Sini be Allah bolo’ (Tomorrow is in God’s hands): destinies, blessing practices, and popular piety or the making of personal goals and ambitions among Muslims in the town of Bougouni in Southwest Mali.”(working title)
Supervisors: Magnus Marsden (SOAS), Richard Fardon (SOAS)

Niamh Collard
Crafting Knowledge Through Textiles in Ewe-speaking Ghana
Supervisor: Trevor Marchand

Felix M. Conteh, SOAS
Governance Reforms in Sierra Leone: An Analysis of the Conception, Design and implementation of the Decentralization programme and the Impacts - A Political Economy Approach
Supervisor: Tom Young (SOAS)

Lucy Corkin, SOAS
Uncovering Agency: China’s Role as a Financier in Angola’s Reconstruction Programme
Supervisor: Dr Julia C Strauss (SOAS)

Julie Crooks, SOAS
Lisk-Carew and photography in Sierra Leone: Black Modernities
Supervisor: Dr Charles Gore (SOAS)

Gregory Deacon, SOAS
The socio-economic role of Pentecostal Churches in Kibera, Nairobi
Supervisor: Paul Gifford (SOAS)

Margarita Dimova, SOAS
Dealing with the State: The Heroin Trade in Kenya
Supervisors: Phil Clark (SOAS), Laleh Khalili (SOAS)

David Dobrovoda, SOAS
Czechoslovak-African Political Relations in the 20th Century
Supervisor: Alena Rettová, SOAS

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Imperial Landscapes of Ancient Mali: Settlement patterns and social organisation
Supervisor: Kevin MacDonald (UCL)

Sarah Duff, Birkbeck College
Ways in which ideas about childhood changed as a result of the Dutch Reformed Church’s evangelical movement in the Cape Colony between 1860 and 1902
Supervisor: Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck College)

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Institutionalized violence? Examining the role of informal institutions in armed violence in South Africa
Supervisor: Dr Zoe Marriage (SOAS), Prof.
Christopher Cramer (SOAS), Prof. Jonathan Goodhand (SOAS)

**Carole Enahoro**, UCL
Land access, satire and cultural resistance in Nigeria.
Supervisor: Prof Jennifer Robinson

**James Esson**, UCL
From men to boys: football, masculinities and Ghanaian labour migration

**Edith Eyo**, SOAS
Contemporary Nigerian artists in London
Supervisor: Charles Gore, SOAS

**Alice Evans**, LSE
Exploring the factors that incentivise poor men and women in Zambia to challenge - or comply with - gender hierarchies
Supervisor: Diane Perrons (LSE)

**Danielle Faye Tran**, SOAS
Post-TRC Traumatic Narratives and South Africa's Literary Recovery
Supervisor: Dr Kai Easton (SOAS)

**Giulia Ferrari**, LSE
Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS and gender into microfinance-based poverty alleviation programmes - an economic evaluation

**Erin Freas-Smith**, SOAS
Domestic Work in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, A Focus on Durban and Ixopo From 1920-1960
Supervisor: Professor Shula Marks (SOAS), Dr Wayne Dooling (SOAS)

**Alex Free**, LSE
ICTs, the internet and Africa: Meeting social, political or economic needs?
Supervisor: Robin Mansell (LSE)

**Emily Freeman**, LSE
Older Adults’ Experiences of Ageing and HIV Infection in Rural Malawi
Supervisor: Ernestina Coast (LSE), Rebecca Sear (LSE), Tiziana Leone (LSE)

**Takahiro Fukunishi**, SOAS
Possibility of Labour-Intensive Industry in Africa: Comparison of the garment industry with Asian low income countries (Working Title)
Supervisor: Machiko Nissanke (SOAS), Sonali Deraniyagala (SOAS)

**Nikolas Gestrich**, UCL
Tongo Maare Diabal: A Social Archaeology of Settlement in the Gourma Region of Mali, c.AD 800 – 1200
Supervisor: Kevin MacDonald (UCL)

**Jonas Gjersø**, LSE
Benevolent Imperialism? Abolition and Legitimate Trade as Principal Elements of British Policy in East Africa 1856-1902
Supervisor: Joanna Lewis (LSE)

**Jacopo Gnisci**, SOAS
The Passion of Christ in Ethiopian Iconography
Supervisor: Tania Tribe (SOAS)

**Tom Goodfellow**, LSE
State effectiveness and the politics of urban development in East Africa
Supervisor: James Putzel (LSE) and Jo Beall (LSE)

**Hazel Gray**, SOAS
The Political Economy of Primitive Accumulation and the State in Tanzania and Vietnam under Liberalisation
Supervisor: Mushtaq Khan (SOAS)

**Agnes Hann**, LSE
An Ethnographic Study of Kinship, Livelihoods and Women's Everyday Lives in Dakar, Senegal
Supervisors: Matthew Engelke (LSE) and Rita Astuti (LSE)

**Luke Harman**
Voucher subsidy programmes in low-income settings: learning lessons from agriculture and health in Malawi and Tanzania
Supervisor: Andrew Dorward

**Charlotte Heales**, King's College
Microfinance and enabling environments: a perspective from Malawi
Supervisors: Debby Potts (King's College) and Kate Maclean (King's College)

**Gwendolyn Heaner**, SOAS
Destroying the Destroyer of Your Destiny: Pentecostalism and Charismatic Christianity in Post-Conflict Liberia
Supervisor: Paul Gifford (SOAS)
Cynthia Howson, SOAS
Women Smuggling: An Examination of Cross-Border Traders in Senegal.
Supervisor: Carlos Oya (SOAS)

Catherine Huser, SOAS
The politics of protection at the micro level of armed conflict (working title).
Supervisors: Dr. Stephan Hopgood & Dr. Laura Hammond

Vicki Igglesden, Royal Holloway
The Response to Francophone African Immigration in Post-Apartheid South Africa
Supervisor: Professor David Simon (Royal Holloway)

Rob James, SOAS
Wilfred Cantwell Smith's Theory of Scripture Related to the Use of the Bible in African Anglicanism
Supervisor: Professor Paul Gifford (SOAS)

Edwin Johnson, SOAS
Contemporary Art and Patronage in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Supervisor: Tania Tribe (SOAS)

Gunvor Jónsson
Malian Women on the Move
Supervisor: Prof. Trevor Marchand

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Decentralization, Participation, Accountability and District Development Planning in Malawi
Supervisor: Michael Jennings (SOAS)

Laila Kassam, SOAS
Assessing the contribution of aquaculture to poverty reduction in Ghana.
Supervisor: Andrew Dorward (SOAS)

Fatima Kazim-Obubudun, UCL

Jessica Kendall, SOAS
'African Fever'; the politics of race in the international circus arena (working title)
Supervisor: Dr Lola Martinez (SOAS)

Vincent Kienzler, LSE
Performance Measurement and Social Accountability in Uganda: Lessons from the ‘Community-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System’ Initiative
Supervisors: Nilima Gulrajani (LSE) and David Lewis (LSE)

Gabriel Klaeger, SOAS
Rush and relax: Intricate movements, fleeting encounters and the dilemmas of speed on a Ghanaian road (working title)
Supervisors: Harry West (SOAS), Richard Fardon (SOAS)

Christian Laheij, LSE
‘Culture of Peace’ Revisited. Islam, Human Security and Schema Construction in Mozambique
Supervisor: Prof. Deborah James, LSE

Amrita Lamba, SOAS
Strong State-Society Synergy for Inclusive Natural Resources Governance: Comparing Brazil and South Africa
Supervisor: Prof. Peter P Molinga

Sonia Languille, SOAS
Supervisor: Prof. Christopher Cramer (SOAS)

Nomalanga Leander Masina
Minimizing Friction: The role Private Media in the mediation of Zimbabwe's election politics in 2013.
Supervisors: Dr Lindiwe Dovey, Dr D Matar, Prof A Sreberny

Hayley Leck, Royal Holloway
Urban global environmental change – Durban, South Africa' (Submission due Oct/Nov 2011)
Supervisor: David Simon (Royal Holloway)

Joanne Lewis, SOAS
Women artists in Botswana in the late twentieth century
Supervisor: Tania Tribe (SOAS)

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Identity Politics, Citizenship Rights and Conflict in Nigeria
Supervisor: Tom Young (SOAS)
Sarah Longair, Birkbeck College
The development of historical and cultural representation in museums in Zanzibar from the colonial to the contemporary.
Supervisor: Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck College)

Charles Majinge, LSE
The United Nations, the African Union and the Rule of Law in Southern Sudan
Supervisor: Chaloka Beyani (LSE), Christine Chinkin (LSE)

Sara Isabella Marzagora, SOAS
Theorizing an “acolonial modernity”. The 1896 battle of Adwa and 1936-1941 Italian occupation in Ethiopian literature and political philosophy.
Supervisor: Dr Kai Easton

Crescencia A. Masawe, SOAS
Health Sector Reform and Women's Reproductive Health Services in Rural Tanzania
Supervisor: Mike Jennings (SOAS)

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Geopolitics of Mining and Mineral Extraction and its implications for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in Cameroon
Supervisors: David Simon (Royal Holloway), Klaus Dodds

Joshua McNamara
Small scale audiovisual production and its relationship with the development and aid sector in Nairobi: an approach toward Kenya’s media environment, from the perspective of practice-based research.
Supervisor: Dr Lindiwe Dovey

Yoseph Mengistu, SOAS
The Christological Implications of the Pneumatology of Cyril of Alexandria in Orthodox Ethiopia (1607-1878)

Nandera Mhando, Goldsmith College
Meaning, Gender and Kinship Making Among the Kuria of Tanzania: Male and Female Agency

Janna Miletzki (LSE)
Burundian Refugees in Tanzania in a state of uncertainty: exploring citizenship and belonging.
Supervisor: Dr. Claire Mercer, LSE

Peter Kehinde Mogaji, SOAS
Optimum Currency Area feasibility Tests: Instrumental Variable Estimations of Inflation Dynamics and Exchange Rate Pass-Through in the West African Monetary Zone

Magali Moreau, UCL
Magali is studying land cover change and natural resource use in refugee hosting areas of Kasulu District, Western Tanzania.

Lucía Natalia Morera, SOAS
New to the Market: An ethnographical approach to the implantation of the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God in Lagos.
Supervisor: Professor Paul Gifford (SOAS)

Caroline Mose, SOAS
Kenyan Hip Hop: Interrogating Socio-Political Interventions of Popular Youth Culture in Nairobi
Supervisor: Dr Chege Githiora (SOAS)

Ronald Naluwairo, SOAS
Military Justice, Human Rights and the Law in Uganda
Supervisor: Mashood A. Baderin (SOAS)

Darryl Nel, SOAS
The ‘Tokoloshe’ and cultural identity in South Africa
Supervisors: Akin Oyetade (SOAS), Graham Furniss (SOAS), Jeff Opland (SOAS)

Zahrah Nesbitt-Ahmed
“I no go gree”: The Everyday Struggles of Paid Domestic Workers in Lagos, Nigeria
Supervisor: Sylvia Chant (LSE)

Peter Nichols, SOAS
A Morpho-semantic Analysis of the Persistive, Alternative and Inceptive Aspects in siSwati
Supervisor: Lutz Marten (SOAS)

Amy Norman, Queen Mary University
Reconceptualising Childhood in the Context of HIV/AIDS in KwaZulu-Natal South Africa: A Study of Generations, Change and the Everyday

Prince Ndudi Councillor Olokotor, SOAS
Supervisor: Emilia Onyema (SOAS)
Sarah O'Neill, Goldsmiths College
Defying the law, negotiating change. The Futanke's opposition to the national ban on FGM in Senegal
Supervisors: Nici Nelson (Goldsmith College) and Sophie Day (Goldsmith College)

Robtel Neajai Pailey, SOAS
The Love of Liberty Divided Us Here? Implications of Dual Citizenship on Liberia’s Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Process
Supervisor: Laura Hammond (SOAS)

Ruth Payne, Royal Holloway
Child-Headed Households in Zambia: Construction, Survival and Change
Supervisors: Professor David Simon and Dr Katie Willis (RHUL)

Helena Perez-Nino, SOAS
Land and war in peace transitions in Africa (LIDC studentship, co-supervised with Birkbeck)
Supervisor: Prof. Christopher Cramer (SOAS)

Eugénia Pires, SOAS
Political Economy of Migrants’ Remittances: Evidence from the Angolan Diaspora in Portugal (Working Title)
Supervisor: Costas Lapavitsas, (SOAS)

Tara Polzer, LSE
Forced Migration, Identity and Citizenship: The Integration of Mozambican Refugees in South Africa
Supervisors: Tim Allen (LSE) and Jo Beall (LSE)

Sitna Quiroz-Uria, LSE
Politics, Kinship and Religion in Pobe, Benin: Analysing patron-client relations and corruption through the lens of religious conversion.
Supervisor: Deborah James, LSE

Anna Rader, SOAS
Civic Practice, Public Identity and Political Community in Somaliland
Supervisor: Prof Stephen Chan (SOAS)

Siham Rayale, SOAS
Women's political participation and state-building in Somaliland
Supervisor: Laura Hammond, SOAS)

Rashi Rohatgi, SOAS
Abhimanyu Unnuth's Hindi Poetry in Literary Mauritius and in the World
Supervisor: Kai Easton, SOAS

Cleo Rose-Innes, SOAS
Transport Infrastructure and Regional Integration in Southern Africa
Supervisor: Machiko Nissanke (SOAS)

Naomi Roux, Birkbeck College
Memory in the City: Museums, heritage, and contemporary African urban histories
Supervisor: Annie E. Coombes (Birkbeck)

Madeleine Rutherford Wright, LSE
Evidence-based development policy movement and the utilisation of research to inform reproductive health policy in Ghana
Supervisors: Ernestina Coast (LSE), Tiziana Leone (LSE)

Nicole Salisbury, UCL
International Public Policy - 'Structural Interventions and HIV Prevention Networks in South Africa
Supervisors: David Hudson (UCL) and Graham Hart (UCL)

Samantha Samuel, UCL
Gendered indigenous knowledge systems in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia
Supervisor: Dr Michael Walls.

Anselmo Ricardo Augusto Samussone, SOAS
Corporate Governance and the Legal Protection of Employee-Shareholders in Mozambique
Supervisor: Peter Muchlinski (SOAS)

Aïsha Schmitt, SOAS
Beyond Praising the Prophet: Making New Meanings in Zanzibari Qasida
Supervisor: Prof Graham Furniss (SOAS)

Katrin Schulze, SOAS
The State and Development of Contemporary Art in Northern Nigeria
Supervisor: Charles Gore (SOAS)

Christine Singer
Supervisor: Lindiwe Dovey

Michelle René Small, King's College
Power, Politics and Private Violence in Post-
Colonial Africa 1960-2008
Supervisor: Patrick Chabal (King's College)

Lameen Souag, SOAS
Grammatical Contact in the Sahara: Arabic, Berber, and Songhay in Tabelbala and Siwa
Supervisor: Philip Jaggar (SOAS)

Sara Stevano, SOAS
Women's Work and Household Food Behaviour in Northern Mozambique
Supervisors: Deborah Johnston (SOAS), Harry West (SOAS)

John Paahoni Steven, SOAS
A survey of language diversity, use and attitude in Southern Sierra Leone
Supervisor: Peter Austin (SOAS)

Hagar Taha, SOAS
The Local Element of Peace: Role of Indigenous Civil Societies in Intervention and Conflict Resolution - Cases of Darfur (Sudan) and Somaliland (Northern Somalia)
Supervisor: Prof Stephen Chan (SOAS)

Lotta Takala-Greenish, SOAS
The role of industrial policy in the decline of the South African textiles and clothing sector
Supervisor: Ben Fine (SOAS)

Sehin Teferra Ayele
Occupational Hazard or Patriarchal Entitlement: Feminist Analysis of the Dynamics of Violence in Ethiopian Sex Work
Supervisors: Laura Hammond (SOAS), Prof. Nadje Al-Ali (SOAS), Dr Ruba Salih

Danielle Faye Tran, SOAS
Post-TRC. South African Writing and the Trauma of Apartheid
Supervisor: Kai Easton (SOAS)

Daria Trentini, SOAS
Muslim healers and Arabian spirits in Nampula city, Mozambique (working title)
Supervisor: Professor Harry West (SOAS)

Michaela Unterbarnscheidt, SOAS
A comparative study of transition and social change in early Thai and Amharic novels
Supervisor: Martin Orwin (SOAS)

Stella Wambugu
Agriculture and health in low income countries - investigating farm household and wider interactions in Malawi
Supervisor: Andrew Dorward

Charlene Watson, LSE
Forest Conservation for Carbon and Communities (south-east Ethiopia)
Supervisor: Susana Mourato (LSE) and E. J. Milner-Gulland (LSE)

Elisu Wekesa, LSE
A new lease of life: sexual and reproductive behaviour among PLWHA in the ART era in Nairobi informal settlements
Supervisor: Ernestina Coast (LSE)

Emily Welty, SOAS
Faith-based NGOs, Peacebuilding and Development: the Mennonite Central Committee's work in East Africa
Supervisor: Paul Gifford (SOAS)

Laryssa Whittaker, Royal Holloway
Challenging Structural Violence Through Music: Theorising the Sustainability of Cultural Initiatives for Positive Social Change in South Africa
Supervisor: Tina Ramnarine (RHUL)

Ursel Widemann, SOAS
Clothing and the Construction of Identity among the Tuareg
Supervisor: Tania Tribe (SOAS)

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The SOAS Library is one of the world’s most important academic libraries for the study of Africa. Material on and from Africa has been collected since the foundation of the School (as the School of Oriental Studies) in 1916, although Africa was not included in the name until much later and there was no separate Africa Section in Library until the 1960s.

The Africa collection includes publications on and from the whole continent of Africa, except for Egypt which is covered by the Islamic Middle East Section.

Main strengths of the Africa collection are in local languages, linguistics and literatures; anthropology and ethnic minorities; religion; economics, finance and statistics; development issues; politics and government; law, including customary law; film, the press and media studies.

The Library holds an extensive African language collection covering hundreds of languages from the whole continent with a few exceptions. It also has an extensive collection of journals for African research, both in print and electronic format.

Some of the key journals held at SOAS Library are the following:

Africa: Journal of the International African Institute
Africa Confidential
The Journal of African Cultural Studies
Journal of African Economies
Journal of African History
Journal of African Law
Journal of Contemporary African Studies
Journal of Modern African Studies
Journal of Religion in Africa

Research in African Literatures
Review of African Political Economy

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A unique collection on Madagascar, donated in 1991 by Mr and Mrs J.T. Hardyman. While reflecting Mr Hardyman’s life and work as a missionary in Madagascar it covers a range of subjects and includes a large number of works in the Malagasy language.
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http://www.sas.ac.uk/commonwealthstudies/library.htm

**Institute of Education**
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http://ioewebserver.ioe.ac.uk/ioe/html/infoserv/IsHome.html

**London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**
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**University College London Library**
University of London Excellent research library covering all fields. Particularly good for African studies in anthropology, sociology, development, agriculture.
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/Library

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**Africa and China: Relations in the era of globalisation**
This bibliography is an excerpt from the database of the “Specialized Information Network International Relations and Area Studies” (FIV-IBLK) and contains numerous titles concerning Africa-China relations.
Africa Bibliography
Africa Bibliography is an authoritative guide to works in African studies published under the auspices of the International African Institute annually since 1984.
http://africabibliography.cambridge.org/

Africabib.org
Indexes of journal articles covering, Africana publications back to 1974 and articles on African women's literature back to 1986. Also includes a comprehensive bibliography on women travelers and explorers to Africa.
http://www.africabib.org/

Africa-Wide NiPAD
Details about books and articles relating to Africa and specifically South Africa as well as some full text articles (chiefly news reports). Records have been taken from various institutions' catalogues including SOAS.

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These useful dossiers are compiled by the ASC and list print, electronic resources and web-based information on topical issues in African Studies. Typically they consist of an introduction to the subject, a selection of titles - both books and articles - from the collection of the ASC Library and annotated links to electronic resources and relevant websites.
http://www.ascleiden.nl/Library/Webdossiers/

African journals online
Tables of contents and abstracts of scholarly journals published in Africa in the fields of agricultural sciences, science and technology, health and social sciences. Titles from South Africa and Francophone Africa are being added, as well as many more from the rest of Africa.
http://www.ajol.info/

African studies abstracts online
Online successor to the printed quarterly listing and abstracting of articles from periodicals and edited works on Africa in the social sciences and humanities, available in the African Studies Cent-
A Young African Diaspora Entrepreneur receiving her Certificate of Attendance from a representative of HABA at the end of the YADE (Young African Diaspora Entrepreneurs) Certificated Training Course, held at SOAS, on February 2, 2013.

This widely attended training event at SOAS was part of the Africa Business Group activities within CAS, and was co-organised with the Horn of Africa Business Association (HABA).
Robtel Neajai Pailey, a doctoral researcher funded by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Fellowship Programme managed by the Centre of African Studies at SOAS, University of London has been recognised in the 2013 “99 Under 33” – an international list of the most influential foreign policy leaders under the age of 33.

The prestigious award was launched in 2011 in the US by global affairs magazine Diplomatic Courier and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy, an organisation helping to foster the next generation of foreign policy leaders.

Each of the “99 under 33” honourees is recognised for their impact on their community and their potential as a leader in the future.

There are several leadership archetypes that define the list of selected winners. Robtel, who was recognised for her research in Liberia and work to tackle corruption in the country, was awarded for being a Shaper. This is someone who changes the public discourse on an aspect of foreign policy or raises awareness on a critical issue.

Robtel commented: “To be nominated and selected as one of the 99 most influential foreign policy leaders under the age of 33 is both humbling and fortifying. It’s a testament to the fact that foreign policy is no longer the domain of the middle-aged establishment, that it can include innovators and thinkers who are uninterested in maintaining the status quo.”

Robtel’s current research at SOAS focuses on the factors that have given rise to the introduction (and subsequent postponement in passage) of Liberia’s proposed dual citizenship bill. She is particularly interested in how citizenship is conceived and practiced in post-conflict Liberia, and the possible effects this might have on the country’s reconstruction and development. She is also author of Gbagba, a children’s book about corruption in Liberia.

Other award categories included a Catalyst - from a field not typically associated with foreign policy who has had an impact on international affairs; a Convener - brings people together in creative ways to address a pressing international issue or enhance the foreign policy community; an Influencer - mobilizes people in the foreign policy community with bold new ideas; an Innovator - designs a new solution to a critical global challenge; a Practitioner - changes foreign policy from the inside through extraordinary professionalism and skill; a Risk-taker - takes a chance and sees it pay off.

(Adapted from: http://www.soas.ac.uk/news/news-item86948.html, 12 September 2013)