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African Studies Association UK
Biennial 2010 Conference
16th – 19th September 2010
University of Oxford

The ASAUK Biennial conference will be held in Oxford in 2010, at St Antony's College and other venues in the University. The conference will run from 2pm on Thursday Sept 16th to 1pm on Sunday 19th September 2010.

We are not attempting to give the conference a single theme. However, we are encouraging journals, Centres, networks and individuals to offer panels, or series of panels, on particular topics so that there can be sequential debate through the conference. We hope in this way to attract linked papers that will facilitate discussion and which may form the basis for a variety of conference publications.

To submit a paper or panel for the conference please follow the link below. The deadline for paper and panel submissions is the 30th of April 2010. If you would like to suggest a series of panels or theme, please contact David Kerr, d.kerr@bham.ac.uk as soon as possible. Registration for the conference will use the same online system and be available from January 2010.

https://asauk.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=1897&language=en-uk

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

This Term the Africa Business Group plans to hold three meetings on the general theme of governance and management in Africa, looking in particular at the role of UK business and the African public sector. This follows the two meetings last Summer Term on legal issues by two distinguished African Fellows from SOAS, and on Kenya by author and journalist Michela Wrong.

Thursday 22 October
Governance and management in Africa: Is there a useful role for the UK?
By Trevor Robinson (Consultant)

Monday 23 November
Governance and management in Africa: How can the UK help African reformers?
By Richard Dowden (Journalist and Director Royal African Society)

Wednesday 2 December
Governance and management in Africa: What next?
Panel Discussion (Trevor Robinson, Richard Dowden, Representative fom Mo Ibrahim Foundation; other speakers to be confirmed)

12.15-2pm, Room 116 at SOAS

By Invitation only
Please contact the Centre on 020 7898 4370 or Email: cas@soas.ac.uk

NEWS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Mo Ibrahim Foundation 'Governance for Development in Africa Initiative' launched at SOAS

The Centre of African Studies, University of London, at SOAS has received a tremendous boost with a donation to fund an initiative on Governance for Development in Africa, which will create a dedicated environment to support Africans to study both the legal aspects of governance and the links between economic development and governance.

This extraordinary gift from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation aims to enable Africans to improve the quality of governance in their countries by supporting them to build their skills and talents within an expert academic environment.

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation's £1.375 million gift will fund four dedicated programmes at SOAS: Leadership Development Fellowships; Residential Schools in Africa; Governance Lectures; and PhD Scholarships.

Prof Paul Webley, Director and Principal explains, 'This gift will have a tremendous impact, not only for SOAS, but for the future of Africa. We are delighted that Dr Mo Ibrahim and his fellow Trustees are working with SOAS on such an exciting project, which will have a impact on Africa for years to come'.

We encourage enquiries about Applications for PhDs on topics relating to Governance and Development in Africa and for Visiting Fellowships on the topics of Leadership and Development (the latter applies also to non-academic applicants: the scheme will target young people with demonstrable leadership potential within their sector, enabling them to develop knowledge, contacts, and strategic plans during an 8-10 week period based in London).

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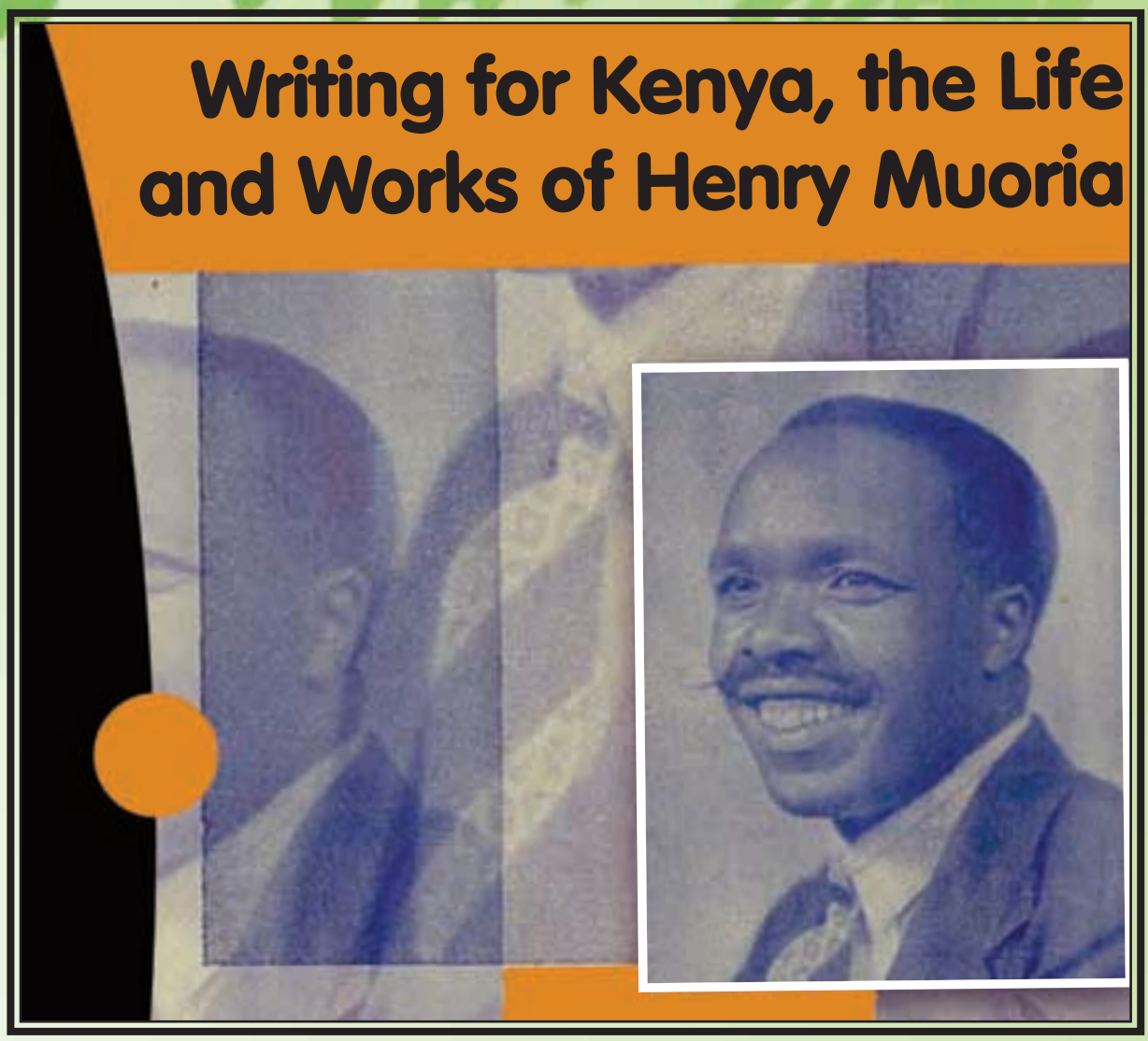
We are pleased to announce that the two PhD students funded for September 2009 entry are:
Alinafe Kasiya, NEPAD Secretariat, Malawi
Topic: Decentralization, accountability, citizen participation and the district development planning process in Malawi
Cresencia Masawe, University of Dodoma, Tanzania
Topic: Health Sector Reform and its Response of Women's Reproductive Health Services in Tanzania

EVENTS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Writing for Kenya, the Life and Works of Henry Muoria – Book Launch
Tuesday 20 October at 5.30pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS
Panel: John Lonsdale, Wangari Muoria-Sal



Sudan Symposium – all day conference on the current situation in Sudan
Saturday 07 November 2009, at 10am-4pm, Brunei gallery lecture theatre, SOAS
An event in association with Justice Africa and the Royal African Society

Further book launches are in association with the Royal African Society,
see listings below

For more information on all of the above events contact:
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EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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

STRUGGLES FOR CITIZENSHIP IN AFRICA by Bronwen Manby
Book launch and panel discussion
Friday 9th October, 5.30pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS
Speakers: Bronwen Manby (AfriMap), Chidi Odinkalu (OSI Justice Initiative), Raufu Mustapha (Oxford University)
The question of citizenship, and the rights and responsibilities that it offers to individuals, is crucial to the lives of millions of Africans, who find themselves non-persons in the only state they have ever known. This meticulously researched book brings together new material from across Africa of the most egregious examples of citizenship discrimination, and makes a powerful case for urgent reform of these laws.
'A sharp, concise and convincing analysis of the ruthless manipulation of the idea of citizenship by Africa's rulers. Manby brilliantly exposes the large scale legalised discrimination and disenfranchisement which underlie many of today's political conflicts in Africa. A must-read for policymakers and any serious student of African politics'
~ Tom Porteous, Director, Human Rights Watch.
RSVP ras_research@soas.ac.uk. In association with CAS, IAI and Zed Books.

WRITING AFRICA: MARKING 10 YEARS OF THE CAINE PRIZE
With Ben Okri, Binyavanga Wainaina, Chika Unigwe, Brian Chikwava, and chaired by Aminatta Forna
Saturday 10th October, 14.30-16.00, Conference Centre, British Library, £6/£4
To book visit http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event95570.html
Join us for an afternoon celebrating 10 years of Africa's highest literary award, the Caine Prize for African Writing, with some of Africa's finest writers reading from and discuss their work and African writing today.
'The Caine Prize has played a vital role in discovering and supporting new writing from Africa, breathing fresh life into the renaissance surge in African literature.' ~ Wole Soyinka, Nobel Laureate
In association with the Caine Prize for African Writing and the British Library. Part of the Caine Prize Tour.

OIL, POWER & POLITICS IN NIGERIA
Thursday 29th October, 6pm (Date and venue tbc)
Speakers:Michael Peel (FT), Raufu Mustapha (Oxford University), Fr. Matthew Kuka (tbc)
Along with a persistent inability to address the Delta militancy, the Nigerian government

has fallen short on its efforts to run a profitable and efficient oil sector. Whether or not oil reform advances and produces results, the common criticism of the current administration will likely remain – too little has been done. With less than two years remaining until the 2011 elections, an amnesty underway, and a proposed overhaul of the oil sector, this panel of experts will analyse critical issues which remain about the direction in which Nigeria is headed, economically and politically.

CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA by Camilla Toulmin
Book launch and discussion
Monday 3rd November, 6pm, Royal Commonwealth Society, 25 Northumberland Ave (Venue tbc)
Climate change is a major challenge for us all, but for African countries it represents a particular threat, and is likely to his the continent's poorest people the hardest. In this accessible and authoritative introduction to an often-overlooked aspect of the environment, Camilla Toulmin looks at issues ranging from natural disasters to biofuels, and from conflict to the oil industry, and asks what future there might be for Africa in a carbon-constrained world.
'Climate change is already having profound effects in Africa, from devastating floods to wars which are breaking out over land and water. Of all the continents, Africa is least responsible for these changes. This is a clear, reasoned and thoughtful book which will be of great importance in the crucial discussions which lie ahead' ~ Lord Nicholas Stern. In association with CAS, IAI and Zed Books.

SUDAN SYMPOSIUM: PEACE, DEMOCRACY, DEVELOPMENT AND THE FUTURE
Saturday 7th November, 10-16.30, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS
Speakers: Abdelwahab El-Affendi, Alex de Waal, Douglas Johnson, Hafiz Mohammed, John Ryle, Muhammed Suleiman, Peter Woodward
Bringing together leading experts, this all-day workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss and analyse contemporary politics in Sudan. The symposium will feed back into a project being run by Justice Africa in Sudan in the run-up to the elections, The Sudan-Sudan dialogue, which encourages dialogue between Sudanese civil society and political figures. Visit our website for a full programme. In association with Justice Africa and CAS. RSVP cas@soas.ac.uk

NARCOTICS: OVERVIEW, IMPACT, RESPONSE
Monday 30th November, 6pm, Parliament (tbc)
Speakers include: Dr Stephen Ellis (Amsterdam Free), Dr Kwesi Aning (Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre), Antonio Costa (UNODC – tbc)
West Africa has become the hub of a flow of cocaine from South America into Europe, particularly the 'failed states' along the Gold Coast, where poverty is extreme, society has been ravaged by war and the institutions of state can be easily bought off - so that instead of enforcement, there is collusion. 99 per cent of all drugs seized in Africa are in West Africa, and, in some, the value of the drugs trade outstrips national income. But

the amounts found are only 'the tip of the iceberg'. A panel of experts will discuss the nature of this drugs trade, examine its effects at local, national and regional levels in Africa, and critically assess the interventions in place and what more needs to be done. In association with the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group.

BUILDING SUCCESS: UGANDA'S REFORMS & THE EAST AFRICAN COMMON MARKET
Wednesday 9th December, 6pm, Royal Commonwealth Society (Venue tbc)
Speakers include: Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile (Governor of the Bank of Uganda), Alan Whitworth (Economic Adviser, DFID Zambia), co-editors of Uganda's Economic Reforms: Insider Accounts
2010 will usher in a new phase for the East African Community, as the five countries, including Uganda, enter into a Common Market aimed at boosting regional trade. Uganda has been one of the most successful economies in Africa over the last 20 years, and, arguably, has had more influence on donor policies and on African reforms than any other country. Following the publication of 'Uganda's Economic Reforms: Insider Accounts', the co-editors will analyse Uganda's economic success and the influence of its economic reforms on donor thinking and other governments, and consider the impact of the Common Market on the future of the country and the region.

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

RAS BRANCH MEETINGS

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

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

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

For London events RSVP: ras_research@soas.ac.uk
Please check www.royalafricansociety.org for updates

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

Africa Asia Centre
In partnership with the Royal African Society and SOAS

12 October 'China's rise and international development'
Time: 1.30-5.30pm
Venue: Room 116, SOAS, Russell Square
Speakers include: Adrian Davis, Head of DFID North East Asia, and Professor Raphie Kaplinsky, Open University; others to be confirmed
In association with the Development Studies Association 'China and Development' study group, organised by Giles Mohan (Open University) and Sarah Cook (IDS):

RSVP: Please contact Jenny Wright (j.m.wright@open.ac.uk) if you wish to attend or to have your name added to (or removed from) the DSA China Group mailing list.

For more information about the Africa Asia Centre at SOAS contact:
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Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society
17 October Annual General Meeting, SOAS Room G2
For more information contact Roy Galbraith (roygal@aol.com)

Meetings organized by the Britain Zimbabwe Society
For further information visit: www.britain-zimbabwe.org.uk/events.htm
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Meetings organized by the Anglo-Ethiopian Society.
For information about membership contact: Anglo-Ethiopian Society c/o The Secretary, PO Box 55506, London SW7 4YP
Tel 0771 721 0470 E-mail: secretary@anglo-ethiopian.org.
This meeting of the Society are open to non-members.

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

Meetings organized by SudanSSUK.
For more information contact: SudanSSUK@aol.com

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

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

History Department (Faculty of Arts and Humanities.) African History Research Seminar held on Wednesdays in Room FG08 at 5pm

7 October
Ian Fairweather : 'Missionary Heritage and Civil Society in Northern Namibia'

14 October
Joost Fontein : 'The Politics of the Dead: living, heritage, bones and commemoration in Zimbabwe'

21 October
Giacomo Macola : 'A Social History of Firearms in Central Africa to the early 20th century'

28 October
No seminar

4 November
No seminar (History Department Seminar)

11 November
No seminar (Reading Week)

18 November
No seminar

25 November
Andrew Cohen : 'Business as Usual? Lonrho and oil sanctions against Rhodesia, c. 1965-1978'

2 December
Terence Ranger : 'Writing History like Literature: Bulawayo burning, 1893-1960'

9 December
No seminar (History Department Seminar)

16 December
Chris Prior : t.b.a.

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

A current seminar list, seminar abstracts, and an archive of previous seminars can be found on the African History Seminar webpage at:
http://www.soas.ac.uk/academics/departments/history/events/

SOAS Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies
Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Seminar Series Autumn Term 2009
Wednesdays 5-7 G51
October 21st
Claire Mercer (LSE)
African home associations in Britain: between political belonging and moral conviviality

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

October 9
Paul Richards [Wageningen/UCL]
West African agrarian futures

October 16
Chris Willott [UCL/Bath]
Merit, patronage and factionalism: promotion strategies used by academic staff in a Nigerian university.

October 23
Fiona Sheales [Sainsbury Centre UEA]
Processing the Alien: Exploring Anglo/Asante Encounters in Kumase during 1817

October 30
Anne Schumann [SOAS]
Popular music in Cote d'Ivoire (provisional title)

November 6
tbc

Reading Week

November 20
Lynne Brydon [Birmingham]
Lost in Translation: the sky, the earth and the devil among Ghana's Ewe

November 27
Dmitry Bondarev/Abba Tijani
[Maiduguri/SOAS]
Tarjumo - a specialised language of the Kanuri Muslim Scholars: between written commentary and oral translation

December 4
Sarah O'Neill [Goldsmiths]
Torn between 'custom' and the law. The Futanke's (Sedentary Fulani) response to FGC sensitisation programmes in Fouta Toro, Senegal.

December 11
Mats Utas [Nordiska Afrikan Institut/Uppsala]
Urban walks Freetown style/Film title tbc

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

6th Annual AIDS Scenario Building Workshop: planning for a future with HIV and AIDS, 21 to 23 April 2010, London, United Kingdom
This event, aimed at a select number of senior professionals, provides introductory insights and hands-on opportunities for understanding scenarios, learn essential elements and interact with a range of professional practitioners and peers. For more information, please visit: http://www.ScenarioDevelopment.com/Aidsscenarios

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

On the Tuesdays indicated, 6-7.30pm, in the Seligman Library, Room A607, Old Building, LSE

13th October
Madalina Florescu (SOAS)
What does "Luso-African" stand for in Angolan Studies?

27th October
Richard Vokes (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)
Picturing arrival: The camera in early colonial Uganda, circa 1908-1928

10th November
Julie Botticello (UCL)
Well-being as circulation: Yoruba diaspora in London

24th November
Alice Wilson (University of Cambridge)
Refugee citizens go to the polls: democratic reform in Western Sahara's liberation movement

8th December
Dinah Rajak (University of Sussex)
"Uplift and empower": the market, morality and corporate responsibility on South Africa's platinum belt

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

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

Caribbean Seminar Series Autumn Term 2008
Caribbean Seminar Series Autumn 2009

14th October: Panel & Book Launch: *Democratic Advance and Conflict Resolution in Post-Colonial Guyana* by Judaman Seecomar (Peepal Tree Press: 2009)

Speakers:
Clem Seecharan, London Metropolitan University
Peter Fraser, London Metropolitan University
Jeremy Poynting, Peepal Tree Press

Time: 16:00 - 19:00
Venue: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Rooms L103 and L102
Sponsored by the Seecoomar Trust

28th October: Seminar & Book Launch:
Christer Petley, Slaveholders in Jamaica: Colonial Society and Culture during the Era of Abolition (Pickering and Chatto: 2009)

Seminar: Christer Petley, University of Southampton
Launch: Professor Gad Heuman, University of Warwick
Time: 17:00
Venue: The Court Room, Senate House, 1st floor

11th November: Alan Rice, University of Central Lancashire
'Accounting for Ghostly Presences: Caribbean Locale, Contemporary African Atlantic Artists and the Legacies of Slavery'
Time: 17:00
Venue: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Room L103

25th November: Rochelle Rowe, Essex University
'Parading the "Crème de la Crème" for the national good: beauty contests, feminine spectacle and new masculinities in Barbados 1959-1966'
Time: 17:30
Venue: Institute of Education

VENUES

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES
Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR
(on the corner of Russell Square and Bedford Way)

ICS seminars will be held in the Menzies Room, ICS, 28 Russell Square
All seminars begin at 5pm and are followed by a wine reception

SENATE HOUSE
Malet St, London WC1E 7HU

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION
20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL (between Tavistock Sq and Russell Sq)

Convenors:
Mary Turner, Institute of Commonwealth Studies – mary.turner@sas.ac.uk
Kate Quinn, Institute for the study of the Americas – kate.quinn@sas.ac.uk

ISA seminars will be held in Room 12, ISA, 35 Tavistock Square
ICS seminars will be held in the Menzies Room, ICS, 28 Russell Square
All seminars begin at 5pm and are followed by a wine reception.

EVENTS

LONDON

Acquisition & Divesture Africa 2009, 20 to 21 October 2009, London, United Kingdom
Remain competitive Add value and grow your reserves through intelligent asset swaps
Avoid risks of cost and delay by streamlining your A & D portfolio. For more information, please contact IQPC: http://www.iqpc.com/uk/adafrica/ediary

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AFRICAN STUDIES SEMINARS & EVENTS
Michaelmas Term 2009

All seminars to be held at 5pm in the Fellows Dining Room, St Antony's College unless otherwise specified.

15 October
'The International Criminal Court and Conflicts in the Horn of Afri
Kasaija Phillip Apuuli (Department of Politics, Makerere)
Dr Apuuli's visit is sponsored by the African Studies Association of the UK and he will be giving the annual ASAUK Mary Kingsley Zochonis lecture at the British Academy in London on Thursday 8th October.

22 October
'The Zuma Tsunami'
Roger Southall (University of the Witwatersrand)

29 October
Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture:
'The Strange Alchemy of Life and Law'
Justice Albie Sachs (Constitutional Court of South Africa)
NB: This seminar will take place in the McGreggor Matthews room at New College.

5 November
Colloquium on photography and images of African people
'Photography in Colonial Uganda: the Work of the Alfred Lobo Studio, circa 1908-1928'
Richard Vokes (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)
'Photographs of West African Students in London'
Hakim Adi (University of Middlesex)
'Portrait Photography and Beauty in Senegal'
Hélène Neveu Kringelbach (University of Oxford)
NB: This event will start at 4pm

12 November
3pm-5pm: *Additional afternoon seminar, all welcome*
'US Foreign Policy Towards Africa Under Obama'
Joel Barkan (University of Iowa) and Staffan Lindberg (University of Florida)
5pm: 'Religion and Politics in Kenya: Confrontation and Compliance' (and book launch).
Ben Knighton (Oxford Centre for Mission Studies), John Lonsdale (University of Cambridge) and John Chesworth (CMCS), and Galia Sabar (Chair of African Studies, Tel Aviv University)

19 November
Chris Hani - "Transkeian Country Bumpkin?": The regional roots of the African National Congress underground
Tim Gibbs (University of Oxford)
NB: This seminar will be held in the Dahrendorf room, St Antony's College

26 November
2pm-5pm: 'Power-sharing in Comparative Perspective' (panel 1)
Nic Cheeseman (Oxford), Miles Tendi (Oxford), Maja Bovcon (Oxford), and Devon Curtis (Cambridge)
5pm: 'Power-sharing in Comparative Perspective' (panel 2)
Andreas Mehler (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)
NB: This seminar will be held in the Dahrendorf room, St Antony's College

3 December
The Kenya African National Union (KANU) as a consociational party Matthijs Bogaards (Jacobs University, Bremen)

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

African Studies Book Group

Nic Cheeseman (Politics) and Zoe Norridge (English) would like to invite you to join us at a new African Studies Book Group this autumn. The group will meet twice a term to discuss texts by African writers.

Our books for Michaelmas 2009 will be:

1st session: Chika Unigwe - On Black Sisters' Street
Wednesday October 21st (2nd week), 18.00-20.00
http://www.amazon.co.uk/Black-Sisters-Street-Chika-Unigwe/dp/0224085301/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1251912350&sr=8-1

2nd session: Jonny Steinberg - Three Letter Plague

Monday November 16th (6th week), 18.00-20.00
http://www.amazon.co.uk/Three-Letter-Plague-Jonny-Steinberg/dp/0099524198/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1251912399&sr=1-1

We're happy to say that this term both writers have agreed to join us for the book group discussions, providing us with a fantastic opportunity to discuss the texts with their authors.

Books are available from Amazon (links above). We will meet in Zoe's New College rooms. Enter through the main porter's lodge, turn right and walk along the building to staircase 2, Zoe is flat 12. Ask the porters if you get lost! Discussions will be lively and informal and probably last a few hours.

Please let us know if you would like to attend so we have some idea of numbers...

"Nic" <nicholas.cheeseman@politics.ox.ac.uk>, "Zoe Norridge" <zoe.norridge@new.ox.ac.uk>

Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge
Research Seminar Series, Michaelmas 2009
Monday at 5.00pm, The Mond Building Seminar Room, Free School Lane, Cambridge, CB2 3RF (unless otherwise stated)

The Public Understanding of Science in Africa

Thursday 15 October
Dr Julie Livingston (Rutgers University) "Creating and Embedding Cancer in Botswana"
please note: Thursday seminar

Monday 26 October
Dr Lotte Meinert (University of Aarhus)
"Tests for Life Chances: CD4 miracles and obstacles in Uganda"

Monday 2 November
Dr Ruth Prince (University of Cambridge) "Knowing 'the HIV gospel': science, faith, and the art of survival in western Kenya"

Monday 9 November
Dr Clapperton Mavhunga (MIT, USA)
"Wealth, Environment, and Health in Africa: The Implications of Mobility and Mobile Technology"

Monday 16 November
Dr Knut Nustad (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) "They think birds are more important than people': Conservation, land and natures in a South African World Heritage Site"

Monday 23 November
Dr Noemi Tousignant (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) "Quality in times of change: pharmacy and renewal in Senegal"

Monday 30 November
Dr Ama de Graft-Aikens (University of Cambridge) "Public health psychology and chronic disease intervention in Africa:
translating theory into practice"

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Leeds University Centre for African Studies
Spring Seminars 2007
Email: African-Studies@leeds.ac.uk
http://www.leeds.ac.uk/lucas/
(Please note the revamped LUCAS website will be linked shortly – apologies for construction works!)

LUCAS Seminar Series, 2009-2010 and Conference December 2009
Seminars will be held in Room 11.13, Social Sciences Building at 4:40pm.

Semester One Seminars:

Week 3 (Wed 14 Oct):
Shane Doyle (School of History, University of Leeds),
'Historical memory, sexual behaviour and the origins of HIV in Great Lakes East Africa'

Week 5 (Wed 28 Sept):
Farai Magunha (School of Geography, University of Leeds),
'Kinships, Remittances, and Transnationalism amongst Zimbabwean Diaspora'

Week 7 (Wed 11 Nov):
Lionel Cliffe (School of Geography, University of Leeds),
'Land reform in settler colonies: Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa compared'

Week 8 (Wed 18 Nov):
David Maxwell (History, Keele University),
'Freed Slaves, Respectability and Religious Transnationalism: The Expansion of the Christian Frontier from Angola to the Belgian Congo'

Week 11 (Wed 9 Dec):
Dan Branch (Department of History, University of Warwick),
'The Cold War and Domestic Politics in Kenya, 1964-69'

4-5 December 2009: (Friday 4th 9am-late (incs dinner), Sat 5th 9am-5:30pm)
Conference at the University of Leeds
Democratization in Africa: Retrospective and Future Prospects
To be held with POLIS, organized by Gordon Crawford and Gabrielle Lynch.
Registration open – for details see:
http://www.polis.leeds.ac.uk/research/events/democratization-africa

Semester Two: (Further seminars for Seminar Two and/or Three TBC later in year)

Week 2 (Wed 3 February 2010):
Phil Clarke (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford),
'Justice for Genocide: Accountability and Reconciliation in Rwanda'

Week 4 (Wed 17 February 2010):
Devon Curtis (Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge),
Title TBC

Dialogues across Boundaries: Debating Local Cosmopolitanisms
The University of Southampton, 21-22 November 2009

Historically, meanings attached to the notion of cosmopolitanism have often placed it in an opposition to the local; moreover, the term itself bears a legacy of complicity with various forms of imperialism and global violence.

This two-day interdisciplinary conference seeks to make a contribution towards repositioning 'cosmopolitanism' as a de-colonial term (in line with the broad intellectual project of 'provincialising Europe'), and to help interrogate those of its postcolonial usages that would equate it with un-localised 'hybridity' brought on by globalisation.

To that end, the conference aims to underscore the local embeddednes of texts and practices that would speak to difference and to experiences of the universal – and, conversely, to examine the local aspects, impacts and implications of transnational institutions and constructs (such as, for example, the postcolonial, comparative or 'world' literary canons).

Contributions from across disciplines are invited to trace and problematise instances of local cosmopolitan practice that could include (but need not be limited to) textualities and genres, institutions, rituals, modes of subjectivity and action, bodies, music, arts and architecture. Panels organised around named geographical spaces or types of location (cities, countrysides, deserts, oceans, islands, types of landscape etc) are welcome. Please send 200-word paper proposals or 500-word panel proposals to Ranka Primorac (R.Primorac@soton.ac.uk) by 1 October 2009.

CALL FOR PAPERS –AEGIS Thematic conference

Tuning in to African Cities
Popular Culture and Urban Experience in sub-Saharan Africa
Birmingham, 6-8 May 2010.

The Centre of West African Studies at the University of Birmingham (www.cwas.bham.ac.uk) and the Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa of the Catholic University of Leuven (www.iara.be) invite applications to contribute to an AEGIS thematic conference which will focus on popular culture in contemporary urban Africa.

We welcome contributions that explore the material and symbolic dimensions of urban forms of popular culture. Our central questions for the conference are:

- How do music and broadcasting media in their material, embodied and symbolic forms participate in the constitution of African urban experience?
- How do urban public spaces and infrastructure in Africa generate specific kinds of practices, discourses and expressions in urban popular culture?

We understand 'popular culture' as a zone of ambiguity, constituting a cacophony of sounds and images, and producing variegated narratives, icons and realities. We take 'urban' to be a shifting and relative term, which can include small towns as well as major cities. Against this background, the workshop will explore the following themes:

1. Space, infrastructure and zones of entertainment

- How do zones of entertainment shape urban life worlds?
- How do music and media events fashion cityscapes in temporary or permanent ways?
- How do local, transnational and international celebrities move around African cities, towns and villages, whether physically or in the imagination?
- Where and when do people flock to witness musicians and media celebrities?
- How are these events controlled by state officials, ethnic and religious leaders and other social authorities?

2. Power and popular culture

- What is the place of music and broadcasting in actions of resistance, propaganda and censorship programmes? And how do producers, brokers and audiences adapt to it?
- How and when do politicians and religious leaders become celebrities?
- Where are musicians and media producers (actors, hosts, journalists) positioned on the various axes of power and authority?
- What kind of new social categories emerge in the margins of music and media? We can think of journalists, dubbers and translators, shop keepers, etc. Which social categories make a livelihood out of music and media production and events? And how can they achieve this?

3. Time and music/media

- Do music and media genres structure the rhythms of city life?
- What do songs and media productions reveal about memory, nostalgia and hope? How are past, present, and future imagined, expressed and brought about via popular culture?
- How do genres, content and celebrities produce a rift between the generations? And, conversely, in what ways do young and old collectively engage with music and media?

4. Visceral aesthetics and the city

- How does popular culture contribute to 'the urban feel' and the imagination of urbanism?
- How 'urban' are the aesthetics of music and media that we find in African cities and towns? Do certain music and media productions produce an 'African urban style'?
- How do the visceral aesthetics of certain music and media genres tie in with larger, more encompassing symbolic worlds such as religion, politics, and/or the market?
- What kind of embodied experiences do music and media producers and audiences yearn for, appreciate, or jettison?

Each presentation will take not more than 20 minutes, plus 10 minutes for discussion. We encourage contributors to include audio-visual material.

How to apply to participate in the conference

If you wish to present a paper, send a 250-word abstract to David Kerr (d.kerr@bham.ac.uk) and to Filip De Boeck (Filip.DeBoeck@soc.kuleuven.be) by 1 February 2010. Participants will normally be expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. However, funds will be available to support a small number of invited speakers.

EUROPE

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

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

Rationale

Power sharing is a prominent aspect of most recent African peace settlements (Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi, Liberia, Sudan etc.), although there are important variations in the form power-sharing can take. Political, economic and military power sharing can be distinguished and all forms have distinctive meanings. Even more striking is the variation in the important question of who is sharing power with whom. Obviously, only those present at the negotiation table could really count on being included substantially in power sharing agreements. Recent academic contributions (Jarstad 2006, Paris 2004, Roeder 2005, Tull/Mehler 2005) have questioned the balance sheet of power sharing arrangements when analysing their impact on sustainable peace and/or democracy. In its simplest form the argument goes as follows: violent political entrepreneurs benefit primarily from those arrangements, they get rewarded for using violence in the first place. Power sharing arrangements sideline civilian and peaceful opposition forces. The lesson is therefore a problematic one for both peace and democracy: violence pays, democratic behaviour not. Less clear-cut is the argumentation on (transitional) institutional set-up: On the one hand, concrete power sharing arrangements frequently are at odds with democracy with regard to the widening of veto positions and limitations to majority rule, but on the other hand this might be the only way to preserve minority rights. A further problematic element is the role of outside mediators who more often than not advocate power sharing without questioning long-term effects. Often it is them to decide who is sitting at the negotiation table. A long-term process of building societal trust may be harmed by this intervention. Finally, the local level of both conflict escalation and conflict resolution may not be adequately captured by power sharing agreements that focus predominantly on the "partition of the national cake."

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

Three consecutive panels are proposed:

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

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

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

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

'Multimedia Researach and Documentation of Oral Genres in Africa: the Step Forward', leiden University, The Netherlands, 17-19 December 2009.
The conference theme relates to the issue how to deal with oral genres in a world whre new technologies have become available not only for the researchers, but also for the local populations as well as the groups (of local non-academic scholars of local lore) that mediate between academic scholars, the performers and their audiences. The study of oral genres has shifted from the recording session (and academic publishing process) to the interactions of the participants- from the performers to the researchers- in the performance. In particular thanks to the possibilities offered by new technologies the recording has nowadays a social life in dynamic networks in which often not well defined groups of stakeholders either appropriate and represent the recording or want others to bear responsibility for the recording. The classical anthropological goal of 'giving voice to' informants thus has become highly problematic. All these groups need to be incorporated when assessing 'authorship'. The organizers look for contributions related to these issues produced by the increased presence of multimedia technologies in the process of documenting oral genres in Africa. For more information contact Jan Jansen: jansen@fsw.leidenuniv.nl

'Independence: Through Grassroot Experience in the 1960s', International Conference organised by the Africa-Indian Ocean Group, Laboratoire SEDET (Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7), Paris, France, 2-4 December 2010
1960 opened the path for African freedom: years of promises but also years of complexities, years carrying the seeds of conflicts to come. One half-century after independence, 2010 marks, for many countries of the continent, the fiftieth anniversary of the political accession to independence. The international conference's title refers to the events experienced by the people fifty years later, not to celebrate the events but to offer a renewed reading of them. Everywhere euphoric crowds acclaimed the raising of the national flags, learned the verses from the national anthems which did not cease resounding in the streets, and, in French-speaking former colonies, danced to the sound of 'Independance Cha cha', to welcome the emancipation of many African countries. The approach adopted by the conference relates to the less known aspects or situations of the very moment of Independence: how did the people live the Independence Day but also the few years which preceded it or followed? For more information contact Sylviane Cheminot: independances.afrique@univ-paris-diderot.fr

AFRICA

'Celebrating Change, Defining the Future: Social Justice, Democracy and Cultural Revival in the Third World Struggle for Social Justice Across the Continent and Beyond', 27th Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, Elmina Beach Resort, Ghana, 20-23 November 2009.
The organizers seek proposals for presentations that engage marginalized identities, socio-economic and political resistance and liberation processes that expose the complex relationships between power and the dispossessed. Participants are encouraged to rethink strategies for success in global struggles for peace, justice, rights and development and to reconstruct local and global agendas that have benefitted or will benefit the dispossessed. For more information:
www.regonline.com/ATWS2008

'International Conference on Natural Resource, Security and Development in the Niger Delta', Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Nigeria, 8-11 March 2010.
Organised by the Department of Political Science, Niger Delta University, and the Center for Applied Environmental Research, University of Missouri-Kansas City, the conference discusses issues and challenges in resolving the Niger Delta Crisis. The militarization of consciousness and the 'commodification of violence' have compounded the crisis as the internecine violence undermines development that is fundamental to peace building. The organisers seek papers on three themes. First, the environment and sustainable development in the delta: exploration and production of natural resources; climate change and environmental degradation; corporate citizenship and environmental management; environmental conservation efforts; and resource potentials and development. Second, securing the Niger Delta: human rights and

security; militias and insurgency; militias and governance in the Niger Delta; social disorganization and insurgency; democratization and peace building; civil society and the politics of conflict resolution; corruption, inequality and violence; and pirates, insecurity and state responses. Third, policy options for Niger Delta development: public sector and budgetary reforms; human capital development agenda; education, peace building and development; NGOs and community development; and local governance and rural development. 500-word abstracts by 30 September 2009 via www.ndu-polsci.com/abstract.html

'Histories and Legacies of Punishment in Southern Africa Conference', University of Cape Town, South Africa, 8-9 May 2010.
The organisers invite scholars and professionals from all disciplines who are working on Southern Africa (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe) to submit proposals on historical and contemporary studies of punishment. The organisers envision the concept of 'punishment' in three broad themes. The organisers are interested in all aspects of such efforts and the post-colonial manifestations of these developments. Papers are also invited on aspects of punishment elsewhere in Africa that illuminate contrasts and consistencies with Southern African cases. Abstracts by 1 August 2009 to Jocelyn Alexander: Jocelyn.alexander@qeh.ox.ac.uk and Gary Kynoch: gkynoch@dal.ca

International African Oils & Fats Summit (AFROIL), 21 to 22 October 2009, Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa
The goal of this Summit is to discuss and formulate strategies for the expansion of oils & fats industry in Africa to take advantage of this opportunity. This conference will serve as a platform for promoting active collaboration. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 1 July 2009. For more information, please contact Mr. S.T. Koh: http://www.afroilfats.com

African International Oils & Fats Summit, 21 to 22 October 2009, Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa
African International Oils & Fats Summit (AFROIL) will be held for the first time in Cape Town, South Africa from 12-22 October 2009. Set in the touristic Cape Town, AFROIL 2009 promises to be a potent "Business-Pleasure" combination. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15 July 2009. For more information, please contact Mr. S.T. Koh: http://www.afroilfats.com

2nd International Conference on African Culture and Development, 15 to 18 November 2009, Accra, Ghana
The Conference seeks to draw global attention to African Arts and Culture and the significant impact it has on the development of the African continent.A platform for African and non-African organizations. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15 July 2009. For more information, please contact Tony Duke:
http://conference.icacdafrica.org/index.htm

First African Remittance Conference, 23 to 25 November 2009, Yaounde, Cameroon
The First African Remittance Conference is an opportunity for finance and development experts to develop a common vision and formulate strategies that strengthen Africa's ability to use remittances to enhance the continent's economic growth. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 10 July 2009. For more information, please contact Simon S. Awanchiri: http://www.arec-conference.org

5th SAHARA Conference on the Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS, 30 November 2009 to 3 December 2009, Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa
Since 2003, SAHARA has convened four conferences as platforms for interaction between researchers and policy makers, with the goal of sharing information and best practices relating to the social aspects of HIV and AIDS. For more information, please contact Katherine De Tolly: http://conference.sahara.org.za

Energy 2010-Solutions for Africa, 24 to 26 February 2010, Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa
ENERGY Africa will become an annual event on the African business calendar with a specific focus on exploring solutions for a new energy future for Africa and will become the internationally recognized ENERGY event for Africa. For more information, please contact Liz Hart: http://www.energyafricaexpo.com

International Conference on Natural Resource, Security and Development in the Niger Delta, 8 to 11 March 2010, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria
The conference seeks to bring scholars, researchers and stakeholders to discuss issues and challenges in resolving the Niger Delta Crisis. For more information, please contact Dr. Ibaba S. Ibaba: http://www.ndu-polsci.com/news.htm

5th MIM Pan- African Malaria Conference, November 2-6, 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya
MIM Pan-African Malaria Conference (PAMC) is open to all malaria researchers and control experts from malaria endemic countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as malaria researchers, science administrators, and representatives from private foundations, governments and international organizations throughout the world. We expect a broad variety of participants from universities, research institutions, ministries of health, private sector groups, international agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Conference: Preserving Africa's Ancient Manuscripts
Addis Ababa, 17-19 December 2010
The International Conference on Preserving Ancient Manuscripts in Africa will bring together African and international senior librarians/information sciences managers, researchers, private and public managers of ancient manuscripts, knowledge industries, decision takers, civil society and international organizations.

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

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

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

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

Thematic areas

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

Call for papers

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

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USA

"First African and African American Studies Conference: "African Identities in the Age of Obama" 8 to 10 October 2009, Fairfax, Virginia, United States

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

To provide a critical forum for the continued examination of African identities, the African and African American Studies program at George Mason University will host a multidisciplinary conference titled African Identities in the Age of Obama. Organized by: African and African American Studies, George Mason University

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15 June 2009 For more information, please contact Wendi Manuel-Scott: http://aaas.gmu.edu/articles/459

Africa's Economic Emancipation Conference (AFREECON), 19 October 2009, Chicago, Illinois, United States

The conference is promoting economic development strategies and business opportunities in African countries by focusing on methods for financing trade, infrastructure and industrial projects; promoting good governance, entrepreneurial, etc. For more information, please contact Ramesh Kanthilal: http://www.afreecon.org

10th Annual Africa Conference, 2010 at the University of Texas at Austin, Theme: Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa, March 26-28, 2010

We are pleased to announce a three-day conference centered on the theme of "Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa". Academic discourses on women, gender and sexualities in Africa have increased by leaps and bounds since the 1980s when they began to establish root as veritable fields of professional, systematic and academic endeavor. New directions have emerged in response to a variety of stimuli, which include but not limited to the politics of the "public" and politics of production of knowledge. Old ideas have been challenged, repackaged and redelivered in a multiplicity of manners. While some researchers and scholars see women, gender and sexuality as three distinct subjects of inquiry, others emphasize interconnectivity and sought to put them into a single, coherent and all embracing dialogue. Yet, none of these two methods of inquiry is faulty. The centrality of issues around women, gender and sexualities to African experience will continue to configure and reconfigure discourses. We invite papers dealing with all but not limited to the following sub-themes from participants across all disciplines and intellectual persuasions. The Kansas African Studies Center Calendar contains events sponsored by the Center, and other events that are relevant to African Studies. Please contact us at kasc@ku.edu or (785) 864-3745 with Africa-related events that you would like to see listed. We welcome any input.

KU Calendar of Events, November 19, 2009, Conference: African Studies Association Conference, Africa at a Crossroads- New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: November 19, 2009
Time: All Day
Location: Off Campus
Department: Kansas African Studies Center
Contact: 785-864-3745, cpearman@ku.edu
http://asa.socious.com/p/cm/lc/fid=4
Ticket Cost: cost

Conference: African Studies Association (ASA) meeting.
The meeting this year will be held at the Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, LA from November 19-22, 2009. For more information, please visit the ASA website at http://www.africanstudies.org

Conference: "Islam, Salvation, and the Fate of Others," April 16-17, 2010, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Center for African Studies is pleased to cosponsor an international symposium at the U of I that will present and assess interpretations of Islamic doctrines and discussions of salvation, particularly as they pertain to non-Muslims. Professor Mohammad Hassan Khalil, Department of Religion and a CAS faculy affiliate, is the organizer of this event.

CARIBBEAN

Conference: Call for papers (21-22 January 2010): Symposium of the Young Researchers of the Caribbean: the Diasporas of the New World
Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Martinique, Schoelcher, FWI

The Third edition of the Symposium of Caribbean Young Researchers aims at continuing and extending the debate on the social, cultural and economic issues raised in the previous two symposia held at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane. One of its main objectives is to propose a new interdisciplinary approach to the diasporic phenomena occurring in the "Sixth Continent". It is in this perspective that one should consider the purpose of this third meeting.

An interdisciplinary perspective invites us to reveal hidden connections, influences and dialogues between writers, artists and intellectuals. How can a Caribbean nation be imagined beyond geographical, linguistic and political boundaries? How have diasporas contributed to the formation and evolution of Caribbean societies, and to the gradual transformation of the host countries in which Caribbean migrants have settled?

Undoubtedly, the continuous influx of multifarious agents from Africa, Europe and Asia has shaped the hybrid social fabric of Caribbean territories throughout their history.

Today, the intermingling of all these demographic elements participates, to a large extent, to the ethnocultural specificity of the modern Caribbean. It is, therefore, with a view to restituting its well-deserved place to this central aspect of the New World's condition that the symposium will investigate the repercussions of these different contributions in social, economic and cultural fields. By so doing, we hope to highlight the characteristics of the diasporic phenomena that have occurred in the American and Caribbean territories, throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

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The Two Leventis Scholars from Nigeria for 2009 are:

Dr Ladan, Department of History, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
Title of Research: Colonial Urbanisation in the West African Sahel: A case Study of Maiduguri, 1907-1960

Prof Ahmed Halliru Amfani, Department of Nigerian Languages, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, President of the Linguistics Association of Nigeria
Title of Research: Hausa Linguistics

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

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2010.

SOAS BURSARIES 2009

The SOAS Bursaries 2009 are for students who propose to register full-time for Taught Masters programmes at the School in the academic session 2008/09. The value of the SOAS Bursaries is £8300 per annum. The Bursary does not carry remission of tuition fees. Award-holders must possess a good honours degree from a UK university or equivalent qualification, although not necessarily in a branch of Oriental or African studies. Candidates in their final year of study for a first degree may also apply. New awards offered in 2010 are valid only for the 2010/2011 academic session.

The closing date for applications is 3 March 2010.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND - ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP 2009

The Alumni Scholarship 2009 will be allocated on merit to one student who applies for and is awarded a SOAS Open Scholarship 2009. The value of this scholarship is £1,000. The selection will be made by the SOAS Bursary, Open Scholarship & Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Advisory Panel.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS - ADMINISTERED BY THE SCHOOL

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

Study of Religions Language Prize (Humphrey J Fisher Prize) 2009/2010

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

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

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

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

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

or

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

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

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

The closing date for nominations is Friday 5 July 2010. The nomination should be submitted by the Chair of the Undergraduate Examination Sub-board (Study of Religions) to the Scholarships Officer in the Humphrey J Fisher Prize for Religion and Language nomination form, which will be e-mailed to the Chair in May.

For more information on SOAS scholarships visit Scholarship website: www.soas.ac.uk (click Admissions/Postgraduate/Scholarships)

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

Applications are invited for the following schemes:

Research Grants

UK-Africa Academic Partnerships Scheme
Grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years are available to support the development of ongoing links between the UK and African research centres and institutions.
Next deadline: November 2009
Further information and application form visit:
www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/int/africaap.html or contact overseas@britac.ac.uk

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

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

The remaining schemes are exempt from the FEC regime. The Academy has, however, been invited by the OST to collect robust data on the Full Economic Costs of research carried out under the Small

Research Grants scheme, and the various international schemes, with a view to bringing these programmes within the FEC environment at a later stage. The Academy

will be most grateful for the cooperation of the UK academic community in gathering this information.

The British Academy has introduced **a new scheme for mid-career scholars** to enable them to develop a significant research project. The British Academy Research Development Awards (BARDA) scheme replaces the previous programmes for Research Leave Fellowships and Larger Research Grants. Applications are particularly encouraged from scholars who can demonstrate that they are developing an innovative line of research, with the potential to make a significant difference to their field and to their career profile. Awards are tenable for up to three years, at up to £150,000 FEC. The deadline for applications is **15 October 2009** for awards to be taken up after April 2009. Awards will be announced at the end of **March 2010.**
Details and application forms are available from
www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html
Contact: Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217 or email: grants@britac.ac.uk

Also from the British Academy:

(1) Postdoctoral Fellowships
The British Academy invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships, tenable for three years. The scheme is designed to enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment, which will develop their curriculum vitae and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the Fellowship. The deadline for outline submissions is **15 October 2009.**
Further details and application forms are available from
www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.html
Contact: British Academy Research Posts Department 020 7969 5265
or email posts@britac.ac.uk

(2) Research Development Awards
The British Academy invites applications from mid-career scholars to enable them to develop a significant research project. Applications are particularly encouraged from scholars who can demonstrate that they are developing an innovative line of research with the potential to make a significant difference to their field and to their career profile. Awards are tenable for up to three years, at up to £150,000 FEC. The deadline for applications is **15 October 2009.**
Further details and application forms are available from
www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.html
Contact: British Academy Research Grants Department 020 7969 5217
or email grants@britac.a.cuk

Special Joint Project Programmes: Commonwealth Countries
Funds are available to support joint projects between UK-based academics and those based in Commonwealth institutions. The scheme is administered in partnership with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), and information may be sought from either the ACU or the International Relations Department at the British Academy.
Level of award: Up to £5,000
Period of award: Up to two years.
Closing date: **30 September 2010**
Method of application: The British partner should apply on the BA/ACU Joint Project form, available from the ACU web site. (Look under Scholarships and Fellowships, and click on 'Other awards administered by the ACU')
Website: http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/commcoun.html

To have news about forthcoming events organised by the Academy, reminders about upcoming grants application deadlines and information about other Academy activities delivered directly to your inbox, please subscribe to our email bulletin http://www.britac.ac.uk/news/bulletin/index.html.

British Academy Visiting Fellowships 2009-2010

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

The scheme is open to application by any scholar from outside the UK. Applicants should normally have obtained a PhD after January 2003, or be able to demonstrate equivalent status. Application must be made in tandem with a UK-based academic sponsor whose home institution is willing to host the visit.

The closing date for applications is 12 January 2010, for visits to take place after 1 May 2010. Results of the competition will be announced in late March 2010.

Further information together with application forms and notes of guidance (for both candidates and host institutions) are available from the Academy's website: https://ww.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visfells.cfm

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

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

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

The deadline for receipt of applications March 2009. Full details of the call, including a link to application forms, can be accessed directly from the ESRC's web pages at: http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities or contact Ian Farnden, ESRC Research Directorate (ian.farnden@esrc.ac.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

1) 100 Research Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2009

2) 20 Studentships whose deadline is 8 January 2010

3) 15 Study Abroad Fellowships whose deadline is 8 November 2009

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

The Trust also invites applications for the following awards:

Research Awards	**Closing Date**
Research Fellowships	November 2009
Study Abroad Fellowships	November 2009
Study Abroad Studentships	January 2010
Emeritus Fellowships	February 2010
Early Career Fellowships	March 2010

Application materials are available from the Trust's website:
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/study_abroad_fellowships/

http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_fellowships/

http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/emeritus_fellowships/

COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL AWARDS

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK
The Arts and Humanities Research Council invites applications for its collaborative doctoral awards in the arts and humanities.
See http://www.researchresearch.com/jump.cfm/fop/EN/_/157418

Please see the Sub-Saharan Africa focus in the current VW Foundation International Grants:
http://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/foerderung/auslandsorientiert.html?L=1

Friends of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies Student Bursaries
The Institute offers two Master's Degrees:
MA Understanding & Securing Human Rights
Unique multi-disciplinary course designed to provide practical training in human rights, offering the opportunity of a placement with an international human rights organisation

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

The Friends Bursaries will pay full tuition fees for one Home/EU student and one Overseas student. Eligible students may be enrolled for either of our two master's courses for full-time or part-time study. Awards will be made to candidates who have an outstanding academic record and/or whose track record of practical work in the fields of human rights or development will enable them to both contribute to and gain substantial benefit from the course.
Applicants must have been accepted on the course by **31st May 2009** to be considered for the awards.
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Further details are available from our website at
http://www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/degrees.htm

Fellowship from The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights(OHCHR) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have established a Human Rights Fellowship Programme for Students from Least Developed Countries (LDC).

The overall objectives of this project are:

To increase the understanding of the LDC fellows of current human rights issues at the international level and give them an insight into the work of the United Nations and OHCHR; and

To provide OHCHR and the United Nations human rights mechanisms with the assistance and contribution of outstanding students or graduates from LDCs.

To qualify for the fellowship, candidates from the countries listed below must be graduate students or holders of a graduate degree in a discipline related to the work of the United Nations (e.g. international law, political science, social sciences, history or other related topics). Experience with or a specialization in human rights will be considered an asset. Candidates should be less than 30 years old at the time they send their candidature.

The 2009 fellowship is open to candidates from:
Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.
The 2007 fellowship will be run in English. ***The deadline for applications is 20 August 2008.***

The Programme will consist of both training and practical exposure to the work of OHCHR. The training will be conducted in the form of seminars and debates that will allow for a maximum exchange of views. A significant part of the training will also be devoted to practical skills exercises that will strengthen the fellows' professional skills and abilities and help them to better adapt to the multicultural and international working environment of OHCHR. Once the training segment is completed, the fellows will be assigned to an OHCHR Branch. Upon the completion of their fellowship both the supervisor and the fellow will be required to complete a final report describing what was achieved during the fellowship. At the end of the Programme, every fellow will be requested to complete an evaluation questionnaire on his/her assignment and to share his/her feedback with the organizers.

More information, including the application forms, is available at the link: http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/ldcfellowship.htm http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/ldcfellowship.htm>
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French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Ibadan offers:

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

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

Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) 2009-10 Competition
Awards available to students from eligible countries to participate in a graduate level exchange program in Canada
The Government of Canada offers scholarships as part of the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Program (CCSP) and Government of Canada Awards (GCA).
These scholarships are tenable at recognized Canadian publicly funded Universities, or Colleges where applicable, that meet the requirements below.

The goal of the Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) is to encourage Canadian universities and colleges to develop or expand their exchange programs. The objective is to provide opportunities for students of the eligible countries listed below to participate in existing exchange programs.
The GSEP is funded by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT).
The agency responsible for financial and administrative matters is the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE).
Criteria for Eligibility
Students must be citizens who are enrolled full-time and paying tuition fees at their home institution, in one of the countries listed below, for the full duration of the

exchange. More than one exchange program at a given university, or college where applicable, may apply.

If there is no existing graduate exchange, please note that we will also consider graduate research applications which involve a new or established collaboration between a professor from a Canadian and foreign university that may develop into an institutional partnership.

The Canadian institution must apply on behalf of the student. Eligible countries include:
Asia-Pacific region: Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Kiribati, Malaysia, Maldives, Nauru, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Latin America and the Caribbean region: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Helena, Saint Kitt's, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Venezuela
Sub-Saharan Africa region: Botswana, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
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DelPHE Round 4: Call for Applications
Between £15,000 and £50,000 per year is available for new partnerships
What is DelPHE?
The principal aim of DelPHE is to help Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development in their home countries and regions. DelPHE addresses this by supporting partnerships that focus on the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
HEIs in 22 target countries are eligible to lead applications for DelPHE . HEIs in any country worldwide are eligible to participate as partners.
DelPHE is supported through £3 million per annum by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). The programme is managed by the British Council and supported by the ACU.
What is the ACU's role?
The ACU encourages and supports south-south bilateral and multi-lateral

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

What are the outcomes?

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

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

How to apply

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

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

Contact

All general enquiries about the scheme can be sent to the British Council at delphe@britishcouncil.org.

All Enquiries about ACU: l.roberts@acu.ac.uk

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

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

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

Below is a link to the ACLS website, which contains additional information and a

downloadable application form:

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

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

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

Applications are invited for Doctoral Fellowships at the School of Social Science, University of the Witwatersrand in the following programmes:

1. 'Local Histories and Present Realities'

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

2. Safeguarding Democracy: Contests of Memory and Heritage

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

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

To apply please submit the following:

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

For further information contact Ms Pulane Ditlhake:

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The Scholar Rescue Fund:
Fellowship Announcement

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

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

Apply or nominate a candidate for SRF fellowship support

Fellowships for Threatened Academics: Professors, Researchers and Lecturers
Application Deadline: January 31st, 2010

The Institute of International Education's (IIE) Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) provides fellowships for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit professors, researchers and other senior academics to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work. During the fellowship, conditions in a

scholar s home country may improve, permitting safe return after the fellowship; if safe return is not possible, the scholar may use the fellowship period to identify a longer-term opportunity.

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

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

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

Applications are accepted at any time. Non-emergency applications will be considered according to the following schedule:
Fall 2010: Applications received by September 15th; decision by October 31st.

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

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

To learn more about the application process, please visit: Applying to SRF

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

Join SRF and bring a scholar to your campus

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on how to host, please visit: Hosting an SRF Scholar

Please contact us at:
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Web: http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/

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Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative
Building Human Capacity for the Future
Higher Education for Development (HED), in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), anticipates making up to 20 awards of $50,000 to plan for long-term higher education partnership between African and U.S. institutions. For details about applying for this competitive award, please click the link below.

Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative
Applications due: February 2010, 5:00p.m. ET

Sephis: The South-South exchange programme for research on the history of development
Research Fellowships
In 2009, fellowships are available at the Post-Doctoral and PhD level. Funding will be provided for travel and research costs, and salary according to local standards. These fellowships extend from a minimum of three months to a maximum of two years for both fellowships at Postdoctoral level and for fellowship at PhD level. In addition, Sephis encourages proposals at the interface of history, theory, and development. Grants for 'Preserving social memory: History and social movements'

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

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

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

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

including on e from the dissertation advisor.
Washington University especially encourages application from women, members of ethnic minority groups, and disabled individuals. Applicants must be eligible to work in the United States and have received the doctorate after 1 July 2006 and before 1 July 2010. Applicantions should be sent to Mary Ann Dzuback, Chair, WGSS Search Committee, Campus Box 1078, Washington University, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130. The committee will review applications until the position is filled, but priority will be given to those received by 15 May 2010

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

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Cambridge University MPhil programme
The MPhil in African Studies is a postgraduate course with a substantial research component, which runs for nine months covering the three terms of the Cambridge academical Year. It is designed both for students who want to enhance their understanding of the social, cultural, political and economic history and present condition of Africa and for those who want to go on to further primary research. It provides intensive research and language training for those who wish to go on to prepare a doctoral dissertation. For the course prospectus and an application form contact the Centre of African Studies Cambridge or visit www.african.cam.ac.uk

MISCELLANEOUS/ARTS

The Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornaught Street, Russell Square, WC1H
www.soas.ac.uk/gallery

Welcome to the Treasures of SOAS at the Foyle Special Collections Gallery

Objects of Instruction: Treasures of the School of Oriental and African Studies is an important project aimed at publicising the School's remarkably rich but little known artistic and archival collections. Generously funded by the Foyle Foundation and the AHRC, the exhibition will make the artistic assets of SOAS accessible to a wider audience, including students, scholars, and members of the general public.

Among this wealth of material are illustrated Islamic manuscripts, including a luxurious Mughal copy of the Anvar-i Suhayli, a book of animal fables; Chinese and Japanese paintings and prints; varied ceramic objects from the Middle East and East Asia; decorative Buddhist manuscripts and sculptures from South-East Asia; contemporary African paintings and textiles; and important archaeological collections from East Asia, South Asia and the Middle East. Many of these objects are true treasures whose display is long overdue. The content will be periodically rotated, which will ensure the vitality and continued appeal of the permanent display.

Objects of Instruction will not only significantly enhance the image of the School as a unique institution with a strong involvement in the arts, but will also be of great interest and benefit to a broad range of groups. Foremost among these are students, for whom the exhibition and display will provide stimulating teaching aids as well as exciting opportunities for research. The wider community - in particular those whose cultures the artefacts represent - will benefit from the project. Objects of Instruction will thus be of considerable, far-reaching, and enduring importance, and will finally make known the richness and variety of the School's artistic and archival holdings.

Fancy Stitch Exhibition – 'Halala Women of Fancy Stitch, Halala'
09 October-12 December 2009
Fancy Stitch is a non-profit organisation in the rural heart of Zululand, South Africa. They serve the women of Ingwavuma, through traiing in hand embroidery and providing income generation opportunities

BRUNEI GALLERY, SOAS
OPEN: Tuesday – Saturday 10.30 – 17.00
THORNHAUGH STREET, RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON, WC1H 0XG
CLOSED: Sunday and Monday, ADMISSION FREE
T. 020 7898 4046 (recorded information) F. 020 7898 4259 E. gallery@soas.ac.uk
www.soas.ac.uk/gallery

BRITISH MUSEUM: BM www.britishmuseum.org

•**'Design, Health & Community'** - a temporary display of new bark cloth hangings by Uganda women working with the transnational England-African Project (between university art departments of Northumbria, Makerere and Durban). Room 25, Stairway to Room 25 Sainsbury African Galleries: SAG, until early 2010

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

HORNIMAN MUSEUM/BM tour Horniman Museum & Gardens, 100 London Rd, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3PQ, www.horniman.ac.uk
African Worlds
The first permanent exhibition in Britain dedicated to African art and culture, African Worlds celebrates the continent's diversity, history and creativity. It brings together a rich mixture of sculpture and decorative arts explained through the voices of elders, maskers, drummers, diviners, artists, exiles, curators and anthropologists. Objects from across Africa are displayed from Egypt to Zimbabwe, and from African related cultures including Brazil and Trinidad.

OCTOBER GALLERY, October Gallery, 24 Old Glouscester Street, London, WC1N 3AL, 020 7242 7367, www.octorbergallery.co.uk

- **Romuald Hazoume *Made in Porto-Novo*** 15 October- 28 November, 2009

Winner of the prestigious Arnold Bode prize at documenta 12, in 2007, Romuald Hazoume is one of Africa's leading visual artists. His latest solo show, ***Made in Porto-Nov***o, will include a new installation, new paintings, photographs and recently created 'masks' – the signature sculptures, with which he first came to prominence in the west. ***Made in Porto-Novo*** adds new insight into Hazoume's powerful body of work, and asserts, with a muscular confidence, that this historic city on Benin's southern coast must today be reckoned as an important and dynamic centre of artistic innovation.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART, P.O. Box 37012 MRC 708
Washington, DC 20013-7012, 202.633.4600, www.africa.si.edu
The Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art fosters the discovery and appreciation of the visual arts of Africa, the cradle of humanity.
Artful Animals, til February 2010
Artful Animals explores how African artists create striking works of art using images based on an array of domestic and untamed animals. From rock art to contemporary media, animals are used as symbols of leadership, in masquerades and to tell the

history and moral values of their makers. Many of the design elements are derived through direct observation of the animals in their natural habitat. Animals may be picked because they are beautiful, strong, fierce, well armoured or have special skills. Sometimes the sound the animal makes or the way it moves is important. The animal's distinctive behaviours lend themselves to carrying messages in the visual arts as well as in performances, stories and proverbs. The artworks are also meant to highlight our human successes and shortcomings. Themes include notions of nurturing, power, wisdom, transformation, beauty and aggression.

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