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

04 October The AU, NEPAD and APRM: Progress and Prospects
Peter da Costa (SOAS)

12.15-2pm, Room 116 at SOAS

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

EVENTS AT THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Lecture: Post-Conflict in Southern Sudan by Salamah Magnuson (11 October) L67, SOAS, 1-3pm

Salamah Magnuson has worked for the past two years at the grass-roots level as Chief of Party for southern Sudan's leading civil society capacity building program and most recently as technical advisor to the Government of Southern Sudan Land Commission.

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Seminar: 'He and His Man: Allegory and Catachresis in J.M. Coetzee's Nobel Lecture' by Prof. Gareth Cornwell, Rhodes University, South Africa (18 October 2007) at 5pm-6.30pm

Room B102, Brunei gallery building, SOAS

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Zed Books Publisher Event (19 October 2007), Brunei gallery lecture theatre, 6-9pm, SOAS

Zed Books is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and to commemorate this event we will hold an evening with various Zed Books authors, including Joel Kovel, Nadjie Al-Ali, Paul French, Tim Allen

For more information and RSVP contact: events@zedbooks.net

Talk: 'Implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement: two years after the death of John Garang' by Brian D'Silva, USAID Sr Policy Advisor for Sudan (22 October 2007), Room G50, 2-4pm

Brian D'Silva has been involved in Sudan for over 25 years from his time as visiting Professor at the University of Khartoum to his recent work with USAID in Sudan

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Workshop: Militarised Livelihood Strategies and Outcomes by Sue Lautze, Oxford University (06 November 2007) at 12noon to 2pm, Room 116, SOAS.

RSVP essential as places are limited.

Sue Lautze will present chapters from her PhD thesis, which she is undertaking at Oxford University under the supervision of Prof. D Anderson. Her thesis considers the implications of adapting sustainable livelihood frameworks and theories to militarised livelihoods in violent settings, using a case study of Ugandan army soldiers

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Book Launch: 'China in Africa' by Chris Alden, Zed Books (06 November 2007) at 6.30pm-8.30pm, Brunei Suite, Brunei gallery building, SOAS

In this book, Chris Alden looks at the emerging relationship between China and Africa to determine whether this engagement will be that of development partner, economic competitor or new hegemon.

For more information contact: events@zedbooks.net

Documentary: The Future of Mud; a Tale of houses and lives in Djenne, Mali (14 November 2007) at 7pm, Khalili Lecture theatre, SOAS.

Dr T Marchand (SOAS), Dr Susan Vogel (Columbia University) and Samule Sidibe (National Museum of Mali) have co-produced the documentary that explores the architectural heritage of Djenne and the lives of masons who are the keepers of the town's world-renowned mud-building tradition.

For more information contact Trevor Marchand on tm6@soas.ac.uk

Leventis Seminar: 'Stigma and Discrimination: Obstacle to Effective HIV/AIDS Control amongst Transport Workers in North-Western Nigeria' Dr Moses Mamman, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria (Leventis Scholar) (15 November 2007), Room B102, Brunei gallery building, SOAS, at 5pm-6.30pm

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

CAS Annual Lecture by Carolyn Nordstrom, Notre Dame University, US (22 November 2007)

Title to be confirmed

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Evening with Vera Chirwa, (26 November 2007) Malawian Human Rights campaigner and author of 'Fearless Fighter: the Life of Vera Chirwa' (Zed Books Ltd)

Brunei Suite, SOAS, 6-8pm

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Leventis Seminar: 'Outpouring of Literary Masterpieces: An excavation from Hausa Literary History' Dr Ibrahim Malumfashi, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (06 December) Room B102, Brunei gallery building, SOAS, at 5pm-6.30pm

For more information contact: cas@soas.ac.uk

Frank Speed: a Day of Celebration and Recognition (8 December 2007) at SOAS, Khalili Lecture Theatre, 9.30am-6pm followed by Reception.

A celebration and reflection of the work of the late pioneer ethnographic film-maker Frank Speed. His films on the arts and cultures of Nigeria have become classics, appreciated both for their aesthetic qualities and their documentary importance.

With Film screenings and discussions with leading academics, including JDY Peel, John Picton, Richard Fardon and Karin Barber, who will explore various themes from culture and ritual to cosmology.

Funded by the British Academy.

For a full programme for the day contact Prof. JDY Peel on jp2@soas.ac.uk

Documentary 'The Imam and the Pastor' (10 December 2007) Khalili Lecture theatre, 6-8pm.

In association with Royal African Society. For more information contact cas@soas.ac.uk

EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

⌘ Meetings organized by the Britain Tanzania Society

The **Annual General meeting** of the Britain-Tanzania Society will be held on **Saturday 20th October 2007** at the London Voluntary Resource Centre, 366 Holloway Road, London N7. The Guest speaker will be the Tanzanian High Commissioner H E Mwnaidi S Maajar. To attend please RSVP Roy Galbraith (roygal@aol.com)

Meeting about Malaria in East Africa by **Stephen O'Brien MP**, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS (date)

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⌘ 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.

Thursday 20th September at 7:00pm
Room B102, (Brunei Building, SOAS)

The Millennium Meeting

The Orthodox Church in Ethiopia and Social Change

A personal journey through modern and ancient Ethiopia
an illustrated talk by The Revd Melanie Toogood MA.

The charity Waly Ethiopia was set up by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Britain to help those who live here and to reach out to those areas of social need in Ethiopia itself.

As an Anglican and a woman priest, the Speaker has a particular perspective on the role of the church in the modern world. The talk will reflect on how such an ancient Church can respond to the challenges of a country about to move into its third millennium The talk will be illustrated with photographs and videos from around the country.

Wednesday 28th November at 7:00pm
Room B102, (Brunei Building, SOAS)

The World Heritage Sites of Ethiopia

an illustrated talk by Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Programme Specialist, Africa Section, UNESCO

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

⌘ Meetings organized by SudanSSUK.

The 21st AGM was held in junction with a Symposium on Saturday 8th September 2007 at 9.45-4.50pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS.

The Symposium main themes were: 'The politics of Petroleum and Sudan's Relations'; 'The Merowe Dam: Different points of view'; Update on political/economic situation in Sudan

For more information contact: SudanSSUK@aol.com

⌘ The Royal African Society meetings in association with CAS

Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG (Tel: 020 7898 4390/E-mail: ras@soas.ac.uk) The Royal African Society holds many open meetings during the year, information about these can be found on the RAS website: www.royalafricansociety.org/

**Provoking Ideas: Zed Books celebrates 30 years of progressive publishing
Friday 19th October, 6pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS**

In association with Zed Books

**Black Gold (78 mins): Documentary film screening
Followed by a panel discussion: "What does Fair Trade really mean?"
Monday 22nd October, 6pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS**

Panel Nick Francis (co-director, Black Gold); Mark Ashurst (Journalist, BBC); Peter Muchlinski (Professor, International Commercial Law, SOAS)

In association with SOAS and the Law, Environment and Development Centre. www.blackgoldmovie.com

**Africa: Top of the Class?
Wednesday 24th October, SOAS (tbc)**

Speakers to be confirmed

Mo Ibrahim's Governance Prize, worth US\$5 million, will be announced on Monday 22nd October. A new league table of African governance will have been announced in September. Are these efforts a positive way of promoting good governance?

Please visit the RAS website for updates on details www.royalafricansociety.org

**The Day After Mugabe ~ Where Next for Mbeki's Mediation?
Thursday 1st November, 6pm, Commonwealth Club, 25 Northumberland Ave, WC2N**

In association with the Royal Commonwealth Society, International Bar Association and Africa Research Institute.

**Prisoners of Exile with photojournalist Carlos Reyes-Manzo
Followed by a reception and live Saharawi music
Monday 29th October, 7pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre**

Highly acclaimed photojournalist and poet Carlos Reyes-Manzo presents a haunting series of images and words on the exiled Saharawi, following his visit to the Saharawi refugee camps in Algeria, one of the most hostile environments in the world.

Part of the Sandblast Festival www.sandblast-arts.org

**Building Oblivion: Documentary Screening
Followed by q+a with Jean Lamore, film-maker, and Toby Shelley, FT journalist
4th November, 4:30pm, Frontline Club, £5**

A provocative political work that reveals how the Saharawi cause has been hidden through press censorship, especially in France, and has frustrated UN efforts to resolve the crisis in Western Sahara. In association with the Frontline Club

The 2007 SANDBLAST Festival

October 29th – 4th November

The festival will bring Saharawi refugee artists originating from Western Sahara, but based in camps in Algeria, to the UK for the first time, to present their story and celebrate their unique cross-road desert culture through a series of artistic events and cultural activities.

For a full programme, please check the RAS website or visit www.sandblast-arts.org

Book Launch: China in Africa by Chris Alden

Tuesday 6th November, 6pm, Brunei Suite, SOAS

Royal African Society Autumn Reception

Wednesday 28th November, 5:30pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

With Keynote Speech from Lord Malloch-Brown, Minister for Africa, Asia and the UN

Followed by a reception

FRANK SPEED: A day of celebration and recognition

With film screenings and discussions

Saturday 8th December, 9:30am – 6pm, followed by a reception, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS

Please check the RAS website for a full programme. Funded by the British Academy.

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 B101 from 17.00-19.00

- 3 October: **Richard Reid**
'Myths and Minefields: Politics, Protest and Identity in Eritrea, 1941-1962'.
- 10 October: **James McDougall**
'Big White Chief's Bad Memory Problem: Sarkozy in Dakar'.
- 17 October: **Maria Neto**
'Townspeople But Not Citizens: Huambo, Angola, 1950-1961'.
- 24 October: **Daniel Branch**
'East of Eden: Loyalists and Mau Mau in Post-colonial Kenya'.
- 31 October: **Ayowa Afrifa-Taylor**
'Gentlemanly Capitalism and the Establishment of Ashanti Goldfields Corporation'.
- 07 November Reading week no meeting
- 14 November: **Kate Skinner**
t.b.a.
- 21 November: **James Brennan**
'Radio and Cultural Politics in Eastern Africa, 1940-1980'.

28 November: **Rhianon Stephens**
'The Hoe is My Mother: Ideologies of Food Procurement in East-Central Uganda to the Nineteenth Century'.

5 December: t.b.a.

For list of seminars contact: David Martin (e-mail: dm24@soas.ac.uk).

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⌘ **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.

For more information, contact Barrie Sharpe (b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk ;020-76798649

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

Scenario building - planning for a future with HIV/AIDS. A tool for political and socio-economic dialogue

AIDS presents long term problems - both in its impact and in its possible solutions. Taking the long-term view on the impacts of the epidemic, of policy decisions and through engagement with key stakeholders will be critical to ensure a dialogue on the political, social and economic basis. Building scenarios enables such a dialogue. The workshop is aimed at professionals in the private and public sectors and from NGOs. It will guide participants through a methodology of building and using scenarios as well as how to work with existing scenarios. The sessions will be interactive and strengthened by the high-calibre of experienced and skilled participants.

For further information please see the attached [invitation/registrationform](#).

For any further queries please email: a.s.barnett@lse.ac.uk

EVENTS

⌘ **LONDON**

Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE

If you would like to attend the events listed below please e-mail edonnelly@chathamhouse.org.uk.

Conference ‘What is Masculinity? How useful is it as a Historical Category?’ Birkbeck College, University of London (15-16 May, 2008)

In recent years, there has been an explosion in scholarship that questions masculinity in history. This vibrant new approach has incorporated many different theoretical and empirical considerations in historical scholarship. This conference aims to provide a discussion across fields and time period specialism. We hope the conference will provide discussion of the latest thinking, debates and contention in this field, and that it will serve as a review of ‘where we are now’ in terms of scholarship in the field of masculinity studies. The highest quality papers in this conference will be published in a single volume collection, by Palgrave Macmillan

For more information: Dr Sean Brady, Birkbeck College University of London, s.brady@bbk.ac.uk

Lecture: SOAS Food Forum Distinguished Lecture, 6.30pm (12 November 2007)

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS

‘Living Democracy, Ending Hunger’ by Frances Moore Lappé

Frances Moore Lappé’s *Diet for Small Planet* (1971) has sold over 3 million copies and continues to awaken readers to the human-made causes of hunger and the power of our everyday choices to create the world we want. She co-founded Food First, the California-based Institute for Food and Development Policy, and now co-leads the Small Planet Institute, a collaborative network for research and popular education to bring democracy to life. She is author or co-author of 16 books, including her latest, *Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity, and Courage in a World Gone Mad*.

To reserve a place contact centres@soas.ac.uk or Tel 020 7898 4892

⌘ UK

African Studies Seminar, Michaelmas Term 2007, Fellows’ Dining Room, St Antony’s College, Thursdays, 5.00 pm

11 October *Nelson Mandela: Questions and Issues* **Tom Lodge** (Limerick)

18 October* *RoughTime in Paradise: Claims, Blames and Memory-Making around some Wildlife Protection Areas in Kenya*, **Lotte Hughes** (Ferguson Centre, Open University)

6.45: Book Launch ‘Environment and Empire’ (OUP, 2007)

William Beinart and Lotte Hughes, ‘Environment and Empire’ (OUP, 2007)

***NB: Both events to be held at the Buttery, St Antony’s College**

25 October *Zimbabwe crisis colloquium*

Miles Tendi (St Antony’s) on the party and the army

Terence Ranger (St Antony’s) on the churches

Deborah Potts (King’s College, London) on the urban crisis

William Gumedde (St Antony’s/LSE) on South Africa and Zimbabwe

- 1 November **NB: Seminar starts at 4.30.**
Masculinity, Race and Antiretroviral Treatment in South Africa: A Report from the old Transkei
Jonny Steinberg (Oppenheimer visiting fellow, African Studies Centre/Green College)
- Facilitating HIV/AIDS 'Empowerment' Programmes within Traditional Authority Structures: Experiences from Rural Southern Africa.*
Catherine Campbell (LSE)
- 8 November* **Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture, New College**
***NB: This lecture will be held at New College, 17.00-18.30.**
Room to be announced.
Lord Joel Joffe
Fischer's Life and Legacy
- South Africa, equality and human rights*
Colin Bundy (Green College)
- 15 November *Social Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: What Should a Post-neoliberal Context Look Like?*
Olujimi Adesina (Rhodes University)
- 22 November *Nelson Mandela - A Postcolonial Reading*
Elleke Boehmer (English Language and Literature, Oxford)
- 29 November *The Legacy of the Slave Trade in Sierra Leone and Liberia: Reflections on the Implications for Social, Political and Economic Development'*
Alfred Zack-Williams (University of Central Lancaster, President African Studies Association of the UK).

Organiser: Professor William Beinart

For information please contact Sabrina Souza (sabrina.souza@africa.ox.ac.uk).

Research Seminar Series, Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge, at 5.00pm on a Monday, in the The Mond Building Seminar Room, Free School Lane, Cambridge, CB2 3RF

- 22 October Dr Isak Niehaus (Brunel University)
 "Blaming the Father: Witchcraft and Deindustrialisation in South Africa"
- 29 October Ms Ilana van Wyk (SOAS)
 "title to be confirmed"

5 November Professor David Maxwell (Keele University) "Missionaries and Africans in the making of Colonial Knowledge: An Outline of Research in Progress"

12 November Dr Afe Adogame (University of Edinburgh) "Putting God in Place! New Religious (Pentecostal) Imaginaries, Emplacement and the Rubric of Public Culture in Africa and the African Diaspora"

19 November Ms Wendy Willems (SOAS)
"Interrogating public sphere and popular culture as theoretical concepts: on their value in African Studies"

26 November Professor Paul Gifford (SOAS)
"Recent developments in African Christianity"

For more information contact: da211@cam.ac.uk +44 (0)1223 334396

CALL: Conference: *Exploring Religious Spaces in the African State: Development and Politics from Below* (9 – 10 April 2008, Edinburgh)

Organised by Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh and WISER, The Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research

Religious institutions have been at the forefront of human welfare for centuries. In Africa it is often difficult to untangle religious organisations from the agency of development. Religion, rather than declining as had been predicted with the advent of secular development, is taking an increasingly central and vibrant role in African political and developmental life. The African case demonstrates how secularisation theories had failed in assuming that in a modernising context the non-secular would gradually recede from public life. The reality is the non-secular in Africa is often pervading the spaces that the secular has singularly failed to address. Contemporary critiques of development theory assert that 'development' poses solutions to development problems in a peculiarly apolitical, antiseptic, neutral way. It fails to provide solutions that encompass human needs; food security and shelter is materially important but so is a sense of community and belonging.

In Africa the 'faith' dimension is important and plays a significant role in promoting non-governmental public action. Religious organisations and faith communities have wide networks, social resources and often unique access to people who are poor, marginalised and excluded. Religious organisations represent a particularly significant component of civil society; and faith-based development has strong ethical foundations that become particularly important in the absence of alternative worldviews, social norms and political ideologies.

This conference aims to understand the role of religion within development and politics and develop our understanding of the role and position of religious organisations and actors within more traditional conceptualisations of public action and its relationship to the state in Africa. The focus will be on Christian, Muslim and traditional religious organisations and institutions in, for, and against the political and broader development processes in post-colonial Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference will be organised around the following tentative themes:

1. Filling the vacuum of the African state: tension or collaboration?

This theme aims to explore the relationship between religious organisations and the African state. How do religious organisations define their role in the post-colonial state? How do religious organisations critique or plug the gaps in the so-called 'weak' African state? How do religious organisations cope with prejudices and forms of control from secular organisations?

2. Faiths and development: religion and modernity

This theme aims to explore the relationship between religious organisations and development. How do religious actors and ideas contribute to development in contemporary Africa? Can we speak of a unique 'religious' answer to development? How do religious organisations forge their own identity as development is becoming increasingly technical, technology-led and driven by agendas such as the Millennium Development Goals?

3. Faiths and responses to health crises: the case of HIV/AIDS

This theme aims to examine the major contributions religious organisations are making in the battle against HIV/AIDS. How do religious organisations negotiate the problematic relationships between public health, religious doctrine and political discourse? What role do different kinds of religious organisation play in providing healthcare? What is the relationship between religious organisations, the state and development agencies with respect to healthcare?

Call for papers: abstracts should not exceed 300 words

All the abstracts should be submitted not later than **10th December 2007**.

All the abstracts should be emailed to the Centre of African Studies at: African.studies@ed.ac.uk

Successful applicants will receive an answer by 15 January 2008

Funding will be available for speakers from Africa. Information on how to apply for funding will be available on CAS website (www.cas.ed.ac.uk). Posters from postgraduate students are welcome and they will be displayed during the conference. For any questions, please contact the conference organisers or the Centre of African Studies in Edinburgh.

Conference organisers:

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Leeds University Centre for African Studies

Spring Seminars 2007

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

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

⌘ EUROPE

CALL: China in Africa: Who benefits? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on China's Involvement in Africa. International Conference organised by Johan Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt Main, Germany (14-15 December 2007) **Deadline for proposals 15 November 2007**

Themes:

1. China in Africa: opportunity or Threat for Africa's Development?
2. Tracking the Social, Economic and Environmental Impact of China's Engagement in Africa
3. Chinese in Africa
4. Strategies and Perspectives

For more information contact Dr Katrin Fiedler: k.fiedler@em.uni-frankfurt.de

Conference: Africa's Development: Possibility and Constraints, Moscow, 22-24 May, 2008

The Academic Council on Problems of African Countries and the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, are organizing in Moscow on May 22-24, 2008 the 11th Conference of Africanists titled "Africa's Development: Possibilities and Constraints".

Please address all the **panel proposals** and inquires to:

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CALL: "Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations"

June 16-19 2009, Moscow, Russia

Panel proposals (within 500 words in any of the Conference working languages) which will be received by February 1, 2008.

Organised by the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies under the Russian Academy of Sciences in co-operation with the School of History, Political Science and Law of the Russian State University for the Humanities.

The aim of the Conference, like that of the four previous ones, is to bring together the researchers doing the respective problematics in the whole variety of its contexts, within the framework of different academic schools and traditions from the positions of a wide range of disciplines: social anthropology, archaeology, history, political science, sociology, philosophy, psychology, etc.

The objective of the Conference is to discuss the following issues:

- hierarchical and net structures in the history of cultures and civilizations;
- civilizational and evolutionary models of socio-political development;
- historical and ethno-cultural variability of the forms of socio-political organization;
- from simple societies to the world-system: pathways and forms of political integration;
- socio-political and cultural-mental factors of social transformations;
- cultural and socio-biological foundations of dominance in human societies;

- ideology and legitimation of power in different civilizational contexts;
- cultural models of power's perception in different civilizations;
- violence and non-violence in the history of political institutions;
- access to information as a means of political manipulation and mobilization;
- power, society, and culture in the era of globalization;
- the study of 'hierarchy and power': schools, trends, and methods.

Suggestions for discussion of any other aspects of the general problematics of the Conference reflected in its title, are also welcomed.

The working languages of the Conference are Russian and English.

The Conference participant-s registration fee is 150 euros (or the equivalent sum in US dollars or Russian rubles) which includes the visa application support at the Russian Foreign Ministry,*1 culture program, Conference Book of Abstracts, reception, coffee-breaks, is to be paid on the spot upon arrival. The fee for an accompanying person is 70 euros (or the equivalent sum in US dollars or Russian rubles) includes the visa application support at the Russian Foreign Ministry and participation in culture program. The Organizing Committee can assist in accommodation booking at the hotel of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Downtown Moscow.

For further information you may consult the Internet sites:

<http://moscow-hotels.net> and <http://all-hotels.ru/moscow/>.

<http://all-hotels.ru/moscow/>. Please do note that the figures above may be subjected to some changes due to processes in transnational and national economy which are obviously out of the Organizing Committee-s control. If such changes happen, the Organizing Committee will try its best to inform the Conference participants as soon as possible. **All the correspondence should be sent for the Conference Secretaries, Dr. Oleg I. Kavykin and Ms. Anastasia A. Banschikova, preferably by e-mail (conf2009@conf2009.ru), or either by fax (+ 7 495 202 0786), or by ordinary mail (Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 30/1 Spiridonovka St., 123001 Moscow, Russia). The telephone number is: + 7 495 291 4119.**

⌘ USA

Conference: African Film Conference, (9-10 November 2007)

at Center for African Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The African film conference in Urbana-Champaign will explore how an appreciation of films as mode of expression and form can be combined with an understanding of their content. Cinema has a more pronounced public dimension than some of the other arts; it creates an audience and depends on it for its survival, and filmmaking itself can be situated within the history, economy, politics, and broader cultural trends of postcolonial Africa. The conference will aim to foster a dialogue between film scholars, critics, and the social science interpreters, users, and enthusiasts of African films, and will try to achieve, among other things, a greater sensibility for film as a medium among the latter.

A subset of related themes involve the connections to international film making styles or to the ethnographic and documentary film traditions, including considerations of emerging regional and national styles within Africa.

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Call: The 17th Annual African/Diaspora Conference: African Youth in America & Africa: Bridging the Gaps - 1 – 3 May 2008 (Deadline for abstract 29 November 2007)

California State University, Sacramento, The college of Health & Human Services, The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution
& The Pan African Studies Program

This conference examines the state of African youth in the USA and Africa, with a focus on discussing inter- and intracultural and group challenges, including crime and other conflicts. Together, we will examine the prospects for bridging the gaps among African youth, as well as identify best practices and models for youth empowerment, leadership development, crime prevention, networking, and family stability.

We strongly encourage submission of paper proposals that are based on case studies and best practices on domestic and international youth issues: e.g. youth development and leadership, peer relations, U.S.-African youth study abroad exchanges, community outreach, crime prevention and peace building/peacemaking, peace education, African youth parenting; family; art expression, media and value formation, African-African American relations, girl-child education; Child soldiers; youth gangs/cults; etc.

Please include the following in your proposal: name, current position and institutional affiliation, paper title, abstract (75 words maximum), your mailing address, email, phone and fax number. You will be notified of acceptance by email, plus any publication guidelines. Selected papers will be considered for publication and inclusion in the conference proceedings. We prefer presentations in English; but can accommodate French speakers. The preliminary conference program will be available in February at: www.csus.edu/org/capcr.

Participants are responsible for the conference registration fee of U.S. \$50, plus their travel costs. Please email/fax/mail your proposal to:

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www.csus.edu/org/capcr

CALL: Conference: wars and Conflicts in Africa, University of Texas at Austin. (28-30 March 2008)

Deadline for abstract (1 November 2007)

For more details contact: Toyin Falola: toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu

⌘ CARRIBEAN

ASWAD CONFERENCE (Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora) **(9-12 October 2007)**

The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados is hosting the conference as its

Signature Program for the year, with co-sponsorship from New York University. In commemoration of the *Bicentennial of the British and American Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*, the theme of the conference is **INTERROGATIONS OF FREEDOM: MEMORIES, MEANINGS, MIGRATIONS**.

The conference will be research driven, featuring panels organized in ways which effectively stimulate discourse across geographic, disciplinary, cultural, and theoretical boundaries. All geographic areas will be represented, including Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia. Paper and panel proposals that incorporate gender and women as categories of analysis are encouraged.

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⌘ VISITING SCHOLARS TO THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVENTIS NIGERIAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN LONDON

The Leventis Foundation supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies (University of London) and colleagues in Nigerian universities. Successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, based at SOAS, for a period of three months. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, a 1000 word statement of current research interests and aims to be achieved during the research period in London. This scheme might be particularly appropriate for scholars working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. The deadline for the next round of applications is **31 May 2008**. Further information may be obtained from the CAS office or website.

The Two Leventis Scholars for 2007 are:

Dr Moses Mamman, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria and his research title is ‘*Stigma and Discrimination: Obstacle to Effective HIV/AIDS Control amongst Transport Workers in North-Western Nigeria*’

Dr Ibrahim Malumfashi, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto and his research title is: ‘*Outporing of Literary Masterpieces: An excavation from Hausa Literary History*’

The Centre of African Studies gratefully acknowledges its collaboration with Goodenough College, which provides our visitors with accommodation. Visitors to London are recommended to visit the Goodenough Club website: www.club.goodenough.ac.uk

◆ **Routledge African Studies Journals:**

1. *Development Southern Africa*

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

Volume Number: 24, 2007, 5 issues per year

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

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

2. *Journal of African Cultural Studies*

Editor: Frances Harding, *School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK*

Volume Number: 19, 2007, 2 issues per year

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

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

3. *Journal of Southern African Studies*

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

JoAnn McGregor, *University of Reading, UK*,

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

Volume Number: 33, 2007, 4 issues per year

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

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

4. *The Journal of Eastern African Studies* aims to promote fresh scholarly enquiry on the region from within the humanities and the social sciences,

and to encourage work that communicates across disciplinary boundaries. Its broad coverage will encompass archaeology, anthropology,

cultural studies, development studies, economics, environmental studies, geography, history, international relations, literatures and languages,

political economy, politics, social policy and sociology. With its multi-disciplinary focus, the

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

5. African Identities, Volume 19, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 1369-6815, Online ISSN: 1469-9346

6. African Studies, Volume 66, 2 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0002-0184, Online ISSN: 1469-2872

7. Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Volume 25, 3 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0258-9001,

Online ISSN: 1469-9397

8.Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies, Volume 34, 2 Issues per year,
Print ISSN: 0258-9346, Online ISSN: 1470-1014

9.Review of African Political Economy, Volume 34, 4 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 0305-6244,
Online ISSN: 1740- 1720

10.The Journal of North African Studies, Volume 12, 4 Issues per year, Print ISSN: 1362-9387,
Online ISSN

**11.African and Black Diaspora: *An International Journal*
Navigating African Diaspora: Crossing, Belonging and Presence**

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

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

To order free sample copies of any of the above journals please visit
www.tandf.co.uk/journals/onlinesamples.asp

◆ **Africa, Journal of the International African Institute.**

The International African Institute promotes international research, conferences and publications on African Societies, cultures and languages and encourages the application of research and science to practical affairs in Africa.

The Journal is published by Edinburgh University Press, 22 George Square,
Edinburgh EH8 9LF

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

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

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

The Journal is published by Oxford University Press.

www.afraf.oxfordjournals.org

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

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

For previous issues of African Renaissance, see:

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

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

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

3. [Review of Nigerian Affairs](#) a quarterly multidisciplinary journal of Nigerian politics and society debuts in early March. The journal is a cross between an academic publication and any quality newsfeature publication. To contribute to the journal, contact: editor@adonis-abbey.com (Dr Jideofor Adibe)

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

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

African Performance Review,

Department of Drama, Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0)207 919-7581. Email: AfTA@gold.ac.uk

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

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

◆ **Postable:** As you may know Postamble is a graduate journal based in the Center for African Studies at the University of Cape Town. This innovative new publication is committed to featuring original postgraduate work of a high academic standard which is of value to the promotion of multi-disciplinary study of Africa within the university environment. Submissions cover a wide range of humanities, arts and social sciences topics focusing on the study of Africa. This online publication allows for the exploration of alternative forms of research presentation that may include creative writing, visual essays, the use of digital film and sound, digital photography favoring works of an academic nature. Postamble is a peer-reviewed journal edited by an editorial committee comprised of students and academic staff from the Faculty of Humanities.

We believe that our online journal offers a unique opportunity for graduate students to publish their work

For more information on submissions, online subscriptions and future issues visit the postamble website at: www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/postamble. If you have any other inquiries, please feel free to contact us via e-mail at amble@humanities.uct.ac.za.

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

www.omegainvest.co.za/africananalyst

◆ **Africa Report:** A new Quarterly Journal, part of the Jeune Afrique team based in Paris, that provides accurate, incisive and comprehensive reports on all African countries. This is a vital read for academics, policy makers, and business people working in or on Africa. Many leading figures

such as Nelson Mandela, K Y Amoako, Trevor Manuel, Gordon Brown have contributed to the journal.

www.theafricareport.com

◆ **SOUTHSCAN**, now in its 22nd year, is a print and online service producing bi-weekly and monthly periodicals focusing on Southern and Central Africa. We are an authoritative source on our region; our analysts and correspondents present impartial reports on current economic, political and security issues from key African centres and from Brussels, London and Washington. If your college or institution is not already a subscriber please visit our website and look at some sample issues: <http://southscan.gn.apc.org/samples/samplintro.html>

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

All subscription details are here:

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

Email:southscan@allafrica.com

www.SouthScan.NET

EDITORIAL SERIES

◆ **AEGIS/Brill Editorial series**

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

The Series aims to publish books within the broad fields of study within the humanities and social sciences that would bring new approaches or innovative perspectives to the topics discussed.

Titles will comprise works that could also reflect established debate within African Studies if they provide new insights.

Both individually-authored works and edited collections on focused themes will be considered.

Included among Series authors will be both senior and junior scholars and preference may be given to newly established scholars that may benefit from this new outlet for publication.

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

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

The first Deadline for submission of prospectus is 30 November 2007.

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

AEGIS Brill Africa Book Series

attn: Angelica Baschiera

Centre of African Studies

School of Oriental and African Studies

University of London

Thornhaugh Street
Russell Square
London WC1H 0GX
United Kingdom

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

◆ **Africa in Development Series with Peter Lang International Academic Publishers**

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

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

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

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

⌘ FUNDING

British Academy research funding: forthcoming deadlines

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

Applications are invited for the following schemes:

Research Leave Fellowships and Senior Research Fellowships

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

Next deadline: October 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/readfell.html>.

Research Grants

Small Research Grants and Larger Research Grants are available for collaborative or individual research October 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/research.html>.

Conference Grants

Grants are available for bringing key speakers to conferences held in the UK; and individual travel grants to overseas conferences.

Next deadline: October 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/conferences.html>.

International Activities

The Academy has a number of special schemes with partner institutions to support research in particular countries or regions.

Next Deadline: October 2007

Further information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/intact.html>.

Visiting Fellowships

A new scheme, launched in 2005, provides support for research visits to Britain of between two and four months by early-career scholars from outside the UK.

Deadline for applications: October 2007

Further information:<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visprof.html>.

UK-Africa Academic Partnerships Scheme

Grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years are available to support the development of ongoing links between the UK and African research centres and institutions.

Next deadline: November 2007

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 2007** for awards to be taken up after April 2008. Awards will be announced at the end of **March 2008**.

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 2007**.

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 2007**.

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.

Method of application: The British partner should apply on the BA/ACU Joint Project form, available from the ACU web site. (Look under Scholarships and Fellowships, and click on 'Other awards administered by the ACU')

Website: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/commcoun.html>

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

University of London Central Research Fund Grants 2007/08

The closing dates for applications are:

Autumn Term: 12 October 2007

Summer Term: 14 March 2008

For more information and application pack contact: Linda West: Linda.west@london.ac.uk or visit www.london.ac.uk/crf

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

African Studies Visiting Research Fellowships Scheme 2008-09, University of Cambridge

The Centre of African Studies invites applications for Visiting Research Fellowships around the **theme of Peace-building and Transitional Governance in Africa** from candidates in all the disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Applications from scholars working in NGOs, research institutes, academia, libraries, and museums are all welcome. Applicants from non-English speaking African countries are also encouraged, provided candidates can demonstrate a competent grasp of English. The appointments will take place from 1 October 2008 – 31 March 2009 and are non-renewable. Fellows will be affiliated to Wolfson College, Cambridge. Each award is worth a total of £10,000; out of which travel, accommodation, maintenance costs and medical insurance will be paid by the Centre on behalf of the fellow. **The closing date for applications is 1 October 2007**

The recent establishment of institutions such as the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission provide renewed hope that the challenges aggravated by conflict in Africa will be addressed through new ideas and approaches. The perceived flaws in previous efforts have triggered a reconceptualisation of peacebuilding to include issues of security, development and governance. Nonetheless, the connections between peace and governance are still poorly understood. There may, for instance, be a tension between the types of governance arrangements and institutions that help end conflict in the short term, and those that are likely to bring about peace and development in the longer term. Yet institutions established in the immediate aftermath of conflict help shape popular expectations, and may constrain future possibilities for peace. There is a need to investigate the motivations behind diverse kinds of governance arrangements and political and economic practices, as well as their impact. The group of scholars who come to Cambridge under this fellowship scheme will research the possibilities and challenges of peacebuilding in contemporary Africa. A range of issues can be addressed under this theme, for instance transitional justice and accountability; institutions and the nature of the state; gendered peacebuilding practices; contests over citizenship in post-conflict environments; the impetus and effects of economic reforms; the role of “indigenous” institutions; religion and peacebuilding; and tensions underlying democratisation. We welcome projects that question the concept of “transition”, and that explore the nature of “peace” as well as the relationship between international programmes and ideas and local practices. Projects that analyse alternative approaches to peacebuilding are also strongly encouraged.

An application package is available from:

The Administrator
University of Cambridge
Centre of African Studies
Free School Lane
Cambridge CB2 3RQ UK

Tel/fax: +44 (0) 1223 334396
da211@cam.ac.uk

European Grants

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

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

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

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

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

The Martin Lynn Scholarship.

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

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

The closing date for applicants will be May 31st, 2007. Potential applicants should use the form on the Society's website, www.rhs.ac.uk.

Leverhulme Trust, UK

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

- 1) 100 Research Fellowships whose deadline is 4 pm on Thursday 8 November 2007**

- 2) 20 Studentships whose deadline is 4 pm on Tuesday 8 January 2008**

- 3) 15 Study Abroad Fellowships whose deadline is 4 pm on Thursday 8 November 2007**

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	8 November 2007
Study Abroad Fellowships	8 November 2007
Study Abroad Studentships	8 January 2008
Emeritus Fellowships	6 February 2008
Early Career Fellowships	12 March 2008

Application materials are available from the Trust's website: www.leverhulme.ac.uk

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>

SOAS SCHOLARSHIP

The AHRC 2007 annual postgraduate competition is now open. The **closing date** for the next competition is **1 May 2008**. However, please note that SOAS has its own internal deadlines, which are detailed below and also on our scholarships website: www.soas.ac.uk/scholarships. Applicants to SOAS can apply for awards through the Research Preparation Master's Scheme, the Professional Preparation Master's Scheme (Taught Masters) or through the Doctoral Awards Scheme (Research). Funding is no longer available for students who only want to do a Masters programme. Applications may only be submitted where the applicant intends to continue with further research or professional practice and this must be demonstrated in the application.

Applicants must hold a formal offer of a place at SOAS before an application for an award can be forwarded to the AHRC but applicants should not wait for a decision on their application before beginning the AHRC application process. If AHRC applicants have not already applied for a place at SOAS they should do so without delay. Competition for all AHRC awards is extremely fierce, and most successful applicants in the Masters schemes will have a good first class degree. Applicants in the Doctoral Awards scheme are normally expected to have, or to be undertaking, a Masters degree or similar qualification, or to have already begun a research programme.

The AHRC expects applicants to consult the documentation on the website (<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/>), and to download the Guide for Applicants and the application forms. Full instructions are given in the "Notes on completing the application forms", which is downloadable with the application form. They have not supplied us with printed copies of the application material.

All applications must be at the AHRC by 1 May 2008. Late Applications will not be accepted. The track of the application form should be: applicant to referee 1 to referee 2 to Head of SOAS Department or Programme Convenor to Scholarships Officer (SOAS Registry) to AHRC

Applications must reach the **Scholarships Officer, SOAS, Registry**, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London, WC1H 0XG after SOAS academic departments have added their supporting statements by **April 2008** in order to allow time for checking, resolution of any

queries or problems (particularly concerning evaluation of overseas qualifications or UK/EU status), photocopying and posting to the AHRC.

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** to be considered for the awards.

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Further details are available from our website at <http://www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/degrees.htm>

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

The overall objectives of this project are:

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

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

To qualify for the fellowship, candidates from the countries listed below must be graduate students or holders of a graduate degree in a discipline related to the work of the United Nations (e.g. international law, political science, social sciences, history or other related topics).

Experience with or a specialization in human rights will be considered an asset. Candidates should be less than 30 years old at the time they send their candidature.

The 2008 fellowship is open to candidates from:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

The 2007 fellowship will be run in English. The deadline for applications is 20 August 2008.

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

More information, including the application forms, is available at the link: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/ldcfellowship.htm>
<http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/ldcfellowship.htm>>

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

Objects of Instruction: Treasures of the School of Oriental and African Studies (11 October-15 December 2007) 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, the exhibition is set to culminate in a permanent display in the new **Foyle Special Collections Gallery**. For the first time this will make the artistic assets of SOAS accessible to a wider audience, including students, scholars, and members of the general public. The launch exhibition, which is due to open in October 2007, will bring together a broad range of interesting and beautiful objects from across Asia and Africa that are at present known only to a few specialists.

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.

Curator: Anna Contadini, in collaboration with the Brunei Gallery, the Department of Art and Archaeology, and the SOAS Library.

11th October – 15th December 2007

Tuesday – Saturday 10.30 – 17.00

Admission Free

T: 020 7898 4915 - Reception

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⌘ **October Gallery**, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL

The October Gallery often host exhibitions by Artists from Africa and Diaspora. Check the website for more information www.octobergallery.co.uk

⌘ **British Museum:** Box Office on +44 (0)20 7323 8181
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Inhuman Traffic: The Business of the Slave Trade

Until 06 April, Room 69a

This small exhibition explores how the Transatlantic Slave Trade functioned. It covers more than 500 years, including the Parliamentary Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807.

It features resistance leaders including Toussaint l'Ouverture, Olaudah Equiano and Nanny of the Maroons, and their continuing legacy of the struggle to end enslavement.

Admission free

⌘ **National Gallery**

'Scratch the Surface' is part of the National Gallery's contribution to a range of activities and events commemorating the 200th anniversary of the 1807 Act to abolish the British trade in African people. Although the Act did not end slavery itself, it was the first attempt by the British to legally bring the trade to a close.

In this exhibition we examine the role that the slave trade played in the lives of two people featured in portraits in our collection: Zoffany's portrait of 'Mrs Oswald' and Sir Joshua Reynolds's 'Colonel Tarleton'.

Colonel Tarleton, as MP for Liverpool in the 1790s, argued very strongly in Parliament against the abolition of the trade. Mrs Oswald, along with her husband Richard Oswald, owed part of their wealth to a number of plantations in the Americas. The painting of Mrs Oswald was bought by the Gallery in 1938, while the Tarleton portrait was bequeathed to the Gallery by one of his descendants in the early 1950s.

As part of the exhibition, 2004 Turner Prize nominee, Yinka Shonibare MBE, has been invited to create a new installation in response to these two portraits. This stunning new work will go on display in the Barry Rooms.

Other events commemorating the anniversary include related film screenings and Talks at 1pm every Wednesday in September explore Scratch the Surface. Highlights include Yinka Shonibare, MBE, discussing the creation of his installation (5 September), and an exploration of the politics of dress, with exhibition costume maker Mary Charlton.

Some areas of the Gallery will be closed for staff training on Monday mornings until 11am.

- Time: 10am - 6pm daily, Wednesday 10am - 9pm
- Admission: free
- Address: Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DN
- Nearest stations: Charing Cross, Leicester Square, Embankment and Westminster

⌘ Hackney Museum

Godfrey Donkor's installation **Financial Times** is conceptually multilayered. Made up of a sequence of interconnected paintings set against a wallpaper backdrop, he uses the familiar icon that is the Financial Times newspaper as both an artists' canvas and as a mechanism with which to draw the audience in to his almost imperceptible symbolism. Born in Ghana and brought up in the UK, Donkor trained at the prestigious St. Martin's College of Art before working in Europe, America and the Caribbean. Having produced and exhibited all over the world he's now focussing on taking his unique brand of visual art to his native Ghana.

Financial Times, Godfried Donkor's installation is on view as part of Abolition 07 at Hackney Museum, Technology and Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ until 27 October 2007.

Trade and Empire: Remembering Slavery is on at the **Whitworth Art Gallery**, University of Manchester, Oxford Rd, **Manchester** M15 6ER until 13 April 2008.

New Research Projects

Language and linguistic studies of Southern African languages

This BA-funded project involves SOAS, the University of Botswana, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of Namibia and aims to provide a collaborative framework for research on the linguistics of Southern African languages so as to create a shared knowledge base, develop analyses, compare methodologies and to discuss perspectives for the future.

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COMPETE

As global fossil energy resources become constrained, bioenergy is emerging as a major potential resource to supply the energy services currently provided by these fossil fuels. Africa and Latin America have, in theory, very large areas of land resources 'available' for bioenergy production. However, the production of biomass for energy on the scales necessary to supply significant shares of national and global energy provision, will result in very substantial impacts (positive and negative) on the ecosystems and cultures of these target regions. The protection of biodiversity, rural

livelihoods and management of scarce water resources are critical considerations in any analysis of the potential for sustainable bioenergy provision.

The objective of this Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems - Africa (COMPETE) is to stimulate sustainable bioenergy implementation in Africa. COMPETE will establish a platform for policy dialogue and capacity building in the major multi- and bi-lateral funding organisations and key stakeholders throughout the bioenergy provision and supply chains.

The COMPETE partnership comprises 20 European and 23 non-European partners - 11 partners from 7 African countries, 3 regional African policy and financing bodies (African Development Bank; Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network of Southern Africa; UEMOA - Biomass Energy Regional Program), 9 partners from Latin America and Asia - and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). The COMPETE project duration will be from January 2007 until December 2009.

For more information on the COMPETE project, please consult the website www.compete-bioafrica.net or contact Dr Rocio A Diaz-Chavez CEP Imperial College (r.diaz-chavez@imperial.ac.uk)

"The commodity chain of the household: from survey design to policy planning".

Drs Coast and Leone (LSE) and Dr Randall (UCL) are beginning a new project "The commodity chain of the household: from survey design to policy planning". It aims to establish how the concept of the household is defined and used in household surveys in sub-Saharan Africa and the implications of these definitions for analyses and policy-making, using Tanzania as a case study.

One strand of the methodology involves in-depth semi-structured interviews with household survey commissioners, producers and consumers - both national and international - to identify how the concept of the household is produced, understood and used at all different stages of the data production and use chain.

If you have been involved in the commissioning, design, implementation, or use of household survey data in sub-Saharan Africa, and would like to participate in the study, we would be interested in interviewing you. Please contact e.coast@lse.ac.uk

This work will be funded as part of the ESRC's Survey Design and Measurement Initiative

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