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50 Years Old and Going from Strength to Strength!

We would like to encourage members to propose streams and panels for the ASAUK biennial conference to be held at the University of Sussex in 2014. The call for panels is now open on our website: www.asauk.net

This year our successful series of writing workshops will include two further workshops, one in Addis Ababa and one in Nairobi. Generously funded by the British Academy and African Studies journals in the UK, our workshop scheme brings together journal editors and early career African scholars to work in intensive sessions with the aim of supporting authors to produce papers that will be ready, or near-ready, for publication. For reports on recent workshops and guidance notes on how to propose and run one, please see our website.

The ASAUK plans to fund one teaching fellowship in 2013/14 – details below.

We are pleased to invite ASAUK members to the array of 50th anniversary events taking place in the coming months:

- **5 July 2013:** British Library, Euston Road, London, 2pm-5pm “Writing Africa’s Futures”: a discussion panel featuring the 5 writers shortlisted for this year’s Caine Prize alongside international prize-winning authors Zoe Wicomb (*You Can’t Get Lost in Cape Town*, *Playing in the Light* and *David’s Story*) and Doreen Baingana (*Tropical Fish*).
- **4-6 September 2013:** University of Birmingham “Crossroads in African Studies”: a conference celebrating 50 years of CWAS and featuring the first Fage Lecture – a double lecture on African economic history from a global perspective and in the longue durée, with Professor Gareth Austin (Graduate Institute, Geneva) and Professor A.G Hopkins (University of Texas), with Professor Robin Law (University of Stirling) as discussant.

- **Wednesday, 23 October 2013 at 5pm:** University of London (venue *tbh*): **Mary Kingsley Zochonis Lecture** to be given by Mr Kabba Bangura, Geography Department, University of Sierra Leone: “Adapting to Climate Change: Coping with the Effect of Weather Changes in Rural Sierra Leone,” followed by a reception.
- **Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 2pm:** Stevenson Lecture Theatre, British Museum, London: “**Sash of Fulfilment**” **film**, performance and discussion with artist, Leo Asemota and British Museum Africa Galleries curator, Chris Spring. This event explores key themes in “The Ens Project” an on-going multiphase work of artist Leo Asemota for whom 1897 is a crucial year, in being both a high water mark of the pomp of Empire as witnessed in Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations, and the year in which the pre-colonial Kingdom of Benin was razed by the British and the 'Benin bronzes' were taken and dispersed around the world – many are now housed in the British Museum collection.

The discussion will begin with a screening of films from Asemota's live art works in the Tanks at Tate Modern (2012) and St. Paul's Cathedral (2008), followed by a procession of characters from the performances draped in the "Sash of Fulfilment" marking the end of their involvement in Asemota's project.

This event will be free and open to both members of ASAUK and the public. Tickets must be obtained in advance. Details on how to do this will be published on the ASAUK and British Museum Websites.

- **Thursday 24 October, 2013, 6:30pm to 9pm:** October Gallery 24 Old Gloucester St. London, WC1N 3AL: **Reception with African Music**

This event is reserved for ASAUK members and invited guests. Details for how to register for the event will appear on the ASAUK and RAS websites

For information about all of these events and how to register, please see the website.

Please send the newsletter details of your workshops and conferences, publications, successful Ph.Ds and other African Studies activities for publication in our next issue.

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**ASAUK 50th Annual General Meeting To be held Wednesday 23 October 2013,
University of London at 3pm, room to be confirmed**

Annex 1

Nominations of Members for Election as Officers and as members of the Council of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom. Members are asked to bear in mind standing Order No. 1 (18 April 1966, amended 23 February 1979) reproduced below:

Standing order No.1: Nomination of Members for Election to the Council

- 1. Not less than three weeks in advance of the day of the Annual General Meeting, the Honorary Secretary shall invite nominations from Members for election to fill the vacancies occurring on the Council at the Annual General Meeting at which election is to take place.*
- 2. For a nomination to be valid, it should be in writing, bear the signature of not less than two Members as nominators and also the signature of the Member nominated to confirm that he would be willing to serve if elected, and be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary before the start of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.*
- 3. The Council shall have the duty, after considering the nominations submitted, to make such further nomination as may seem to it needful to secure a due balance of disciplinary and regional interests on the Council.*

In accordance with this Standing Order, the Honorary Secretary now invites nominations for election to the Council at the AGM to be held on 23 October 2013, University of London.

There are seven vacancies on the Council. Council members were eligible to serve two terms consecutively, and there are three members who have only served one term, and may be willing to stand for a second term (for the period 2013-2016). Two members of Council were promoted to Officer-status in September 2012 leaving their places vacant. There are, in addition, other resignations which have left two vacancies. This makes a total of seven Council seats for which we seek nominations.

Council of the Association for the Coming Year (2013-14)

Co-opted Council Members:

James Currey
Nic Cheeseman (African Affairs)
Jonathan Harle (Association of Commonwealth Universities)
Stephanie Kitchen (IAI)
Richard May (RAS)
Clara Arokiasamy
Marian Wallace (SCOLMA)

Elected Council Members

Retiring 2013:

After Second Term: Raymond Bush, Karen Brown, Lotte Hughes, Diane Frost

After First Term: Ranka Primorac, Sada Mire, June Bam-Hutchinson

Retiring 2014

After First Term: Toby Green, Anna Mdee

After Second Term: Debby Potts.

Retiring 2015

After First Term George Ogola, Ola Uduku, David Killingray

After Second Term Martin Evans, Gabriella Lynch, Claire Mercer

Dr Nici Nelson, Honorary Secretary, ASAUK: Nici Nelson ana01nn@gold.ac.uk

Doctoral Education in Africa

The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) recently reviewed the currently levels of support available to African doctoral students – as part of an EC-funded programme, and so focused particularly on European funders. It wasn't focused specifically on African studies, nor on the humanities and social sciences, but some of the detail gathered – and the broad conclusions – may be of interest to the ASAUK community.

The results of our brief desk survey probably won't surprise anyone involved in this area, but it is perhaps still useful to set out a few points worth making. Firstly, making a meaningful assessment of what's out there is very difficult. Secondly, while many bilateral agencies and donors support postgraduate study, it is predominantly at the Masters level. While Ph.Ds may be supported, they are often a relatively smaller part of the scholarship portfolio. It is vital that the 'ease' of funding Masters does not displace resources and commitment from investing properly in Ph.D training.

Thirdly, funders include both development agencies and national and international research councils. The types of funding they offer differs as a result. Development agencies tend to be more interested in the scientific needs of the home country and in research which addresses development questions. On the other hand, national research agencies tend to emphasise research excellence and are concerned with strategic advantage to the host or funding country.

Fourthly, many schemes make partial awards to cover elements of doctoral study – time to complete a thesis or support to undertake a period of research abroad, for example. While the total number of awards available does indicate the numbers of students receiving support, it does not equate to the number who are fully-funded. Unable to study full-time, many doctoral researchers are likely to take longer to complete their studies.

Finally, not all doctoral initiatives represent a source of funding accessible to students themselves. Some may be wrapped into a wider research capacity initiative, or particular research projects, and thus are restricted to staff or students within a particular institution or network.

There are relatively few funding schemes which support African students to undertake doctoral study within Africa, and those that do exist offer relatively few awards each year. Within Africa, we were able to identify eleven active schemes supporting Ph.D study tenable at *African institutions*.

Outside of Africa, eleven European countries emerged as offering awards to African students for study in the respective country (as part of wider developing country schemes), while African students are also eligible under European Commission schemes.

Of course many scholarships are offered by individual universities – often with the backing of an external funder. There tend to be just a few offered at a time in each case. Nonetheless, it is likely to add up to a reasonable level of support (the UK alone had 4,130 research students from Africa in 2011/12 - 2,950 of whom are from south of the Sahara). Many donor-funded doctoral grants are also made within larger funding schemes and thus are, to some extent, invisible.

Although advertised as doctoral fellowships, many Ph.D awards in fact offer part-funding, typically to enable a period of fieldwork or time out to complete a thesis. Part-funding to cover specific needs can be particularly valuable, buying time to focus on research or enabling field work which would not otherwise be possible, but it also means that doctoral candidates must have other means of support, or risk not being able to fully focus on their research.

With limited supervisors, insufficient resources, or a lack of good research methods expertise, many universities struggle to mount strong doctoral programmes. A popular approach is to build capacity at a regional level as a result – bringing several universities together, via individual departments, and mounting joint programmes.

Aside from funding to cover the basic costs of a Ph.D, the ability to attend conferences or summer schools, and present papers is an important part of academic development. If these grants are not part of the wider scholarship package, or provided by individual institutions, they are likely to be very hard to secure. This is a critical gap, and is likely to place African researchers at a significant disadvantage compared to their academic peers in other regions.

The ACU report is by no means exhaustive (we'd welcome details of any schemes or initiatives that we may have overlooked), and confirms much that we already knew – that there's a range of activity, and the need for support still outstrips what's available. More usefully perhaps, it illustrates how difficult it is

for prospective African students to identify and access funding. Doctoral education is still heavily dependent on external assistance.

While it emphasises that more full-funding is needed it also suggests that the growth of network, collaborative and regional approaches is important. These can offer a vital scaffold through shared methods courses or joint supervision which might enable African universities, at the level of individual departments, to realise their own doctoral ambitions.

It is clear that with both the scale of the need outlined and the importance of strengthening national research foundations, the solution must lie in African universities themselves. Donor funding makes essential contributions, but there is clearly scope to put more of this funding into universities themselves, either directly or through collaborative models. Of course this still poses real challenges in the short to medium term – doctoral programmes need to be built up, and there needs to be sufficient numbers of supervisors, with the right expertise, and time and inclination to do it well.

The report is available at: <https://www.acu.ac.uk/publication/download?id=479>

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Conferences Future...

UNITED KINGDOM

'The Human Dimensions of Climate Change: The Politics of Food and Water Security in Africa', Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 18–20 September 2013. The David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies (DDMI) announces a conference which is intended to be a landmark event in the field, and will bring together internationally renowned experts from the worlds of public policy, activism and lobbying, international organisations, and academia. It will be an outstanding opportunity to discuss and debate these crucial issues, and meet experts from a variety of fields, including international relations, law, the natural sciences, geography, development studies, diplomacy and non-governmental organisations. The conference will address the multiple levels of food and water insecurity in Africa – global, international, national and local – as well as the interplay of science and politics.

Scheduled panels include sessions on 'The global politics of food and water security'; 'International cooperation and institutions'; 'National policies in Africa'; 'Local dimensions'; and 'The politics of food and water science'. Attendance is strictly limited so please confirm your place early. A booking form is available on the conference website: http://c3wales.org/event_details/ddmi-human-dimensions-of-climate-change-conference/ The conference fee (£30 for

students; £50 for all others) includes: the conference dinner (Wednesday); a tour of crop science research facilities with lunch and tea (Thursday); buffet dinner (Thursday); and teas and coffees. Please complete and return with payment to Dr Grant Dawson: gsd@aber.ac.uk

The conference is supported by the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W), and AU's Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS), the Department of International Politics, and the DDMI. Please see the website for the latest details: http://c3wales.org/event_details/ddmi-human-dimensions-of-climate-change-conference/ For more details or enquiries please contact Dr Carl Death: crd@aber.ac.uk

'Africa's Material Culture Past and Present', 10th African Archaeology Research Day, Sainsbury Institute for Art, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 1–2 November 2013. The central theme will be, of course, African archaeology, but the organisers are keen to attract input from related disciplines such as art history, heritage management, history and museology. The conference will include one or two invited keynote speakers, papers in a series of themed sessions, smaller discussion groups on the Saturday morning, and posters, which will be available for viewing over the duration of the conference. The conference website – http://www.sru.uea.ac.uk/AARD_2013.php – has details on themes and how to register. Registrations before 31 July 2013 attract discounted fees.

INTERNATIONAL

'Hip Hop and Afrocentricity: Diop, Asante and the Radical Aesthetic of African Culture', Wyndham Historic District, Philadelphia, USA, 16–19 October 2013. The Molefi Kete Asante (MKA) Institute and the Diopian Institute for Scholarly Advancement (DISA) are pleased to announce their collaboration on the 25th Anniversary of the annual Cheikh Anta Diop International Conference. In the latter part of the 20th century the 'Afrocentric Idea', as a philosophical and theoretical construct centred on African subjectivity and agency, and 'Hip Hop', as the manifestation of African artistic expression, exploded onto the American, and subsequently, the international cultural landscape. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the annual Cheikh Anta Diop International Conference and the first doctoral programme in the field, the MKA Institute and DISA invite scholars, educators, artists, activists, and the community to engage this landmark conference and embrace the opportunity to critically examine and reflect on the evolution of two of the most influential intellectual, social, and cultural movements of the era.

In line with the theme of this year's conference we are inviting papers and presentations that address the following topics: Word Warriors: The Afrocentric

Roots of Hip Hop; Theorizing The Essential: Reflections on the African Aesthetic Tradition; Hip Hop 101: Hip Hop Pedagogy in Primary through Post-Secondary Education; Flippin the Script: Liberation for a New Black Century; Locating the Language and Literature of a Hip Hop Nation; Utilizing New Media Technologies to Forward an Afrocentric Agenda; Globalizing Culture/Localizing Tradition; Diopian and Asantian Literature and the State of African Cultural Identity Studies; Beyond Hip Hop: Emerging Voices in Black Popular Culture; and New Visions of an African Renaissance. 100-word abstracts by 1 August 2013 to: Abstracts@DiopianInstitute.org

'Revolution: Reclaiming Tradition, Redefining Change in Africa and the Diaspora', James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA, 17–18 October 2013. The James Madison University Africana Studies Program invites scholarly contributions to the 5th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference, focused on the collective experiences and representations of Africa and its many conceptual and in-the-flesh descendants. The 2013 theme speaks to the idea of revolution as both change and cycle, and the organisers are interested in how these two notions can be simultaneously useful descriptors for things Africana. Revolution can refer to: a dramatic, radical change, or at least the struggle toward such, that can occur on a variety of scales and may result in a new social order, or a rotation, orbit, or completion of a cycle that can ensure the stability and resilience of a particular system. The organisers call for papers, panels of up to three presenters, artistic renderings, posters and other presentations on the theme of Revolution. 200-word abstracts for an individual paper or paper in each panel by 30 August 2013 to: africanastudies@jmu.edu

'Traditional African Medicine and its Modern Transformations', Wroclaw Medical University, Lower Silesia, Poland, 3–4 December 2013. In many parts of Africa traditional healers are the only available source of medical care. Moreover they are often preferred to practitioners of western medicine. The organisers wish to focus on traditional ways of healing, as well as on their modern transformations resulting from influences of biomedicine, progressive globalization and the advent of new health hazards. The conference seeks papers on traditional medicine in pre-colonial Africa and its modern transformations; African concepts of health and illness; beliefs connected with health and well-being (amulets, divinations, sorcery); trade in natural ingredients for preparation of traditional medicaments (including body parts of endangered species) and their use; traditional ways of treating animal diseases – ethnoveterinary medicine; natural therapies and biomedicine, including comparison of treatments administered by healers and medical doctors; therapeutic pluralism; examples of and perspectives for cooperation between healers and medical doctors; alleged illegal (new) drug tests performed in African countries; biopiracy; traditional medicine and new health hazards (HIV, ebola); African plants as a source of new drugs; African culture-bound syndromes (intwaso, brain fog); transcultural

psychiatry; and practices of African traditional healers among immigrants in Europe. 300 word abstracts by 1 September 2013 to Lukasz Braun: lukasz.braun@umed.wroc.pl

'African Diasporas: Old and New', University of Texas, Austin, USA, 3–6 April 2014. The goal of this conference is to create an interdisciplinary dialogue concerning Africa and Africans throughout the world from both historical and contemporary approaches. This conference seeks to bring together a vast array of scholars on a variety of academic levels to discuss the complex experiences of African descended peoples across the globe.

What is the African Diaspora? How are old and new diasporas discussed in a variety of disciplines? How can we conceptualize the African Diaspora? What is the role of the African Diaspora in modern politics? How do various groups within old and new African diasporas conceptualize themselves in relation to others? How do diasporic voices shape conceptualizations of individual and collective identities? What will the African diaspora look like in the future?

Some potential topics may include: conceptualizations of Diaspora; historiographical debates on the African Diaspora; human rights in the African Diaspora; identity politics in the African Diaspora; the concept of homeland; reverse migrations; transnationalism, immigration, and citizenship; expressive culture in the African Diaspora; religion, traditional culture, and creolization in the African Diaspora; New Media and social media in the African Diaspora; slavery and the African Diaspora; kinship; Indian Ocean networks; Trans-Saharan Trade; colonialism, labour, and the African Diaspora; New Diaspora history; migration and memory; international politics in the African diaspora; forms of transnational political protest in the African Diaspora; and cultural expressions of political realities, including political protest in the forms of music, literature, film, and art, both in Africa and throughout the Diaspora. Submitted papers will be assigned to particular panels according to similarities in theme, topic, discipline, or geographical location. Papers can also be submitted together as a panel.

This conference also has a commitment to professional development which will be fostered through workshops in writing, publishing, and conference presentation. The conference will also provide ample time for professionals from various disciplines and geographical locations to interact, exchange ideas, and receive feedback. Graduate students are especially encouraged to attend and present papers and will be partnered with a senior scholar to encourage their own growth as scholars. 250-word abstracts by 30 November 2013 to Cacee Hoyer *and* Danielle Sanchez: africainconference2014@gmail.com

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

Sara Abdalla (2012), 'An e-Government Adoption Framework for Developing Countries: A Case Study from Sudan', Ph.D thesis, Cranfield University. Supervisor: Dr Ip-Shing Fan; <http://dspace.lib.cranfield.ac.uk/handle/1826/7314>

Ali Irhuma Abubrig (2013), 'Towards a Holistic Islamic Urbanism: Planning for Tripoli in the New Libya', Ph.D thesis, University of Leicester. Supervisors: Dr Gavin Brown and Dr Angus Cameron; <http://hdl.handle.net/2381/27787>

Kelechi Theophilus Anyigor (2012), 'Social Capital, Local Economic Development and Environmental Quality in Deprived Communities: The Case of the Kpirikpiri Community in South-East Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, Northumbria University; <http://nrl.northumbria.ac.uk/8652/>

Dorcas Aina Ayeni (2012), 'Enhancing and Developing Sustainable Tourism Through Landscaping in Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, De Montfort University. Supervisors: Dr O. John Ebohon and Dr Ahmed H. Taki; <http://hdl.handle.net/2086/7732>

Thomas John Biginagwa (2012), 'Historical Archaeology of the 19th Century Caravan Trade in North-Eastern Tanzania: A Zooarchaeological Perspective', Ph.D thesis, University of York. Supervisors: Dr Paul Lane and Professor Terry O'Connor; <http://etheses.whiterose.ac.uk/2326/>

Andrew Brooks (2012), 'Riches From Rags or Persistent Poverty?: Inequality in the Transnational Second-Hand Clothing Trade in Mozambique', Ph.D thesis, Royal Holloway, University of London. Supervisors: Professor David Simon and Dr Dorothea Kleine.

John Chizea (2012), 'Stock Market Development and Economic Growth in Nigeria: A Time Series Study for the Period 1980-2007', Ph.D thesis, Northumbria University. Supervisor: Professor Peter Galvin; <http://nrl.northumbria.ac.uk/10337/>

Oliver Coates (2013), 'A Social History of Military Service in South-Western Nigeria, 1939-1955', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Professor John Iliffe.

Zoë Andrea Denness (2013), "'A Question which Affects our Prestige as a Nation": The History of British Civilian Internment, 1899-1945 [includes South Africa]', Ph.D thesis, University of Birmingham. Supervisor: Dr Gavin Schaffer; <http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/3991/>

Philip Dow (2013), 'The Influence of American Evangelical Missionaries on US Relations with East and Central Africa during the Cold War', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Dr Andrew Preston.

Shu-Ming Hung (2012), 'Intersubjectivity in the Fiction of Doris Lessing', Ph.D thesis, Durham University.

Kyela Leakey (2012), 'The Role of the Chief Justice in Commonwealth Africa: A Comparative Study of South Africa, Ghana and Kenya', Ph.D thesis, Queen Mary, University of London. Supervisor: Professor Andrew Le Sueur; <http://qmro.qmul.ac.uk/jspui/handle/123456789/3347>

Jennifer Leavy (2012), 'Social Networks and Economic Life in Rural Zambia', Ph.D thesis, University of Sussex. Supervisors: Dr Julie Litchfield and Dr Howard White; <http://sro.sussex.ac.uk/40669/>

Matthew Gibson Lynas (2012), 'The State and the Making of the White Settler Agriculture in Natal c.1820-c.1990', Ph.D thesis, University of Aberdeen. Supervisor: Dr Andrew Dilley.

Patrick O. Malaolu (2012), 'Media Representation and Democracy in Africa: Why There are No Skyscrapers in Nigeria: A Critical Analysis of UK News Media's Representation of Nigeria's Democracy, 1997-2007', Ph.D thesis, University of Stirling. Supervisors: Dr Graham Meikle, Dr Richard Haynes and Dr Jairo Lugo-Ocando; <http://hdl.handle.net/1893/11208>

Wadrine Maro (2013), 'Design and Evaluation of a Professional Development Programme to Support Activity-Based Biology Teaching and Learning in Tanzanian Secondary Schools', Ph.D thesis, University of Southampton. Supervisors: Dr Marcus Grace, Dr Jenny Byrne and Dr Felix Maringe; <http://eprints.soton.ac.uk/350762/>

Thabo Msibi (2013), '"We Are What You Think We Are Not": A Study of Black South African Male Teachers who Engage in Same-Sex Relations', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Dr Jo-Anne Dillabough.

Joel Chijioke Nwalozie (2012), 'Armed Robbery in Nigeria: A Qualitative Study of Young Male Robbers', Ph.D thesis, University of Manchester. Supervisors: Jonathan Spencer and Dr Juan Medina-Ariza; <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/escholar/uk-ac-man-scw:155586>

Ndubuisi Ndubechukwu Nwokolo (2013), 'The Political Economy of Oil Resource Conflicts: A Study of Oil Village Communities in Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, University of Birmingham. Supervisor: Professor Paul Jackson; <http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/4060/>

Michelle Osborn (2012), 'Authority in a Nairobi Slum: Chiefs and Bureaucracy in Kibera', D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisors: Dr David Pratten and Professor David Anderson.

Jack Busalile Mwimali Ouma (2013), 'Conceptualisation and Operationalisation of the Right to a Fair Trial in Criminal Justice in Kenya', Ph.D thesis, University of Birmingham. Supervisor: Dr Adrian Hunt; <http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/3984/>

Alistair Price (2013), 'The Influence of Human Rights on State Negligence Liability in England and South Africa', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Professor Christopher F. Forsyth.

Carin Ferris Runciman (2012), 'Mobilisation and Insurgent Citizenship of the Anti-Privatisation Forum, South Africa: An Ethnographic Study', Ph.D thesis, University of Glasgow; <http://theses.gla.ac.uk/3706/>

Ethan Sanders (2013), 'The African Association and the Growth and Movement of Political Thought in Mid-Twentieth Century East Africa', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisors: Dr Derek Peterson and Professor John Lonsdale.

Laura Savage (2013), 'Understanding Ownership in the Malawi Education Sector: "Should we Tell Them What to do or Let Them Make the Wrong Decision?"', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Professor James Mayall.

Björn Schulte-Herbruggen (2012), 'The Importance of Bushmeat in the Livelihoods of Cocoa Farmers Living in a Wildlife Depleted Farm-Forest Landscape, SW Ghana', Ph.D thesis, University College London; <http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1348141/>

Lindsay Scorgie (2013), 'Rwenzori Rebels: The Allied Democratic Forces Conflict in the Uganda-Congo Borderland', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Dr Devon Curtis.

John Luke Seneviratne Staniland (2012), 'Tale of Two Townships: Race, Class and the Changing Contours of Collective Action in the Cape Town Townships of Guguletu and Bonteheuwel, 1976-2006', Ph.D thesis, University of Edinburgh. Supervisors: Professor Paul Nugent and Dr Sara Rich Dorman; <http://hdl.handle.net/1842/6420>

Gloria K. Seruwagi (2012), 'Examining the Agency and Construction of "Orphans and Vulnerable Children" in Rural Uganda', Ph.D thesis, University of Huddersfield. Supervisors: Dr Jane Tobbell and Dr Dominic Pasura; <http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/17506/>

Lucy Boniface Ssendi (2013), 'Entrepreneurship Activities in Rural Tanzania: Understanding Women's Micro Businesses', Ph.D thesis, Robert Gordon University. Supervisors: Professor Rebecca Wallace and Professor Alistair R. Anderson; <https://openair.rgu.ac.uk/handle/10059/809>

Alex Wilshaw (2013), 'An Investigation into the LSA [Late Stone Age] of the Nakuru-Naivasha Basin and Surround, Central Rift Valley, Kenya: Technological

Classifications and Population Considerations', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Dr Marta Mirazón-Lahr.

Phyllan Zamchiya (2012), 'Agrarian Change in Zimbabwe: Politics, Production and Accumulation', D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisor: Professor Jocelyn Alexander.

Collin Zhuawu (2012), *Engaging Africa in a Changing International Political Economy: Mauritius' Activism and Co-operation in the World Trade Organisation (WTO)*', Ph.D thesis, University of Birmingham. Supervisor: Nicola Jo-Ann Smith and Professor Donna Lee; <http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/3978/>

Recent Publications

Andrew Bank and Leslie J. Bank (eds) (2013), *Inside African Anthropology: Monica Wilson and Her Interpreters* (The International African Library). Cambridge University Press, 368pp, 978-1107029385, £55.

Neil Carrier and Gernot Klantschnig (2012), *Africa and the War on Drugs* (African Arguments). London: Zed Books, 192pp, 978-1848139664, £11.99.

Stephen Chan (ed) (2013), *The Morality of China in Africa*. Zed Books, 168pp, 978-1780325668, £14.99.

Annie E. Coombes, Lotte Hughes and Karega-Munene (2013), *Managing Heritage, Making Peace: History, Identity and Memory in Contemporary Kenya*. I.B. Tauris, 272pp, 978-1780761527, £59.50.

Barry Gilder (2012), *Songs and Secrets: South Africa from Liberation to Governance*. Hurst, 359pp, 978-1-84094-237-6, £20.

Deborah Johnston (2013), *Economics and HIV: The Sickness of Economics*. Routledge, 206pp, 978-0415681162, £80.

Gernot Klantschnig (2013), *Crime, Drugs and the State in Africa: The Nigerian Connection*. Leiden, Dordrecht: Brill, Republic of Letters, 248pp, 978-9089791047, £35.

Aloysius Newenham-Kahindi, Ken N. Kamoche, Amon Chizema and Kamel Mellahi (eds) (2013), *Effective People Management in Africa*. Palgrave Macmillan, 288 pages, 9780230354913, £65.

Terry McKnight and Michael Hirsh (2012), *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somalia*. US Naval Institute Press, 272pp, 978-1612511344, £21.95.

Peter Woodward (2012), *Crisis in the Horn of Africa: Politics, Piracy and the Threat of Terror*. I. B. Tauris, 240pp, 978-1-78076-221-0, £14.99.

Ashgate's 2013 African Studies catalogue can be downloaded from Ashgate's website: www.ashgate.com/africanstudies The catalogue lists Ashgate's new titles for publication in 2013 and features books across a broad range of subject areas including: African Law and Business; African Politics, International Relations and Sociology; African Religious Studies; African Art, Literature and Music; African Geography and Architecture; and African History. All orders via www.ashgate.com receive a 10% discount. If you would like to receive a print version of this catalogue in the post then please email Ashgate: info@ashgatepublishing.com

News

Call for Applications for ASAUK Teaching Fellowship Scheme, 2013-14

The ASAUK is offering £9,000 to support a teaching fellowship in the Social Sciences or Humanities for a UK-based academic to work in an African university. We are looking for applications from early career academics who have finished doctoral degrees on African topics in British universities since 2008. The award is open to applicants of any nationality who have graduated from British universities. The award is designed to cover 3-4 months' subsistence with additional travel expenses provided for one international airfare.

The ASAUK has a flexible approach to the award and would be keen to support co-funding or exchange arrangements to sustain a longer placement period. In addition to their agreed teaching duties, the successful candidate will be encouraged to propose a writing workshop (see <http://www.asauk.net/writing.shtml>). If such a workshop is accepted for funding by the ASAUK, fellows will be paid an additional sum to cover their additional time and administrative work.

In applying for a teaching fellowship, the applicant should submit:

- Evidence of a mentor in the host institution;
- A CV, including research plans and teaching experience;
- A short description of teaching plans and any co-funding or partnership arrangement;
- A letter of support from a sponsor in an African institution;
- A letter of support from a supervisor or other referee in the UK.

For a description of the Teaching Fellowship scheme and a report on a recent fellowship, please visit <http://www.asauk.net/teaching.shtml>

Applicants should send the above by email by 15th November 2013. to Professor Steph Newell: s.newell@sussex.ac.uk Applicants will be notified of the decision by 15th December with an anticipated start date between January and April 2014.

CIMARC Scholarships for West African Researchers

“The ambitious UN development report will be food for termites unless we put governments under pressure to achieve its laudable aims”, so began a recent article in the Guardian (30 May) by Duncan Green and Stephen Hale. They were commenting on the report by the UN Secretary General that looked beyond the Millennium Development Goals, which are supposed to be ‘met’ by the end of 2015. The authors praised the vision of the Secretary General’s report but they were wary because, it is “power and politics that determine which good ideas become policy, and which are ignored.”

Hence, there is a continuing need to stress the importance of good governance, transparency and accountability as vital tools in the development process – it was unfortunate that none were recognised in the original eight MDGs.

Following on their successful workshop for African and British journalism educators in Luton last year, the University of Bedfordshire’s Centre for International Media Analysis, Research and Consultancy (CIMARC) is launching an initiative which, in a small way, is aimed at addressing this issue. The University’s media and law departments are funding three visiting scholars a year from West Africa, who have a particular interest in the broad areas of communication, democracy, human rights and post-conflict resolution, to spend a month at the University.

In that time it is hoped that the scholar will deliver a research seminar paper, contribute a workshop to either (or both) the departments’ respective Masters programmes in International Journalism and International Human Rights Law and engage in discussions about possible joint research projects. In addition, depending on the scholars’ particular interests, visits, meetings and networking opportunities in London will be offered. The scholarships will cover travel, accommodation and subsistence for one month. It is hoped that the first scholar will be in the UK for the month of November 2013.

Applicants are encouraged from academics, or academic practitioners, from the Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The application should take the form of a letter, a CV, a brief outline (maximum 500 words) of how they would hope to benefit from the scholarship and one example of a recently published work in the area of interest. Applications by 31 August 2013 to the co-directors of CIMARC at the University of Bedfordshire, Professor Ivor Gaber: ivor.gaber@beds.ac.uk and Professor Jon Silverman: jon.silverman@beds.ac.uk

The Review of African Political Economy: Africa Small Research Grant Competition

ROAPE is pleased to announce the establishment of a small research grants competition for African scholars/activists based in Africa and pursuing a political economy agenda.

ROAPE is a refereed journal committed to encouraging high quality research and fostering excellence in the understanding of African political economy, and is listed in the Thomson Reuters Social Sciences Citation Index. Published quarterly by Taylor & Francis for the ROAPE international collective, it has since 1974 provided radical analysis of trends, issues and social processes in Africa, adopting a broadly materialist interpretation of change. It has paid particular attention to the political economy of inequality, exploitation and oppression and struggles against them, whether driven by global forces or local ones such as class, race, community and gender. It sustains a critical analysis of the nature of power and the state in Africa in the context of capitalist globalisation. For more details about the journal and examples of published articles please go to www.roape.org

The small grant competition is based on the premise that the shortage of funding for critical research is one of the problems faced by Africa-based scholars/activists wishing to carry forward a political economy agenda. In response to this, ROAPE is offering up to four small research grants (each up to £3,000).

Applicants should be nationals of an African country and residents in an African country. African scholars based outside Africa will not be considered. Applicants are expected to submit: a brief CV (2 pages maximum); and an outline of their research proposals in no more than 1,200 words in total. This will consist of a title, an abstract of no more than 150 words, the research problem and the key research questions to be addressed, the methodology to be adopted in the proposed study, and a budget of how the grant would be used. This may include costs incurred for travel, accommodation, subsistence, equipment, research permits, research assistance, and/or photocopying and printing. The grant can also be used as remuneration for time spent writing up the findings of previously completed research (if this is the case it should be reflected in the application).

Recipients of the grants are expected to submit a one-page final report two months after the end of the research period. Successful candidates are also expected to submit for consideration to ROAPE an article based on the research funded by the small grant. The article will be peer-reviewed according to the standard procedure followed by the journal.

Grants can be held for up to one year and will be paid in two tranches. Upon acceptance of a research proposal, ROAPE will disburse half of the grant to successful candidates to contribute towards research expenses. The remaining half will be paid to authors following the submission of an article to ROAPE on the research funded by this small grant. Applications and enquires by 31 July 2013 with the subject line of 'Africa Small Research Grant Competition' to: roape@sheffield.ac.uk

Queen's Birthday Honours

Professor Graham Furniss, Professor of African Language Literature at SOAS and former President of ASAUK, was awarded an OBE 'For services to Higher Education and Scholarship' in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June.

Obituaries

Professor Thurstan Shaw

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Dr Alison Redmayne

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