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An Apology

Sharp-eyed (and, no doubt, disappointed) members will have noticed that no number of the *ASAUK Newsletter* arrived with the January issue of *African Affairs*. The Editor sent off the *Newsletter* to OUP Mailing Services (who deal with the inserts in *African Issues*) immediately after the New Year, before leaving for visits to Ghana and Kenya, which lasted most of January. He therefore did not learn, until after the January issue arrived in February, that OUP had moved its Mailing Services from Abingdon to Corby. By this time it was, naturally, too late. When asked about this oversight OUP admitted that they had not thought to warn the Editor of this change in their arrangements. As the mistake was the OUP's, they agreed to mail out the delayed *Newsletter*, free of charge. Thus members have received their *Newsletter* in March, at the earliest.

The Editor apologises to any readers who have been inconvenienced by this delay. Looking at the positive side, however, receipt of the *Newsletter* on its own may alert more readers to the treat they have been automatically throwing away with all the other inserts in *African Affairs*, and they will now eagerly look out for each new number.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS ASAUK BIENNIAL CONFERENCE FOR 2004

The ASAUK Biennial Conference for 2004 will be held at Goldsmiths College, University of London on Monday-Wednesday, 13-15 September 2004. Those wishing to give individuals papers or to organize panels are invited to contact: Dr. Nici Nelson, Anthropology Department, Goldsmiths College, London SE14 6NW; tel: 0207-919-7804; email: n.nelson@gold.ac.uk.

Audrey Richards Dissertation Prize-Giving

ASAUK members are cordially invited to a reception on 20 May to mark the awarding of the 2002 Audrey Richards Dissertation Prize. The reception will be held at the School of Oriental and African Studies following the Royal Africa Society AGM and the Mary Kinglsey Zuchonis Lecture. The winner, Helen Tilley

(Oxford) and the 2 runners up, Monica Bungaro (Birmingham) and Michael Taylor (Edinburgh), will receive their awards at that time. The reception will also honour the publishers who have so generously supported the award. These include James Currey, Edinburgh University Press, Hodder and Stoughton, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Taylor and Francis, Zed Books and Heinemann. The membership of ASUK and RAS are invited to attend.

Meetings, Lectures and Events

13 June: Third annual 'Researching Africa Day', St Antony's College, Oxford, 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. Researching Africa Day is a multi-disciplinary workshop for postgraduates who have recently engaged in research in Africa. Students of history, political science, geography, economics, anthropology, archaeology and the natural sciences are invited to present and/or attend. It is an opportunity to meet with fellow researchers, to exchange information and experiences and to discuss research strategies and their practice in relation to the African Continent. Deadline for general registration is 30 April. Contact: Maitseo Bolaane (email: maitseo.bolaane@sant.ox.ac.uk) or Andrew Hurst (andrew.hurst@geog.ox.ac.uk).

Conferences Future. . .

Conference listings may appear twice: one short and one long, the second notice appearing in the nearest quarterly number prior to the conference date. Organizers are invited to keep the Newsletter up-to-date with any changes or additions to earlier notices.

UNITED KINGDOM

20-21 May: 'New research in the Great Lakes Region Workshop', Edinburgh. Contact Jude Murison, email: j.murison@warwick.ac.uk or Rachel Hayman, email: R.C.Hayman@sms.ed.ac.uk.

21-22 May: 'Remaking law in Africa: transnationalism, persons and rights', Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh. In 2003, the Centre's annual international conference will examine the ways that law is embedded in and shaped by processes that have an impact upon political, economic, and social development in Africa. Contact: Pravina King: African.Studies@ed.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0) 131 650 3878/9; fax: +44 (0) 131 650 6535 or by mail to Centre of African Studies, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD, Scotland.

16-18 July: 'Orality and Literacy in the Horn of Africa: Emerging Themes'. This two-day workshop will explore the history and modern relevance of relations between orality and literacy in the Horn of Africa. Discussions will be inclusive of all the cultures of the region. Participants, drawn from Eritrea, Ethiopia and the Somali-lands, and from institutions in the UK, Europe, and the USA will include Professor Alessandro Triulzi (Italy) Dr Ali Jimale Ahmed (USA/Somalia), Professor Donald Crummey (USA), Professor Irma Taddia (Italy), Dr Uoldelul Chelati Dirar (Eritrea), Dr Getie Gelaye (Germany/Ethiopia), Professor Neal Sobania (USA), Professor I. M. Lewis (UK). Contact Dr Cedric Barnes (convener)/e-mail: cb62@soas.ac.uk; tel: 020 7898 4093. Participation by invitation.

5-8 September: 'Africa: Partnership as Imperialism?', sponsored by *The Review of African Political Economy* and the Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, at the Manor House, Bristol Road South, Birmingham. Africa is being actively encouraged to seek partnerships with international agencies, western capital and donor governments as a way of promoting economic growth and improved governance, and enhancing living standards. Yet Africa's experience with world markets, aid and trade has not enhanced the continent's growth. On the contrary, the continent's external relations have tended to exacerbate its problems. Just what does 'partnership' represent in such a context? Is it an exchange between equals? Is it instead a new phase of imperialist control? Can we talk of partnership-as-imperialism? Contact: Reginald Cline-Cole or Lynne Brydon, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT; tel: +44 (0)121-414-5123/5128; fax: +44 (0)121-414-3228; email: r.e.a.cline-cole@bham.ac.uk or l.brydon@bham.ac.uk.

24 October: 'Eastern African visual "traditions": new perspectives', a one day colloquium to be held at the New Education Centre of the Horniman Museum, Forest Hill in South London. This colloquium is aimed at providing a forum for the re-assessment of the significance of visual forms and practices in Eastern Africa. Contact: Hassan Arero, Ph.D., Keeper of Anthropology, Horniman Museum, 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ; tel: (020) 8699 1872/4911 ext. 135; fax (020) 8291 5506; email: harero@horniman.ac.uk; or Zachary Kingdon, Ph.D., Curator of African Collections, Humanities Department, Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3 8EN, tel. (0) 151 478 4377; fax: (0)151478 4350; email: Zachary.kingdon@nmgm.org.

INTERNATIONAL

24-25 April: 'Youth and the Politics of Generational Conflict in Africa' organized by The African Studies Centre, Leiden. There are good reasons to reconsider African politics and social movements in the light of generational conflict: African youth, while forming a numerical majority, often feel excluded from power and are marginalized in socio-economic terms. This makes for a politically volatile situation in many African countries. This international conference will discuss this problematic on the basis of empirical research contributions and comparative analyses. Papers will be presented by an invited group of leading scholars from various disciplines (political science, history, anthropology and sociology). This conference is open to anyone interested and the programme will be available on the ASC website as soon as it has been finalized: <http://www.asc/leidenuniv.nl>.

31 May-4 June: The Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies will be held at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, within the framework of the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences. The theme of the Conference is 'Oceans Apart, Worlds Together: Africa and Asia in South-South contexts'. It is planned to have the preliminary programme on the CAAS website by mid-April: www.caas.umontreal.ca. All conference participants must register for the Congress as well as for the CAAS Conference. For further information, contact the CAAS Secretariat (Annamaria Piccioni, Brooke Ellis) c/o CETASE University of Montreal, P.O. Box 6128, Succ. Centre-Ville, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.H3C 3J7; tel:+1 514 343 - 6569; fax: +1 514 343 - 7716; email: caas@cetase.umontreal.ca.

11-13 June: *'Rhétoriques et Droits. Truth and Reconciliation in post-apartheid South Africa'*. A Symposium into the comparative rhetoric(s) of democracy/ies in Ancient Greece, Modern France and Post-Apartheid South Africa will be held in Paris, at Fondation Singer-Polignac and Ecole normale supérieure, under the aegis of the French Academy and the high patronage of Academician Jacqueline de Romilly. Contact: Philippe-Joseph Salazar, Distinguished Professor in Humane Letters, Centre for Rhetoric Studies, University of Cape Town, Private Bag 7701 Rondebosch, South Africa; email: salazar@telkomsa.net; Visit the website at <http://www.uct.ac.za/depts/rhetoricafrika>.

17-22 June: The 4th World Congress of African Linguistics and The 34th Annual Conference on African Linguistics will be held at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA. Theme of both conferences *'The Description of African Languages in a Rapidly Changing Field'*. Further Information at <http://www.wocal4.rutgers.edu>.

25-28 June: *'Colonial Shakespeare: Performance, Translation and Reception'*. Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa 6th Triennial Congress, Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa. The Conference will interpret the term 'Colonial' very broadly to include all cultural participation in the Shakespearean diaspora. Contact: Hilde Slinger, Congress Convenor, Colonial Shakespeare, c/o The Institute for the Study of English in Africa, Rhodes University, P O Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140, Republic of South Africa; email: Slinger@ru.ac.za; tel + 27 (0)46-603-8335; fax + 27 (0)46-603-8566; or SSOSA Secretary, Beverley Cummings, email: b.cummings@ru.ac.za; tel + 27 (0)46-622-6093; fax + 27 (0)46-603-8566; <http://www.ru.ac.za/ShakespeareCongress>.

27-30 June: *'Corporate social responsibility and diversity: histories, principles, practices'*, Institute for Intercultural and Diversity Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town & Diversity Studies Program, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University. Papers are sought for a conference that will explore the linkages between two signal contemporary concerns, corporate social responsibility and diversity, by bringing together representatives and stakeholders from across the academy, the corporate sector, trade unions, civil society, and government in the United States, South Africa, and elsewhere. Details: www.nyu.edu/gsas/diversitystudies.

1-3 August: *'Contemporary Development Issues in Ethiopia'*, the Ethiopian American Foundation (EAF) announces the second bi-annual international conference on contemporary development issues in Ethiopia. Contact: Ms. Rena Lynema, Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR), Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, USA; fax (616) 387-0630; email: rena.lynema@wmich.edu; <http://www.wmich.edu/hcenter>.

4-8 August: *The South African AIDS Conference 2003* will be held at the ICC Durban from 2003. The South African Aids Conference 2003 is unique in that it combines science and the community to get a broader African perspective. Attendants can expect to hear both sides of the story from those in the know, as well as solutions to this worrying epidemic. Contact Tilda Reyneke at the South African AIDS Conference 2003 office PO Box 74789, Lynnwood Ridge 0040; tel: (012) 4812059; fax: (012) 4812083; email: tildar@samedical.org.

10-14 November: *'Literary Manifestations of the African Diaspora'* University of the Cape Coast (Ghana). The organizers of this conference invite papers from critics,

scholars and researchers engaged in examining literary representations of the African diaspora in historical and sociological perspectives. The conference is sponsored by the University of Cape Coast and the Harriet Tubman Resource Centre on the African Diaspora at York University, in collaboration with the UNESCO Slave Route Project.. Contact: Dr. J. Opoku Agyemang email: diaspora@africaonline.com.gh.

Kenneth Kirkwood Memorial Fund

A fund has been established to commemorate the contribution of Professor Kenneth Kirkwood to African education and St Antony's College. Professor Kirkwood was Rhodes Professor of Race Relations at the University of Oxford from 1955 to 1986 and co-ordinator of African Studies at St Antony's College. The fund is managed by the Africa Educational Trust.

Applications are invited from postgraduate students in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Geography registered at UK universities from Southern Africa (including South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique and Malawi). Preference will be given to students registered at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. The fund is initially to be devoted to cases of hardship or unexpected financial difficulties for students who are completing postgraduate degrees.

St Antony's students should apply to Polly Friedhoff, Development Office, St Antony's College. Others should apply to the Director, Africa Educational Trust, 38 King Street, London, WC2E 8JS. Applications should include a short statement about research and progress, a reference from a supervisor, and an explanation of the need for funding. Initial grants are likely to be in the region of £500. The closing date for applications is 15 April 2003.

Call for Papers *Journal of Cultural Studies*

The Editorial Board of the *Journal of Cultural Studies*, herewith invites interested scholars to participate as authors. In several issues of the journal to be published within the next three years 2003-2005, the Journal would be interested in publishing specific themes relating to the conceptualization of cultural studies in Africa.

The issues are in response to the large consensus regarding the importance of cultural studies to the contemporary intellectual, social, political and economic experiences of the African peoples. As a matter of urgency, there is the need to translate the diverse institutional and transformative properties of African cultures into an organized discipline of study, which, in the main, would pursue the construction of bridges between cultural theories and the imperatives for Africa's overall development.

The issues are conceived means by which this process of positive change in African scholarship and development would be facilitated. Scholars are therefore invited to submit papers on the following themes, among others: Culture and Cultural Studies in Africa – Theoretical Underpinnings; African Cultures in

Historical Perspective; African Cultures: the Scientific Dimensions; African Cultures: the Humanistic Dimensions; African Cultures – the Environmental and Management Dimensions; The Role of the Cultural Critic; Literary Discourse as an Agency; Western Epistemology and Cultural Studies in Africa; Globalization and Cultural Studies in Africa; Re-inventing Gender in African Cultures; Cultural Studies and the African Renaissance; Restructuring African Development through Cultural Studies.

We require that all contributions should have strong theoretical backgrounds, which significantly derive from and/or relate to the diverse experiences of Africans. Contributions should exhibit characteristics upon which further research in African cultures can be built. It is important that the final product should fit into a system that would provide various co-ordinate directions for the development of cultural studies in Africa. Submissions are encouraged from within and outside Africa. Each paper should be as exhaustive of its theme as possible, but should normally not exceed 25 A4 pages, typed double-spaced.

Submissions should be sent in as electronic mail (attached files) to the editor, Udu Yakubu: yakubj@yahoo.com.

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

The Newsletter depends on supervisors and successful candidates to supply us with details of new theses.

Nicholas James, 'A Geographical Study of Nembudziya, Gokwe North, Zimbabwe: the Relationship between Agrarian Environmental Change and Household Food Security in a Cotton Growing Area', Lancaster University, December 2002, supervisors Murray Steele and Nigel Richardson.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Listings of recently published or forthcoming books by ASAUk/RAS members. Members are invited to send in details, including number of pages, ISBN numbers, price and publication date (where known).

Deborah F. Bryceson (ed.), *Alcohol in Africa: Mixing Business, Pleasure and Politics* (Portsmouth NH: Heinemann, 2002), 305pp. ISBN 0-325-07115-2 (cloth), £45.25.

Anthony Kirk-Greene, *'In Brotherhood We Stand' A Short History of the Britain-Nigeria Association 1961-2001*, 60pp. July 2002 (Obtainable from The Britain-Nigeria Association, 2 Vincent Street, London SW1P 4LD (020 7828 5588), £10 per copy post free).

Olayiwola Abegunrin, *Nigerian Foreign Policy Under Military Rule, 1966-1999* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003), 240 pp. ISBN: 0-275-97881-8 (Cloth) \$64.95.

Hans Zell (ed.), *The African Studies Companion: A Guide to Information Sources*, 3rd ed. (Hans Zell Publishing Consultants, June 2003), 480pp. ISBN (cloth) 0-9541029-1-6, £95.00/\$160.00 combined print edition and online version (available from Hans Zell Publishing Consultants, Glais Bheinn, Lochcarron, Ross-shire IV54 8YB, Scotland, email: hanszell@hanszell.co.uk).

Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

Edinburgh University: Sara Rich-Dorman, formerly of Asmara University, has taken up an appointment as lecturer in African and International Politics.

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

Pitt Rivers Museum, University of Oxford: Elizabeth Edwards and Jeremy Coote have been awarded a £224,668 AHRB grant for the Resource Enhancement Scheme project '*Recovering the Material and Visual Cultures of the Southern Sudan: A Museological Resource*'. Work will begin around 1 October 2003.

African Studies Centre, Leiden: An annual award been set up by the African Studies Centre in Leiden, the Netherlands and aims to encourage student research and writing on Africa, and to promote the study of African cultures and societies. It will be presented to a student whose Master's thesis has been completed on the basis of research conducted on Africa. Any final-year student who has completed his/her Master's study with distinction at a university in the Netherlands or in Africa can be awarded the ASC Master's thesis prize. The thesis, in Dutch, English or French, must be based on independent empirical. It must have been examined within one year prior to the deadline for submitting manuscripts (see below). Work that has already won a prize elsewhere cannot be considered for this award. The award may also be granted to any other final-year piece of work in the form of film, video or CD Rom that presents a clear analysis of an issue relating to Africa. (The term 'thesis' is also used to include these other forms of scientific reporting.) The award consists of a prize for the winning thesis and the publication of the work in the ASC Research Report series. In addition, stipends of €1000 and €3000 respectively are available to cover the costs of a possible period of follow-up research.

The annual deadline for the submission of theses is 1 May. The jury will announce its decision at the beginning of September and the official presentation of the award will be made by the Director of the African Studies Centre during a formal ceremony in October. The winner will be invited to present his/her work at a seminar at the ASC. A date will be set for submitting a follow-up research proposal if the candidate is interested in accepting the stipend reserved for that purpose. The decision of the jury is final and no correspondence will be entered into concerning this decision.

Note to Contributors

The *Newsletter* solicits short reports (of around 2-300 words) on recent conferences, announcements of forthcoming conferences, symposia and workshops (giving topic, date, venue, and contact address), announcements of the awarding of grants, fellowships and prizes, news of appointments and visiting fellowships, recently completed theses, publication announcements of books by members, and brief articles or notices on matters of importance to Africanists in the UK. All items for inclusion in the *Newsletter* should be sent to Douglas H. Johnson, Editor, ASAUK Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or e-mail: 106155.3441@compuserve.com (preferably as text, not as attachments). **Deadlines** are *15 December* (for the January Newsletter), *15 March* (for April), *15 June* (for July), and *15 September* (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASAUK.

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