

Update on the 2018 ASAUK Conference

Preparations for the 2018 Conference of the African Studies Association of the UK, to be held on 11-13 September at the University of Birmingham, are progressing. I am very grateful to the support of Elisa Tuijnder, our fantastic conference organizer this year, the University of Birmingham, the ASAUK Council, the Royal African Society, and other colleagues for supporting conference organization and planning.

After receiving several requests for an extension of the deadline for submissions, the abstract submission deadline has been extended to 30 March 2018. With over 1,000 registrations on the organizing system, 50 streams covering a wide range of topics, many stand-alone panels, roundtables, film presentations, and book launches, the conference is beginning to look very exciting. In addition to the traditional conference dinner, where the Association's prizes will be awarded, the conference programme also includes an informal get-together on the first night over a barbeque.

The keynote address, given by Kenyan and South African public intellectual Professor Grace Musila from Stellenbosch University, is entitled "MAKHUMALO'S SPAZA SHOP || LENA MOI'S DANCE" and will set the life stories of South Africa's Gertrude Sizakele 'MaKhumalo' Zuma and Kenya's Helena 'Lena' Tungo Moi in conversation.

In addition to bursaries awarded by Stream organisers, the conference has so far raised the funds for 30 bursaries for African scholars, funded by the Guggenheim Foundation, the ASAUK, and the College of Arts and Law and the Department of African Studies and Anthropology at the University of Birmingham. This year we have created the additional possibility for all conference participants to make a small donation towards further bursaries when paying for the conference. The conference organisers would like to thank all those colleagues who have contributed to our bursary funds upon registration. Early bird rates will be maintained until 1st June 2018 in order to encourage everyone to pay early so that we can offer additional bursaries for African scholars later in the year.

We are collaborating closely with the Royal African Society and the University of Birmingham to ensure that we can provide strong support to all colleagues in need of a visa. Please note that all visa support requests will have to be submitted by 1 June 2018 to the conference organisers so that we ensure a high number of African and other international participants.

The conference organizing committee and I are greatly looking forward to welcoming everyone to an amazing conference at the University of Birmingham in September!

Dr Insa Nolte
ASAUK President 2016-18

For more details on the conference, see <http://www.asauk.net/general-information/>

For a list of conference streams, see <http://www.asauk.net/activity/streams-asauk-2018/>

For details on how to submit a panel or paper abstract, see <http://www.asauk.net/how-to-submit-a-panel-or-paper/>

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ASAUK Statement on Strike Action

The African Studies Association UK (ASAUK) expresses full support to its members undertaking industrial action against proposed changes to the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).

We are extremely concerned about the deleterious effects that the proposed pension cuts would have on attracting and retaining the international scholars upon which African Studies relies. This will aggravate the difficulties we face because of an increasingly hostile visa regime and fallout from the decision to exit the European Union. The proposed changes would have serious consequences for equality. They will have a disproportionate adverse effect on women, on early career colleagues and on Black and Minority Ethnic academics, all of whom we represent.

We believe that this will have a direct bearing on our intellectual mission of supporting world-leading Africa-related research. We call upon Universities UK to withdraw its proposals for changes to USS and to prioritize securing a fair pension plan that values the teaching, research, and professional services staff upon whom universities rely.

Dr Insa Nolte, President, and Professor Ambreena Manji, Vice-President,
on behalf of ASAUK,
12 March 2018

Conferences Future...

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'Congolese Studies: Past, Present, Future', Congo Research Network Conference 2018, St Antony's College, Oxford, 26-27 April 2018. The conference aims to bring together junior and senior scholars across the humanities and social sciences, sharing a common interest in the DRC. It specifically aims to provide space for interdisciplinary and comparative analyses and reflections, within and beyond Congolese Studies. Congo's geographic centrality, the sustained demand for its resources on global markets, the dynamism of the country's popular culture and its cross-border relations offer opportunities for collective thinking on the DRC's place in broader dynamics of historical, social, political and economic change in Africa and beyond.

The conference will provide an opportunity for reflecting on more than half a century of research on Congolese cultures, history and societies. The organisers are delighted that Professor Bogumil Jewsiewicki will give a keynote address on the history of Congolese studies: a roundtable of prominent scholars of Congo from different generations will reflect on the contribution of the 'independence generation' of Congolese studies for the study of Central Africa today and in the future.

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

Fanen Ade (2017), 'Human Agency and Capability: A Bottom-Up Perspective from North Central Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr James Zasha and Dr Andy Hartropp. <http://ethos.bl.uk/OrderDetails.do?uin=uk.bl.ethos.728294>

Gabriel Sam Ahinful (2017), 'The Relationship Between Environmental Management Practices and Financial Performance of Ghanaian SMEs', Ph.D thesis, Bournemouth University. Supervisors: Professor Steve Letza, Professor Ven Tauringana and Dr Elena Cantarello; <http://eprints.bournemouth.ac.uk/30264/>

Mamuda Aminu (2017), 'Cause of, and Factors Contributing to, Stillbirth in Sub-Saharan Africa', Ph.D thesis, University of Liverpool. Supervisors: Professor Nynke van den Broek and Dr Sarah BarZeev; <http://livrepository.liverpool.ac.uk/3011454/>

Melanie Bailey (2017), 'Unequal Adaptation: Socially Differentiated Responses to Environmental Change and Food Insecurity among Smallholder Farmers [Ghana]', D.Phil thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisors: Professor Yadvinder Malhi, Dr Joost Vervoort and Dr Ariella Helfgott.

Joshua Banda (2017), 'Impacts of Congregation-Based HIV/AIDS Programmes in Lusaka, Zambia', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Chris Sugden and Dr Emil Chandran.

Ishmael Yaah Kahindi Baya (2015), 'Giriama Enculturation of World Faiths in Coastal Kenya', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/University of Wales. Supervisors: Dr Ben Knighton and Professor David Parkin.

Mariam Bjarnesen (2017), 'From Perpetrator to Protector?: Post-War Rebel Networks as Informal Security Providers in Liberia', Ph.D thesis, King's College London, University of London. Supervisors: Professor Mats Berdal and Professor Charles Alao.

Ahmed Bolori (2018), 'Risk Perception of Oil Operations of Residents of Oil-Producing Communities in Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, Middlesex University.

Markus Roos Breines (2017), 'Pursuing Progress: Urban-Urban Migration and Meanings of Being Middle Class in Ethiopia', Ph.D thesis, University of Sussex.

Liita-Iyaloo Ndalinoshisho Cairney (2017), 'Global HIV/AIDS Initiatives, Recipient Autonomy and Country Ownership: An Analysis of the Rise and Decline of Global Fund and PEPFAR Funding in Namibia', Ph.D thesis, University of Edinburgh. Supervisors: Professor Jeff Collin and Dr Anuj Kapilashrami; <http://hdl.handle.net/1842/22955>

Abdoul Karim Kabele Camara (2017), 'Linking Mining and Infrastructure Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Towards a Collaborative Framework for Sustainable Shared-Use of Rails and Ports Facilities for Minerals and Non-Minerals Activities', Ph.D thesis, University of Dundee. Supervisor: Dr Ana Bastida.

Ismaila Ceesay (2017), 'Aligners, Lovers and Deceptors: Aspirations and Strategies of Young Urban Hustlers in the Gambia', Ph.D. thesis, University of Edinburgh. Supervisors: Dr Thomas Molony and Dr José-María Muñoz.

Amos Bongadu Chewachong (2017), 'Intra-African Pentecostalism and the Dynamics of Power: The Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel) in Cameroon, 1996-2016', Ph.D thesis, University of Edinburgh. Supervisors: Professor Brian Stanley and Emeritus Professor Andrew Walls.

Simukai Chigudu (2017), 'State of Emergency: The Politics of Zimbabwe's Cholera Outbreak, 2008/9', D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisor: Dr Jocelyn Alexander.

Christian Crentsil (2018), 'Essays on the Effects of Risk and Ambiguity Attitudes on Production Choices of Smallholder Fish Farmers in Southern Ghana', Ph.D thesis, University of Kent. Supervisors: Dr Zaki Wahhaj and Dr Adelina Gschwandtner; <http://kar.kent.ac.uk/65734/>

Jennifer Mary Cuffe (2017), 'The Impact of Zimbabwe's 'Crisis' on Three Transnational Families Situated in Zimbabwe, South Africa and the United Kingdom', Ph.D thesis, University of Southampton. Supervisors: Dr Heidemarie Armbruster, Professor Patrick Stevenson, and Professor Derek McGhee; <http://eprints.soton.ac.uk/414969/>

Klaus-Peter Derungs (2017), 'Unbreakable Bones: Christian Mission and the Resilience of Temi Culture', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Ben Knighton and Dr Edward Simiyu.

John DeValve (2018), 'Singing Foreign Songs in the Lord's House: An Examination of the Worship Music Sung in Songhai/Zarma Protestant Churches of the West African Sahel, with Special Reference to Niger', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Adrian Chatfield and Professor Roberta King.

Daniel Mulugeta Gebrie (2017), 'The Everyday State in Africa: Governance Practices and the Construction of State-Idea in Ethiopia', Ph.D thesis, University of Sheffield. Supervisor: Professor Graham Harrison.

George Kalu (2017), 'Towards Environmental Sustainability in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria: A Theological Framework for Broader Involvement of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Damon So and Dr Damilola Olawiyu.

Mekdes Libasie (2017), 'Implementation of Women's Right to Reproductive Health in Ethiopia: Policy and Healthcare Perspectives', Ph.D thesis, University of Surrey. Supervisors: Dr Jane Marriott and Emeritus Professor Alison Firth; <http://epubs.surrey.ac.uk/813209/>

Jean Pierre Elonga Mboyo (2017), 'Comparative Leadership: Pathways, Scope and Values in DRC-English 'Urban' Schools', Ph.D thesis, Sheffield Hallam University. Supervisors: Paul Close, Dr Paul Garland, Mike Coldwell and Dr Anne Kellock; <http://shura.shu.ac.uk/16556/>

Freida Ibiduni M'Cormack (2017), 'Regionalism and Peacebuilding in West Africa: Addressing the Challenge of Roaming Combatants', Ph.D thesis, University of Sussex. Supervisors: Dr Patricia Justino and Dr Robin Luckham; <http://sro.sussex.ac.uk/68441/>

Sabine Muri (2016), 'Dynamics in the Process of Contextualization facilitated by a West-European Researcher: Contextualizing the OT Notion of "Sin" in the Cultural Context of the Kongo People in Brazzaville', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Keith Ferdinando and Dr Harriet Mowat.

Irene Banda Mutalima (2016), 'Responding to the Voices of Poor People Through Microfinance in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Action Research Study in Zimbabwe and Zambia', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Nigel Fancourt and Dr Makonen Getu.

Reginald Nalugala (2015), 'Poverty Challenges and Solutions for the New Millennium: A Case Study Approach to Examining the Effectiveness of Christian Faith Based Organizations (CFBOs) in their Efforts to Eradicate Poverty in Urban and Rural Kenya', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Professor Deryke Belshaw and Dr Andy Hartropp.

Mads Bomholt Nielsen (2018), "'As Bad as the Congo?": British Perceptions of Colonial Rule and Violence in Anglo-German Southern Africa, 1896-1918', Ph.D thesis, King's College London, University of London. Supervisors: Professor Richard Drayton and Professor Francisco Bethencourt.

Alexander Hale Noyes (2017), 'Securing Reform?: Post-Election Power Sharing and Security Sector Reform in Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Togo, 2006-2013', D.Phil thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisor: Dr Ricardo Soares de Oliveira.

Catherine Kwamboka Nyameino (2016), 'Enhancing Organizational Communication Through Appreciative Inquiry: The Case of East African Union of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Kenya', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Graham Mytton and Professor Steven Beebe.

Mama Bema Owusu (2018), 'Aid for Basic Education Development in Ghana: The Recipients' Experience', Ed.D thesis, University of Glasgow. Supervisors: Professor Penny Enslin and Dr Muir Houston; <http://theses.gla.ac.uk/8661/>

Phillip Pasirayi (2017), 'The Media and Cultural Productions in the Context of the "Third Chimurenga" in Zimbabwe, 2000 to 2005', D.Phil thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisor: Professor Jocelyn Alexander.

Jason Robinson (2017), 'On the Edge of History: Small Political Parties and Groupings in South Africa's Transition, 1990-1997', D.Phil thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisor: Professor William Beinart.

Florian Tomas Schäfer (2017). 'Revisiting the Agrarian Question: Coffee, Flowers and Ethiopia's New Capitalists', Ph.D thesis, SOAS, University of London. Supervisor: Dr Carlos Oya.

Joshua Sebu (2017), 'Essays on Farm Household Credit Constraint, Productivity and Consumption Inequality in Malawi', University of Kent. Supervisors: Dr Alastair Bailey and Professor Sophia Davidova; <http://kar.kent.ac.uk/59977/>

Inder Sidhu (2018), 'The Global Turn: Representations of the Self in South Asian and African Anglophone Literatures in the Colonial and Postcolonial Eras', Ph.D thesis, King's College London, University of London. Supervisors: Dr Ruvani Ranasinha and Professor Javed Majeed.

Oliver Simiyu (2016), 'Christians and Citizenship: A Critical Study of the Contribution of Ecumenical Protestants to the Citizenship of Africans in Kenya from 1918 to 1982', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Dr Ben Knighton and Professor Daniel Branch.

Kirk Stephens Sims (2016), 'Dynamics of International Mission in the Methodist Church Ghana', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Professor Afe Adogame and Professor Andrew Walls.

Carolin Hanna Stamm (2017), 'Dependency as Two-Way Traffic: Community-Based Organisations and Non-governmental Organisations in the Namibian CBNRM Programme', Ph.D thesis, University of Lincoln. Supervisors: Professor Heather Hughes and Dr Martin Elliott-White; <http://eprints.lincoln.ac.uk/29631/>

Gary Stephens (2016), 'Dialogue, Argumentation, and Belief Revision: A Study of Apologetic Conversations in West Cameroon', Ph.D thesis, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies/Middlesex University. Supervisors: Professor D Benno van den Toren and Dr Emma Wild-Wood.

Elona Toska (2017), 'Sex in the Shadow of HIV: Factors Associated with Sexual Risk among Adolescents in a Community-Traced Sample in South Africa', D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford, 2017. Supervisor: Dr Lucie Cluver.

Olayinka M. Uadiale (2018), 'Applicability of Performance Management Systems Framework in the Public Sector: A Case Study of a Teaching Hospital in Nigeria', Ph.D thesis, University of Essex; <http://repository.essex.ac.uk/21207/>

Zainab Usman (2017), 'The Political Economy of Economic Diversification in Nigeria', D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford. Supervisor: Dr Abdul Raufu Mustapha.

Recent Publications

Saheed Aderinto (2018), *Guns and Society in Colonial Nigeria: Firearms, Culture, and Public Order*. Indiana University Press, 336pp, 978-0253031617, £26.99.

Ralph Callebert (2017), *On Durban's Docks: Zulu Workers, Rural Households, Global Labor*. University of Rochester Press, 252pp, hardback, 9781580469074, £80; e-book, 9781787441408, £19.99.

Paul Chaisty, Nic Cheeseman, and Timothy Power (2018), *Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective: Minority Presidents in Multiparty System*. Oxford University Press, 978-0198817208, £60.

Nic Cheeseman (ed) (2018), *Institutions and Democracy in Africa: How the Rules of the Game Shape Political Developments*. Cambridge University Press, 398pp, 978-1316562888, £24.99.

Nic Cheeseman and Brian Klaas (2018), *How to Rig an Election*. Yale University Press, 320pp, 978-0300204438, £18.99.

Ignatius Chukwumah (ed) (2017), *Joke-Performance in Africa: Mode, Media and Meaning*. London: Routledge, 290pp. 9781138060647, £115; Kindle, 113806064X £41.15.

Jonathan Derrick (2018), *Africa, Empire and Fleet Street: Albert Cartwright and West Africa Magazine*. Hurst, 288pp, 9781849048323, £35.

Stuart Laing (2017), *Tippu Tip: Ivory, Slavery and Discovery in the Scramble for Africa*. Medina Publishing, 296pp, 978-1911487050, £22.99.

Siegbert Uhlig, David Appleyard, Alessandro Bausi, Wolfgang Hahn, and Steven Kaplan (eds) (2017), *Ethiopia: History, Culture and Challenges*. Michigan State University Press, 408pp, 9781611862751, £30.

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