New Centre of African Studies Library, Alison Richard Building

At the start of this term, the Centre of African Studies and the Centre Library moved into brand-new premises at 7 West Road. The Centre shares the Alison Richard Building with CRASSH, POLIS, the Centre of Latin American Studies, the Centre of South Asian Studies, and Development Studies. We look forward to welcoming you to the new Library this academic year.

Please note:

* Library opening hours are unchanged (please check our website for any variations during vacations)
* The whole library is a quiet study area
* The archive store is in a secure area of the building. If you require such material, please allow 24 hours for fetching after you place a request

http://www.african.cam.ac.uk/library/library.html

African Studies Annual Lecture

The Formation of African Intellectuals

This year’s Audrey Richards Annual Lecture in African Studies will be given by Simon Gikandi, currently Robert Schirmer Professor of English at Princeton.

Friday 9 March 2012, 5 pm, King’s College, Cambridge

See http://www.african.cam.ac.uk for more details

Africa-related University events

The Encyclopaedia of Literature in African Languages
Ursula Baumgardt and Marie Lorin, Monday 5 March, 5 pm, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research

Languages of Citizenship in Translation: Conversations Across Africa and the Indian Ocean, convened by Felicitas Becker and Joel Cabrita, Friday 16 March to Saturday 17 March, CRASSH http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk

African Studies Seminar Series Lent 2012

Monday 13 February 5 pm: The Gbonhi War: Militias, Political Violence and the State in Côte d’Ivoire
Richard Banegas, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Monday 20 February 5 pm: The Neopatriomomial State in Africa: Lessons from a Comparative Overview
Daniel Bach, University of Bordeaux

Monday 5 March 5 pm: “Teach Yourself Citizenship!” Elections in Kenya, 1957-63
Justin Wills, University of Durham

Monday 12 March 5 pm: Slowly but Surely: Informal Workers’ Quest for Labour Rights in Neoliberal Tanzania, 1995-2011, Matteo Rizzo, SOAS

Seminars will be held in the Seminar Room, Alison Richard Building. See http://www.african.cam.ac.uk
SCOLMA news
The UK Libraries and Archives group on Africa (SCOLMA) has a new website:
http://scolma.org
Registration is also now open for the 50th anniversary conference in Oxford, 25-26 June 2012:
Dis/connects: African Studies in the Digital Age
See website for booking details.

New e-resources

Olive Schreiner Letters online
The letters of Olive Schreiner, South African writer, anti-war campaigner, socialist and intellectual, were published online in January 2012. The letters are a resource for topics in colonialism, feminism, and the South African War, amongst others. The Olive Schreiner Letters Project is funded by the ESRC.
http://www.oliveschreiner.org

Many thanks to all who took copies of duplicate journals and made a donation to East Africa Famine Relief last term.
The Library made a total donation of £42.

Featured resource: online access to African newspapers
Kidon Media Link: Links to more than 600 newspapers and other news sources from 58 African countries. Each country has its own integrated page, newspapers are listed alphabetically by country (though some links were dead at the last test) http://www.kidon.com/media-link/africa.php
BBC Africa Country Profiles: Links to more than 300 newspapers from over 50 African countries. Follow links by country, then select ‘media’ http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles
Factiva International Newspapers: Factiva gives access to full-text articles from thousands of international newspapers, including more than 100 from Africa. Updated daily. A joint venture between Dow Jones and Reuters. On-campus access only eresources@cambridge

New books this term

Hunting the Ethical State: The Benkadi Movement of Côte d’Ivoire / Joseph Hellweg, 2011
Historical Memory in Africa .... / Mamadou Diawara, Bernard Lategan, Jörn Rüsen, 2010
Apartheid’s Reluctant Uncle: The United States and Southern Africa ... / Thomas Borstelmann, 1993