

# CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Easter term newsletter. If you have any suggestions for the Library or enquiries about our services, email Marilyn and Rachel at <a href="mailto:afrlib@hermes.cam.ac.uk">afrlib@hermes.cam.ac.uk</a> Visit the Library's website for the latest news <a href="mailto:http://www.african.cam.ac.uk/library/library.html">http://www.african.cam.ac.uk/library/library.html</a>



#### Library to take part in Festival of Ideas 2011



Plans are currently in progress for the public release of previously hidden documents from the British Foreign Office Archives, relating to the events of 1950s Kenya that came to be known as the 'Mau Mau Uprising.' The country achieved independence in 1963, but Britain's actions during the rebellion remain controversial. Kenya's independence struggle has figured in popular and literary culture since that time in fiction, film, and even hip hop, from Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's *Grain of Wheat* to slogans on Kenyan public

transport. A small Library exhibition in October 2011 will show how the Kikuyu anti-colonial activists fought against the colonial authorities and the British Army, as well as what Mau Mau has come to mean in the present. The exhibition will feature archival documents, non-fictional works, newspaper reports, novels, secondary literature and films to highlight current and continuing attitudes to the conflict both in Kenya and the UK. More details nearer the time.



New African Studies bookbags

On sale in the Library: £2 each

# African Studies Events

A workshop exploring the renewal of the relationship between Brazil and Africa 31 May, 10 am — 6 pm Lucia Windsor Room, Newnham College

More information: conference@african.cam.ac.uk

In collaboration with the Centre of Latin-American Studies

# **Africa-related University events**

Creating Contexts that Enable Behaviour Change: Towards a Fourth Generation of Approaches to Health Promotion
Dr. Catherine Campbell, London School of Economics
20 May, 1– 2 pm, PPSIS Seminar Room, Free School Lane

Urban Governance as Labour Rights: The Case of Transport Workers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Dr Matteo Rizzo, Cambridge Smuts Researcher in African Studies 6 June, 12. 30 – 2 pm. Senior Common Room, 17 Mill Lane

## New books from research at the Centre of African Studies



Published as part of the Ohio University Press Cambridge Centre of African Studies Series, Christianity and Public Culture in Africa arises from papers given at a conference organized as the culmination of the Centre's 2007/08 Visiting Fellows Programme. The contributors demonstrate how the public significance of Christianity varies across time and place, exploring rural Africa and the continent's major cities, colonial and missionary situations, and mass-mediated ideas and images in the twenty-first century.

Wapulumuka Oliver Mulwafu is Associate Professor of Environmental History and SADC-WaterNet Professorial Chair of Integrated Water Resources Management at Chancellor College, University of Malawi. He was also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre in 2009/10. <a href="Conservation Song">Conservation Song</a> is based on his research into the ways in which colonial relations have shaped meanings and conflicts over environmental control and management in Malawi.

More information at http://www.african.cam.ac.uk/books.html

#### **Following the African Studies Library**

You can now keep up to date with the Library by following us on Twitter (or if you prefer Facebook, you can see the same information there). We're posting news about the Library and Africanist resources, as well as Africa related events in Cambridge and beyond



http://twitter.com/AfrStudiesLib

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http://www.facebook.com/pages/African-Studies-Library-Cambridge/109306529152001?sk=wall

#### Featured e-resource

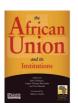
#### **Africa Research Institute**

You can download all of the papers in the Africa Research Institute's series from their website:



http://www.africaresearchinstitute.org/papers.php

# **Donations to the Library**







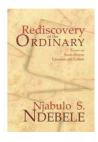
Every year the Library receives donations of books, theses, and papers. These are gifted by Africanist scholars, Visiting Fellows, and students in Cambridge, as well as private individuals from both the UK and overseas. Many thanks to everyone who donated items to the Library this academic year. Examples of some recently received items are pictured above.

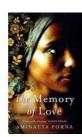
#### **Featured resources at the Library**

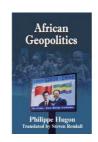
#### **Louise Pirouet Papers**

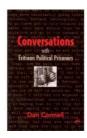
Over the summer term we will begin work on cataloguing the donated papers of Dr Louise Pirouet, an important collection concerning human rights in East Africa. Dr Angus Creighton, a researcher who recently consulted the papers, writes: 'In the 1960s and early 1970s, Dr Pirouet conducted crucial research on the early history of Christianity, interviewing individuals involved in the establishment of the Anglican church in Uganda. She, together with colleagues at Makerere University, undertook an impressive programme of publishing their research findings. Copies of some of their publications have are no longer available in Ugandan libraries. For example, the Centre of African Studies Library now holds some volumes of The Occasional Research Papers of Makerere's Department of Religious Studies which are no longer available in the Makerere University Library.' One of the aims of Dr. Creighton's project is to work towards making copies available in Uganda again. Further details of his work can be found at <a href="http://www.martynmission.cam.ac.uk/pages/research-projects.php">http://www.martynmission.cam.ac.uk/pages/research-projects.php</a>

# New books this term









- ☆ Rediscovery of the Ordinary: Some New Writings in South Africa / Njabulo S. Ndebele (2006)
- ☆ The Memory of Love / Aminatta Forna (2010)
- ☆ African Geopolitics / Philippe Hugon, trans. Steven Rendall (2008)
- ☆ Conversations with Eritrean Political Prisoners / Dan Connell (2006)