

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Founded in 1986, the Centre for Modern African Studies (CMAS) at the University of Warwick has developed into an institution promoting research and study within a wide range of issues concerning cultural, political, and social questions in the field of Africa and the African diaspora. The Centre now intends to extend its highly successful conference and summer school programs, further develop its range of publications, and introduce a year-round academic program involving the participation of students, teachers, and intellectuals from North America, the Caribbean, and Africa.

**Summer Schools:** In 1990 the Centre will hold a second Summer School in Oxford, on "Race, Colonialism, and Resistance." The School will involve economic, political, social, philosophic, linguistic, cultural and literary analysis of the colonial and post-colonial experiences of race in the context of these experiences, and of the forms which resistance has assumed and could develop.

The teaching staff will include Dennis Brutus, Manthia Diawara, David Goldberg, Peter Gutkind, Leonard Harris, Sue Houchins, Shubi Ishemu, Tabitha Kanogo, Norman Levy, Howard McGary, Marcellina Morgan, Charlotte Pierce-Baker, Cedric Robinson, Gavin Williams, and Harold Wolpe.

In 1991 it is proposed that the annual Summer School will be held in Zimbabwe.

**Conferences:** To date, the Centre has held four conferences in Oxford dealing with "Forced Labour and Migration: Patterns of Movement within Africa," "Religion, Magic and Witchcraft: The Structure of Belief in Everyday Life," "Race and Class in the 20th Century," and "Post-Revolutionary Ethiopian Society" respectively.

In 1990, three conferences will be held in Oxford on "Knowledge and Power: Colonial and Post-Colonial Contexts," "Intellectual Origins of Resistance Movements in South Africa:

A History of Radical Dissent," and "Culture and Resistance." Speakers will include Anthony Appiah, Nadine Gordimer, Paulin Hountondji, Bill Lawson, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Satya Mohanty, Kwasi Wiredu, Dennis Brutus, Ben Magubane, Mbulelo Mzamane, Cecil Abrahams, Houston Baker, Shelia Briggs, Jean Comaroff, Gerald Davis and Manthia Diawara.

Future conferences are planned on the issues of the Environment (December 1990), Law and Development (March 1991), Land (April 1991), and Culture (June 1991).

**CMAS Publications:** *African Discourse* is a series of collected papers from the first four conferences held by the Centre, and presents the results of new thinking within African Studies. Each volume is devoted to a particular area of research, ranging from politics through philosophy and literature. Taken as a whole, the series will stimulate a discourse in the field, and generate insight into future questions. The series titles are:

*Forced Labour and Migration: Patterns of Movement within Africa* (1989)

*Repression and Resistance in South Africa* (July 1990)

*Exploitation and Exclusion: The Question of Race and Modern Capitalism* (forthcoming in December 1990)

*Post-Revolutionary Ethiopian Society* (forthcoming in March 1991)

*Religion, Magic, and Witchcraft: Structures of Belief in Everyday Life* (forthcoming in 1991)

*Social Identity and Culture* is a journal providing an interdisciplinary forum addressing issues concerning the social constructions of collective identities. The journal will focus primarily upon the continual historical production and transformations of race, ethnicity, and nation, upon class and gendered formations and subjectivities, and upon their cultural determinations and expressions. Although empirical social research

on race, ethnicity, nation, class and gender is considered important, the journal's prevailing critical commitment will necessarily be theoretical.

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**Comparative Research Project on African Democracy.** In February 1989, the African Governance Program of the Carter Center of Emory University conducted a pathbreaking seminar that resulted in two seminal publications which identified the fundamental resources and avenues for political reform in Africa: *Perestroika without Glasnost in Africa* (seminar report) and *Beyond Autocracy in Africa* (working papers). A similar series of publications based on a March 1990 seminar on "African Governance in the 1990s: What can be done?" is currently in preparation.

To meet the demands posed by the movement for liberalization of political systems, the African Governance Program under Richard Joseph has created a Comparative Research Project on African Democracy. It is conducted by a team of Emory University faculty and graduate students, initially from the Political Science Department, and assisted by student interns from Emory and other US universities.

The research team has set itself the following initial tasks:

- to collate in a systematic way relevant information about political transitions in Africa;

- to create computer-based models of the different processes of transition;

- to identify the major hurdles to political reform in African countries;

- to suggest ways in which these transitions can be assisted by external actors and agencies.

To facilitate the work of this project, we welcome information and ideas that are pertinent to the above tasks. Occasional bulletins will be published making known our findings and suggestions. Individuals and/or organizations wishing to be placed on our mailing list should send us their names and addresses. This project will also produce materials for consultations that will be held at the Carter Center and Emory University. In collaboration with other research and policy institutes, we hope eventually to serve as a clearinghouse for information and advice about these vital but precarious transitions to constitutional democracy.

Contact the African Studies Program, The Carter Center, One Copenhill, Atlanta, Georgia 30307. Tel: 404-420-5186; FAX: 404-420-5196.

The University of Connecticut's *African Studies Newsletter 1989-90* announces the expected establishment of a Center for African Studies. Africanist activities noted in the newsletter include the linkage program with the University of Mauritius, an exchange arrangement with the Ecole Nationale d'Economie Appliquée in

Dakar, and a workshop on the management of development projects in Francophone African countries, to be held at UConn from July 2-28, 1990. For further information contact the African Studies Group, c/o Dept. of History (U103), University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.

Common Concerns Bookstore of Washington, DC now has a newsletter. To get on the mailing list, write Common Concerns, Inc., 1347 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Tel: 202-463-6500

Africa World Press Inc. and The Red Sea Press, Inc. announce the availability of their 1990 catalog. For a free copy, write the publishers at 15 Industry Court, Trenton, NJ 08638. Tel: 609-771-1666.

Greenwood Press has begun a new scholarly monograph series, *Studies in Historiography*. It will focus on all fields and periods of historiography,

including individual historians, schools of thought, and historical criticism. Biographies, collected essays, and integrated symposium papers are welcome for consideration. *Ulrich Bonnell Phillips: A Southern Historian and His Critics* appeared in 1990. Contact Professor John David Smith, editor, Department of History, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N. C. 27695-8108.

Global Exchange announces a nation-wide speaking tour featuring Sister Bernard Ncube, a central figure in South Africa's women's movement and an activist in the anti-apartheid movement. In the US from October 18 to November 18, Sister Bernard will be available to speak on topics such as Women in the Struggle against Apartheid, The Current Stage of Negotiations and Civil Conflict in South Africa, Why Sanctions against Apartheid are Still Needed, and The Church and Social Change in South Africa.

Institutions wishing to host Sister Bernard may contact Deaneen Newell, Global Exchange, 2141 Mission St. #202, San Francisco, CA 94110 (415-255-7296).

## NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM OVERSEAS

After four years of extensive preparatory work African Books Collective has now started trading, and the first shipments have left its UK warehouse.

African Books Collective is a major new self-help initiative by a group of African publishers to more effectively promote, market and distribute their books in Europe, North America, and in Commonwealth countries outside Africa. It has been formed to address both the need of African publishers to get their wealth of output onto the shelves of libraries and bookshops in the West, and the need of libraries who until now have faced

chronic problems in the acquisition of African publications. African Books Collective is owned by its 18 founder member publishers, is registered as a UK company limited by guarantee, and governed by a Council of Management constituted on a broad regional basis and comprising elected representative publishers from East, West, Central/Southern Africa. ABC is non-profit making on its own behalf, but will seek to be profit making for its constituent members and substantially increase their export sales.

The Collective is donor organization supported (the Ford Foundation, the Norwegian Agency for Interna-

tional Development, the Swedish International Development Authority, and the Commonwealth Foundation have generously provided funds and seed money) and, because of this, is in a position to offer its member publishers more favorable terms than those usually available under conventional commercial distribution agreements.

ABC's first catalogue lists over 350 titles—new, recently published, and back-list—which are now available for immediate supply from UK held stocks. Some 150-200 new titles are expected to be added to the stock inventory each year.