

Notes and News

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Information on Current Research in African Studies

'Notes and News' endeavours to provide a comprehensive coverage of reports on current, prospective, and completed field research projects, special study courses, conferences, and other activities relevant to African studies. Effectiveness in making such information generally available in this way must largely depend on the co-operation of university and other study centres and of individual research workers in sending reports promptly and on their own initiative. We would therefore greatly appreciate the assistance of all organizations and persons actively concerned with African studies. Items for inclusion in 'Notes and News' should be concise, but should indicate the name and address of the organization, the scope and area of the study, names of participants, time-table, and plans for publication. Reports should be in English or French and, save in exceptional cases, should not exceed 500 words. They should be addressed to Miss Barbara Pym, the Assistant Editor of Africa.

International African Seminar on the Development of African Trade and Markets in West Africa

THE International African Institute is holding the tenth in its series of International African Seminars on the Development of African Trade and Markets in West Africa, in December 1969, under the chairmanship of M. Claude Meillassoux, Chargé de Recherche at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris.

The Seminar will provide an opportunity for a comparative review of research on local and regional markets in both the French- and English-speaking countries of West Africa. It will be concerned with the pre-colonial and colonial periods as well as contemporary aspects and trends and will consider the effects of internal economic and political conditions and developments at various periods including the more recent growth in production for overseas markets and rapidly expanding urban centres.

Current Africanist Research in Scandinavia

A RAPIDLY growing body of research in African social and cultural studies is being undertaken by Scandinavian scholars. This inventory of recent and current research by workers attached to Scandinavian universities and other institutions has been prepared with the assistance of the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, the Department of Anthropology of the University of Gothenburg and the Scandinavian participants in a review of recent developments in Africanist research during the meeting of the Executive Council of the Institute at Uppsala in June 1969.

Field researches in Africa are being supported by a number of institutions. The Scandinavian Institute of African Studies (SIAS) has been making annual awards of grants in aid for several years. Social scientists have also been appointed to work on applied research in connection with development projects undertaken by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA). Contributions towards research in Africa have also been made by the Swedish National Bank (SNB) and the Swedish Social Science and Legal Research Council (SSSLRC) and the Swedish Council for Humanistic Research (SCHR). Research workers and their projects are grouped below according to their university and departmental affiliations. Sponsoring and supporting organisations are indicated.

University of Gothenburg

Anthropology

Karl Erik Knutsson, Fil.D., Docent: field studies among the Macha Galla, with special reference to political organization and cults of possession, (1960-1; 62-3), and among the Wallega Galla with reference to their agricultural system; (1967); field-work on land tenure problems in Eritrea started in 1969; 1967-9 project leader for the Ethiopian Nutrition Institute working in association with pediatricians, physiologists, and others, supported by SIDA (field studies supported by UNESCO, SCHR, SSSLRC and AIAS).

Jan Hultin, M.A., Lector: field studies on social and economic change among the Wallega Galla from 1968 continuing, (supported by SIAS the Vega Foundation, SSSLRC and SCHR.)

Arne Lexander: research on land tenure among the Galla and Amhara in Arussi in the CADU project (supported by SIDA), in association with a team of agronomists.

Olof Lundberg: member of Ethiopian Nutrition Institute field studies among the Gurage and others south of Addis Ababa (supported by SIDA).

Per Brandström: Field-work on cosmology, social structure, and the social background of co-operative developments among the Sukuma of Tanzania from September 1969.

Economics

Abdul Khakee: School of Economics and Business Administration; studies on economic development and planning with reference to East Africa (supported by SSSLRC).

Geography

Claes-Fredrik Claeson, Fil.D., Docent: studies in ethnic demography in Nigeria, 1966-7, at the University of Ibadan; demography and development with reference to the economy of the Congo (Kinshasa); Professor at University College, Dar-es-Salaam from 1969 (supported by SIAS and SSSLRC grants).

History

Ake Holmberg, Fil.D.: Professor of Modern History; researches and published studies on colonialism and humanitarianism in British southern and eastern Africa, 1870-95, and on the development of the British South Africa Company.

Architecture

University of Lund

Karin Lindkvist and Dick Vestbro: household structure and housing at different stages of urbanization in northern East Africa.

Geography

Lars Eldblom, Fil.D.: comparative socio-economic studies of three Libyan oases.

Naidyayah Naidu: changes in traditional agriculture in Kenya (supported by SIAS).

History

Sven Rubensson: the survival of Ethiopian independence (supported by SNB).

Political Science

Göran Hydén, Docent: the impact of the co-operative movement on development in Kenya (supported by SIAS).

Sociology

Per Gahrton: development in an Egyptian village (supported by SIAS).

Anthropology

University of Stockholm

John-Erik Elmberg, Fil.D., Docent: field study of social change among the Bemba of Zambia (beginning 1969).

Jürg Mahner: social organization and symbolic structure among the Meru of Kenya.

Björn Ranung: anti-witchcraft rituals among the Igedde of Nigeria.

Vincent Williams: social change among the Fulah of Sierra Leone.

Geography

Gunilla Beckman; the significance of industrial development in the demographic development of Ghana (supported by SIAS).

Anita Francke: on economic organization of cultivation in non-literate societies in Tanzania (supported by SIAS).

Olof G. Tandberg, Fil.D., Docent: Indian traders in East Africa.

Pedagogics

Jann Hertzman-Ericson, *Christina Lukasson*, and *Margareta Svensson*: evaluation of attitudes and knowledge for educational television programmes in Tanzania.

Political Science

Björn Beckman: on economic policy and development in Ghana (supported by SIAS).

Sam Chime: a study of the organization of African Unity (supported by SIAS).

Charles Kauraisa: South West Africa; a study in decolonization (supported by SIAS).

Donald Kowet: public administration in Zambia.

Dennis Okafor: policies of transition in Ghana.

David Paz: the emergence of nationalism in Kenya.

Phillip Thompson: the minority question in the Federation of Nigeria, 1958–65.

Sociology

Mona Martensson: the Muhammedan family in Morocco (supported by SIAS).

International Economics

Fredrick F. Clairmont: development problems in Africa, south of the Sahara.

Others

Ingrid Doimi v Delupis: the East African Community (supported by SIAS).

Stephen J. Gruber: the role of education in agricultural development in Africa.

Björn Jernudd, Fil.D.: linguistic and sociological studies in Darfur, Sudan (supported by SIAS).

Per Wästberg: the writer in the modern African state (supported by SIAS).

Anthropology

University of Uppsala

Axel Ivar Berglund: life views among the Zulu of South Africa.

Kajsa Ekholm: witchcraft in the Congo (Kinshasa).

Anita Jacobsson, Fil.D., Docent: marriage systems in north central Africa; social organization in mythology and tradition among the Ibo of Nigeria.

Comparative Religion

S. von Sicking: Islam in S.E. Africa.

Economics

Joseph Mensah: economic policy in Ghana.

Geography

Rolf Gullstrand: regional development in central Africa.

Nutrition

Ruth Selinus (with K. E. Knutsson, Gothenburg): anthropological and nutritional study of fasting in Ethiopia (ENI project supported by SIDA).

Political Science

Clayton Richardson: foreign military aid to African states.

Lars Rudebeck, Docent: political change in Tunisia.

Sociology

Ulf Himmelstrand, Professor: comparative studies of 'development from below' in tropical Africa (supported by SNB, Carnegie and Ford foundations).

Karin Himmelstrand: occupational roles among Nigerian women (supported by SIAS).

Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, Uppsala

Carl Gösta Widstrand, Director, SIAS: social studies in communication; social protest in contemporary Swahili popular songs; use of the radio in nation building in Tanzania; delinquency in Tanzania.

Swedish Institute for Missionary Research

Sigvard von Sicking: the Lutheran Church in Dar-es-Salaam, 1885-1915 (supported by the Lutheran World Federation).

Bengt Sundkler, Professor: further field research on separatist religious groups in southern Africa (supported by SIAS).

Mariia Lisa Swantz (University of Abö Turku): ritual patterns relating to women among the Wasaramo of Tanzania (supported by SIAS).

DENMARK

Anthropology

University of Copenhagen

Johannes Nicolaisen, Fil.D., Professor: field studies among north and west African pastoralists, continuing from 1947 (Tuareg of Ahaggar, Tassili-n-Ajjer, Air and Niger); field study of Haddad hunters of Kanem, Chad (with Ida Nicolaisen), 1963.

Karl-G. Prasse: linguistic studies among the Tuareg of Ahaggar and Niger.

Anthropology

University of Aarhus

Mette Bovin: field studies in N. Nigeria and Niger, 1964 and 1968, for research project on nomadic-sedentary relationships in a transitional ecological zone (western Sudan); director, Professor M. Horowitz.

Birgit S. Madsen: field study among the Abaluya (Bukusu), western Kenya, 1968, for research team on the Kibichori Water Scheme.

NORWAY

Anthropology

University of Bergen

Frederik Barth, Professor: field studies in socio-economic structure and process in a Darfur community, Sudan.

Philosophy

Tore Nordenstam, Professor (formerly Gothenburg and Khartoum): Sudanese ethics; the role of African universities in national development (supported by SIAS).

Sociology

University of Oslo

Johan Galtung, Professor and *Frederick Hoffman*: study of attitudes to sanctions against Rhodesia in Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Africa (supported by Peace Research Institute and SIAS).

Dagfinn Sivertsen: adaptation of African labour to foreign economic activity in West Africa (supported by SIAS).

Mariken Vaa, Docent: research on the press in West Africa and field study on social and economic change in Arusha district, Tanzania (1968).

Le Centre d'Études et de Recherches de Kara, Togo

Le Centre d'Études et de Recherches de Kara a été créé en 1967 à Soumdina par Piya (Lama-Kara), avec l'appui du Gouvernement Togolais. Il a pu entreprendre ses premières activités sur l'initiative de R. Verdier, chargé de recherches au CNRS, grâce au concours du Gouvernement Togolais qui a fait mettre à sa disposition un local administratif dans le canton de Soumdina, et du Laboratoire d'Anthropologie juridique de la Faculté de droit et des sciences économiques de Paris, qui a assuré le démarrage d'un Centre de Documentation (établissement d'un fichier bibliographique togolais; constitution d'archives moyen et nord Togo; publication des premiers documents).

Le Centre poursuit les recherches en sciences humaines dans les régions du moyen et nord Togo et du nord Dahomey et compte organiser chaque année des stages post-universitaires pour la formation pratique d'étudiants africains et européens poursuivant des recherches sur l'Afrique. M. le Président de la République Togolaise a demandé au CERK d'organiser chaque année un colloque international sur un sujet africain présentant un intérêt particulier pour le Togo. En Octobre 1967 le colloque a porté sur la littérature et les traditions orales, et en 1968 sur l'application des réformes agraires en Afrique, sujet particulièrement important pour le Togo, qui projette lui-même une réforme agraire.

Des archives écrites du nord et moyen Togo sont en cours de réunion au CERK, et des archives sonores comprennent des enregistrements linguistiques (Biyobe, Gurma, Kabrè et NaouDEM) et musicaux (Biyobe, Kabrè, Kotokoli, Moba). Un film, sous le titre ' Rythmes et fastes sacrés de la vie chez les Kabrè ' a été sélectionnée pour le premier festival mondial des arts nègres de Dakar. Un petit musée d'art et d'artisanat traditionnels est en cours de constitution. Le CERK entreprend la publication ronéotée des textes anciens inédits, des diplômes, thèses, enquêtes et rapports de missions faits par ses collaborateurs. Ces documents, d'abord diffusés en fascicules trimestriels à ses abonnés, sont ensuite rassemblés dans un recueil annuel adressé aux Instituts de recherche travaillant en Afrique en échange de leurs publications. Les documents les plus significatifs en 1967 ont été rassemblés dans un premier volume: Documents 1967 (202 pages); deux mémoires portant sur les religions Kabrè et Ewè ont été en outre édités en 1968. Un fascicule spécial réunit les communications présentées au colloque de 1967 sur la littérature et les traditions orales. Prière d'adresser la correspondance à CERK, Piya par Lama-Kara; ou à Assih N'Djame, 12 rue R. Verlomme, Paris 3^e.

Polish Research Centre for Social and Cultural Problems of Present-day Africa

A RESEARCH Centre for Social and Cultural Problems of Present-day Africa was founded, within the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, on 1 November 1962. Headed by Professor Józef Chałasiński, Member of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Professor of Sociology