Scope and coverage
This bibliography records publications on Africa of interest to students of Africa, principally in the social and environmental sciences, development studies, humanities and arts. Some items from the medical, biological and natural sciences are included. The criterion used is potential relevance to a reader from a social sciences/arts background. The whole continent and associated islands are covered, with selective coverage of the diaspora. This edition aims to cover material published in 2012 together with items from earlier years not previously listed. The editor is always very glad to hear of any items omitted so that they may be included in future volumes. She would be particularly pleased to receive notification of new periodicals. African government publications and works of creative literature are not normally listed.

The principal sources of data for this volume are the holdings of Cambridge University Library, the African Studies Centre, Cambridge, SOAS, the Afrika Studiecentrum, Leiden and material received by the International African Institute. Much of this material, and especially chapters in edited books, has been personally examined by the editor. Additional data has been garnered from other published bibliographies, both print and online, from COPAC, the online union catalogue of the UK’s major research libraries, and AJOL (African Journals Online – http://www.ajol.info/), which provides invaluable access to periodicals published in Africa.

All the periodicals listed below on p. xxi have been scanned for relevant items. Occasionally, there will not be a relevant article from a particular publication in a given year; however as it has been scanned by the bibliographer, the publication is nonetheless included in the list.

Arrangement
The arrangement of the bibliography is by region and country, with a preliminary section for the continent as a whole. Each region or country begins with a General section and then subject fields (see below for list and an explanation of changes to subject headings introduced in this volume) follow in alphabetical order. Where an item might appear under more than one heading, this is indicated by cross reference (see the ‘see also’ list immediately under each subject heading) or the subject index will guide users to it.

Entry types
The bibliography contains three types of entry: periodical articles, books and pamphlets, and chapters. Book entries give author, title, place, publisher and pagination (but not ISBN numbers or price). Entries for chapters in books, largely not on African topics, give full bibliographic information for the volume concerned. However, when a book contains many relevant chapters it is listed separately and the chapter entry includes only a short version of the title, the name(s) of the editor(s), and the entry number of the book itself. An increasing number of periodicals are published in online only formats and in these cases, the url is given.

Indexes
The bibliography has author and subject indexes, which use the entry number to identify relevant items. The first three authors only of multi-authored works are listed. Where an item is sufficiently described by the subject heading, it will not appear in the subject-index.
Users are advised to scan broadly. The index will be most useful for those searching under concepts such as *Constitution* or *Structural Adjustment* or under the names of ethnic groups and languages. It also makes some use of keywords, often reflecting the vocabulary of the original entry.

**Subject headings**

A number of new headings and changes have been introduced in this volume to cover subjects where there is a growing literature (which often crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries) and changes in terminology. New headings are indicated in bold type.

- Agriculture
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Archives
- Arts
- Bibliography
- Biography
- Botany
- Current Affairs
- Demography
- Development (previously Economics – Development)
- Diaspora and Migration
- Economic and Social History
- Economics
- Education
- Education – Higher
- Environment
- Exploration and Travel
- Finance
- Fisheries
- Food
- Forestry
- Gender
- Gender – Masculinity
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- History, early
- History, C6–18th
- History, C19th
- History, C1900–1960
- History, 1960– (previously History, C20th)
- History, South African War, 1899–1902
  [under South Africa]
- Human Rights
- Industry
- Information and Communications
  Technology
- International Economic Relations
- International Relations
- Labour
- Languages and Linguistics
- Land
- Law
- Libraries
- Literature
- Management
- Media
- Medicine and Health
- Medicine and Health – HIV/AIDS
- Mining
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology and Psychiatry
- Public Administration
- Publishing
- Religion
- Religion – African Traditional
- Religion – Christianity
- Religion – Hinduism
- Religion – Islam
- Religion – Judaism
- Rural Economy
- Science and Technology
- Sexual Minorities/LGBT (formerly Gay and Lesbian Studies)
- Social Welfare
- Sociology
- Sport
- Tourism
- Urban Studies
- Zoology

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to locate references quickly. Free trials and further information may be found at
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search and browse options, is available at http://africabibliography.cambridge.org/
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