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PREFACE

2014 was an anxious year in many parts of the world, including Africa where, among other things, the rapid rise of Boko Haram and the spread of the Ebola virus in West Africa caught global attention. It was an anxious time for the ASC too, as we faced another round of budget cuts and negotiations began regarding our potential merger with Leiden University. Both our Works Council and the Executive Board played key roles in these matters and, ahead of the proposed merger, we adjusted our organizational structure to bring it in line with Leiden University. 2014 was planned as a year of budget deficits, using 'excess' reserves that had accumulated over recent years. We also had to adjust to lower core subsidies, while preparing for more non-core subsidies from more diverse sources to fund ASC services.


Despite the constraints, the ASC enjoyed another productive and successful year. Highlights in 2014 included Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald's inaugural address and a wonderful performance by South African poet Phillippa Yaa de Villiers at our ASC Annual Public Event. We value our growing ASC Community greatly and it continued to thrive in 2014. We announced two new categories for 'artists' and 'honorary fellows' and we organized three Community Country Days: on Zambia and, following elections, on Mozambique and on South Africa. In addition to these 'special events', there were many seminars in 2014 and a great diversity of other academic and public activities in which our staff, visiting fellows and guests gave insights into their work and in what currently happens in African Studies and in Africa. Mirjam de Bruijn was a leading light at LeidenGlobal's annual event, where she presented her Voice4Thought project and the 2014 Africa Works conference was a great success, not least due to the excellent coordination by the ASC-NABC team. This year's event featured a number of interesting and convincing panels organized by ASC researchers and Prof. Stephen Ellis gave a thought-provoking and well received keynote speech. We should also celebrate the fact that in 2014 the ASC was awarded the Secretariat of the Knowledge Platform INCLUDE and we were also able to play a role in the decision-making process in the VIA Water Knowledge Platform.



2014 was another industrious year in terms of ASC publications. We are justifiably proud of the two most recent volumes published in the African Dynamics series, once again showcasing the results of current ASC research. The 2014 volume (*'Digging Deeper'*) is a product of one of our Collaborative Research Groups (Food Security and the African City) and also summarizes work done in the *Tracking Development* and *Developmental Regimes in Africa* projects, funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We were thrilled to learn that the 2013 volume (*'Asian Tigers, African Lions'*) has recently been recognized with a prestigious CHOICE award (for outstanding academic titles) in the US and we look forward to the 2015 African Dynamics book, edited by Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald and Dr Akinyinka Akinyoade. Another publication highlight was the tenth volume of our *Africa Yearbook*. After a decade of dedicated involvement in this series, Dr Klaas van Walraven is making way for Prof. Jan Abbink, who will co-edit the next edition. Also in the publications field, our new digital newsletter has proved a great success and we maintain an energetic web and social media presence, reporting on, among other things, ASC news and activities. Special mention should be made of the valuable Ebola information portal, connected to the Country Portal website, which we launched in response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

2014 saw major changes on the education front. Our Research Masters in African Studies is now being organized by Prof. Han van Dijk and Dr Akinyinka Akinyoade, assisted by Dr Azeb Amha. We are very happy with the preliminary comments received from our mid-term evaluation committee in relation to the programme. In addition, we have been asked to play a more prominent role in Leiden University's Masters Programme in African Studies.

The library, documentation and information staff continued to carry out useful and important work in 2014, not only for the ASC but also for Africanists around the world. Our search for books and journals in Africa goes on and



6 a recent acquisition trip to Uganda was particularly fruitful in this regard, with the purchase of over 300 books, 290 of which are unique copies in the Netherlands. Behind the scenes, crucial work is bolstering our digital presence. Google Scholar now harvests all our 250,000 entries in Africabib and our ASC repository was downloaded 350,000 times in 2014 - almost double the 2013 figure. We also have a new contacts database. And, thanks to the 'Wikipedians in Residence Project', many more of us at the ASC (and beyond) are now aware of the importance of Wikipedia.

Happily, the budget cuts this year did not prevent us from strengthening our team and we employed a number of new staff in key areas. We welcomed new researchers, including Prof. Chibuikwe Uche, an expert on finance and development in Africa; the political economist Prof. Fantu Cheru; and Dr. Laura Mann, who deals with the social economics of innovation in Africa. In addition, Dr Karin Nijenhuis joined the Secretariat of the Knowledge Platform INCLUDE and Dr Iva Peša joined us to support the Frugal Innovations project. But we

also said farewell to a number of colleagues: Ann Reeves will be leaving us in 2015 after many years as our English Language Editor; Charlotte Simons had an excellent year in our Secretariat; and we held retirement parties for researcher Dr Dick Foeken and information specialist Katrien Polman, giving us a chance to thank them for their many years of service to the ASC and to Africanists in the world in general.

This Annual Report will provide you with an overview of the many issues and ventures that the ASC has been involved with in the past year, and it illustrates the topics that we believe are relevant and deserving of study. I hope you enjoy reading about the diverse research and other activities taking place at the ASC, undertaken by our inspiring and dedicated staff. We look forward to your continued support in the year ahead.

Ton Dietz
Director

Geertje Lycklama à Nijeholt (1938 – 2014)

With great sadness, the African Studies Centre Leiden learned that Professor Geertje Lycklama à Nijeholt died on 18 November 2014. Geertje (born in Lollum, 2 April 1938) was a member of the ASC Board of Governors from May 1997 – April 2005.

Geertje has been praised for her contribution to women's work, feminist organizations, gender policies and the strengthening of research and teaching in women and gender studies.

She studied Western Sociology at VU University Amsterdam, where she completed a PhD in 1976 with a thesis entitled *Migratory and Non-migratory Farm Workers on the East Coast of the United States*. After that, Geertje worked as coordinator of International Women's Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as a professor of Gender and Women's Studies at Wageningen University.

From 1983 to 1990 she worked at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS in The Hague) as a professor in Women and Development. In 1990 she became the Rector of ISS for five years, after which she became a part-time professor of Women and Development, until 1999.

Geertje was a member of the Dutch Senate for the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) from 1995 to 2003. She was a spokesperson on foreign policy, development cooperation and higher education. In addition to her formal positions, she was an active board and committee member; with positions at Women's World Banking, Clingendael (a Dutch think tank on international relations), and the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. She also served on the Board of Supervisors at the University of Groningen.

In recognition of her work for and with women, Geertje received the prestigious Aletta Jacobs Prize in 1992. In 1995, she was knighted in the order of the Dutch lion.

In his commemorative speech in the Senate, the Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said that the notion that women play a key role in a society's development – which has become a fixed element of Dutch Foreign Policy, – owes a great deal to Geertje Lycklama à Nijeholt.




SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

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The African Studies Centre in Leiden is the national knowledge centre on Africa in the Netherlands. It also has a world-famous library and documentation centre that is open to the general public. The ASC's current research programme, entitled 'Africa and Global Restructuring', aims to understand Africa better within the recent historical juncture of global restructuring, with a focus on resources and well-being, issues of governance, identification and belonging in a media age, and Africa's global connections. The ASC has various publications series and a very informative website: www.ascleiden.nl

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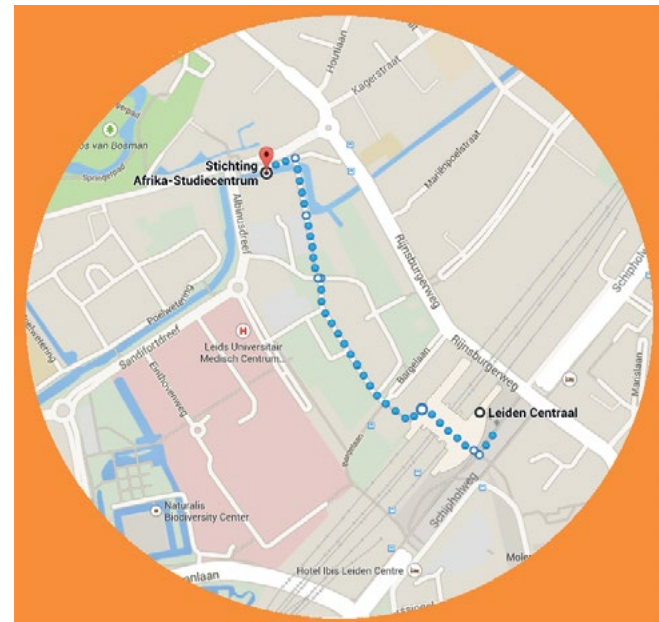
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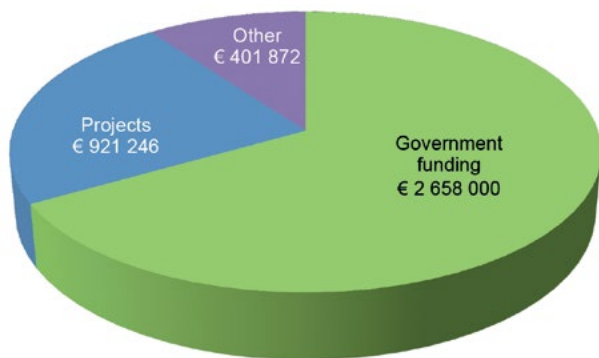


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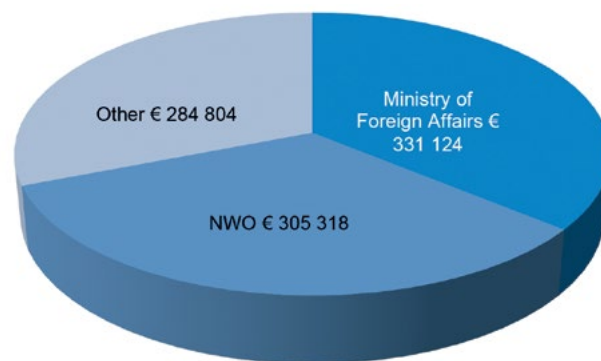
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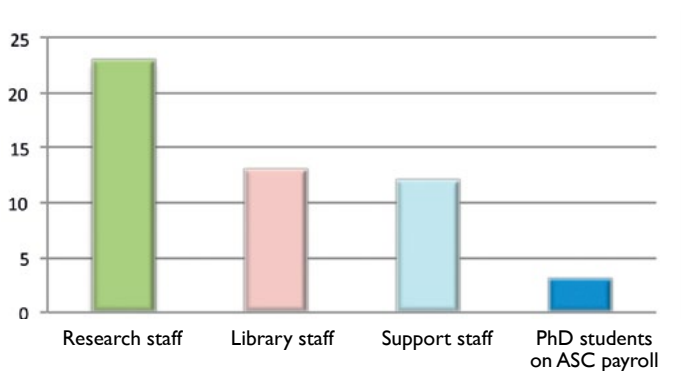
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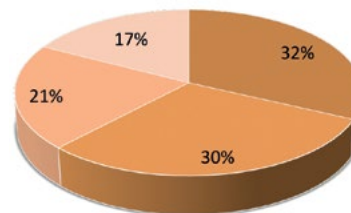
Income from ASC projects: € 921 246



ASC staff members by category, 31.12.2014



ASC online use



- ASC website: 402,424 visited pages
- ASC publications: 377,898 downloads
- AfricaBib: 258,967 unique visitors
- ASC library catalogue: 218,056 searches

10 For decades, the African Studies Centre (ASC) in Leiden has been a leading centre for the study and dissemination of knowledge about Africa. The ASC is also an important hub for the promotion of African Studies in the Netherlands, Europe, and more generally with its strong links to colleagues in Africa, Europe, North America, and elsewhere in the world. The ASC's research staff – comprised of the core research staff, associated researchers, and PhD students -- work primarily in the areas of the social sciences and the humanities. The year 2014 was the third year of the ASC's current five-year 2012-2016 research programme, 'Africa and Global Restructuring'. Within this overarching research programme, the research staff carried out various individual and collaborative research projects, which led to many academic publications as well as active engagement in public debates and exchanges with other academics, policymakers, including the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the media, NGOs, and the business community. The ASC's areas of research and publications remain broad and diverse and have led to significant contributions to research, publications, and public debate in 2014 that can only be briefly highlighted in this section.

The Researchers' Assembly (RA) – the organizational body that brings the ASC's research staff together and led by its elected chair (Benjamin Soares) and deputy (Mayke Kaag) – is the main forum for the ASC to discuss research plans and priorities, output, techniques for communicating research findings, fundraising, and so forth. One of the most important developments during 2014 was the appointment of three new members of the research staff (Fantu Cheru, Laura Mann, and Chibuïke Uche).

The ASC's ongoing main research activities – both individual and collaborative -- fall within the four interrelated thematic areas of the 2012-2016 research programme:

Resources and well-being

Within the thematic area focusing on resources and well-being, research staff members made significant and timely contributions to important academic

and policy debates in 2014, most notably in a series of edited collections on agricultural, food and nutritional dynamics (Akinyinka Akinyoade, Wijnand Klaver, Sebastiaan Soeters & Dick Foeken), an exploration of development and equity by scholars from Africa, Asia and Latin America (Dick Foeken, Ton Dietz, Leo de Haan & Linda Johnson), and the contested issue of the 'global land grab' (Mayke Kaag & Annelies Zoomers).

The ASC's involvement in Developmental Regimes in Africa (DRA), the follow-up research project to the earlier Tracking Development project, includes a contribution to the joint project, Islands of State Effectiveness and African Agriculture. This has led to additional reports on agricultural dynamics and food security trends in Kenya (Ton Dietz & André Leliveld) and agricultural 'pockets of effectiveness' in Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda (Ton Dietz, Dick Foeken, Wijnand Klaver & Sebastiaan Soeters).

Various researchers made numerous contributions through their research and publications to debates about livelihoods as they relate to forest regimes and conflict (Ton Dietz), urban agriculture, including the gendered division of labour in crop cultivation (Dick Foeken), biofuel feedstock production (Marcel Rutten) and resource management (Han van Dijk) in a variety of African countries. In addition, the ASC continued to produce thematic maps related to such issues, including a map on population dynamics in Africa.

Ongoing ASC research focuses on, among other things, household economies and livelihoods in various settings; for example, Marleen Decker's ongoing inquiry into responses to economic shocks in Ethiopia and her work on community-based development organizations in Zimbabwe, and Michiel van den Bergh's study of conservation and development projects in the Sahel. As the host of the Secretariat for the Knowledge Platform on Development Policies, one of the so-called Knowledge Platforms launched by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in June 2012, the ASC has also been involved in policy relevant research relating to issues of inclusive development (Marleen Dekker & Karin Nijenhuis).

Constellations of governance

Within the areas of politics, history and religion and using multidisciplinary approaches, ASC staff members have continued to contribute to key academic debates about governance in a variety of settings in Africa and from a comparative perspective. During the course of 2014, several ASC researchers focused on politics from the micro to the macro levels in Africa. This year also saw the publication of another edition of the ASC's essential reference work, *Africa Yearbook*. Klaas van Walraven, who long served as one of the editors, was replaced by Jan Abbink. They, along with various ASC researchers, have authored a number of the individual entries about various African countries in this useful volume. Other researchers worked on issues of governance in Mali leading up to the 2012 coup (Martin van Vliet), the implication of economic liberalization on politics in Sudan (Laura Mann), and politics more generally. In addition, issues of labour dynamics and trade unions continue to be a major area of inquiry for several researchers (Marleen Dekker, Mayke Kaag, Ineke van Kessel, André Leliveld & Laura Mann).

Detailed historical research remains central to the ASC's research agenda. In 2014, both Stephen Ellis and Klaas van Walraven were involved in numerous follow-up activities related to their 2013 monographs about the ANC in exile and Niger's Sawaba movement, respectively. Jan-Bart Gewald delivered his inaugural lecture, 'To Grahamstown and Back: Towards a Socio-Cultural History of Southern Africa' for his Chair at the Leiden University Institute of History and continued his historical research about the broader region. Other historical research focused on the history of organized crime (Stephen Ellis); the erroneous assumption that France was directly involved in the 1974 coup in Niger (Klaas van Walraven); the history of political dynamics in Zambia (Iva Peša); the historiography of Islam in West Africa (Benjamin Soares); the history of communications technology in colonial Cameroon (Mirjam de Bruijn); and political developments in post-apartheid South Africa (Ineke van Kessel).

The theme of religion has long been the focus of several ASC researchers. Their work covers Christianity, including Pentecostalism, Islam, and African 'traditional'

religions and ranges in scope from the study of ritual and religious practice from an anthropological perspective (Wouter van Beek) to the intersection of religion and politics in various countries (Jan Abbink, Stephen Ellis, Benjamin Soares); from Muslim intellectual production (Gerard van de Bruinhorst) and the nature of the secular postcolonial state (Jan Abbink) to Islamic NGOs from the Gulf States that operate in Africa (Mayke Kaag) and religion and AIDS treatment in Africa (Rijk van Dijk).

Identification and belonging in a media age

Within the thematic area centred on identification and belonging in a media age - with a particular interest in mobile telephony and information and communication technologies (ICTs) - research staff have continued the ASC's longstanding research focus on understanding (the politics of) new forms of identification and belonging. During 2014, Mirjam de Bruijn's NWO-funded project in conjunction with Leiden University's Institute of History, *Connecting in Times of Duress*, produced a number of significant publications about the history of communications technology in Africa, connecting among mobile communities and social memory in the digital age. Other ASC staff conducted research on African Studies in the digital age more generally (Jos Damen); the internet and business process outsourcing in East Africa (Laura Mann); the digital divide and the labour market in Sudan (Laura Mann); identity politics among Muslims in Ethiopia (Jan Abbink); and religion and (new) media, particularly among youth in Africa (Benjamin Soares).

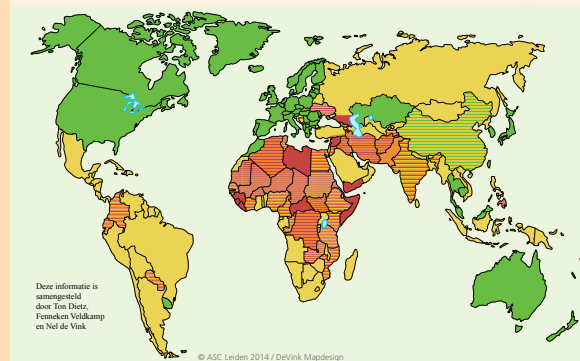
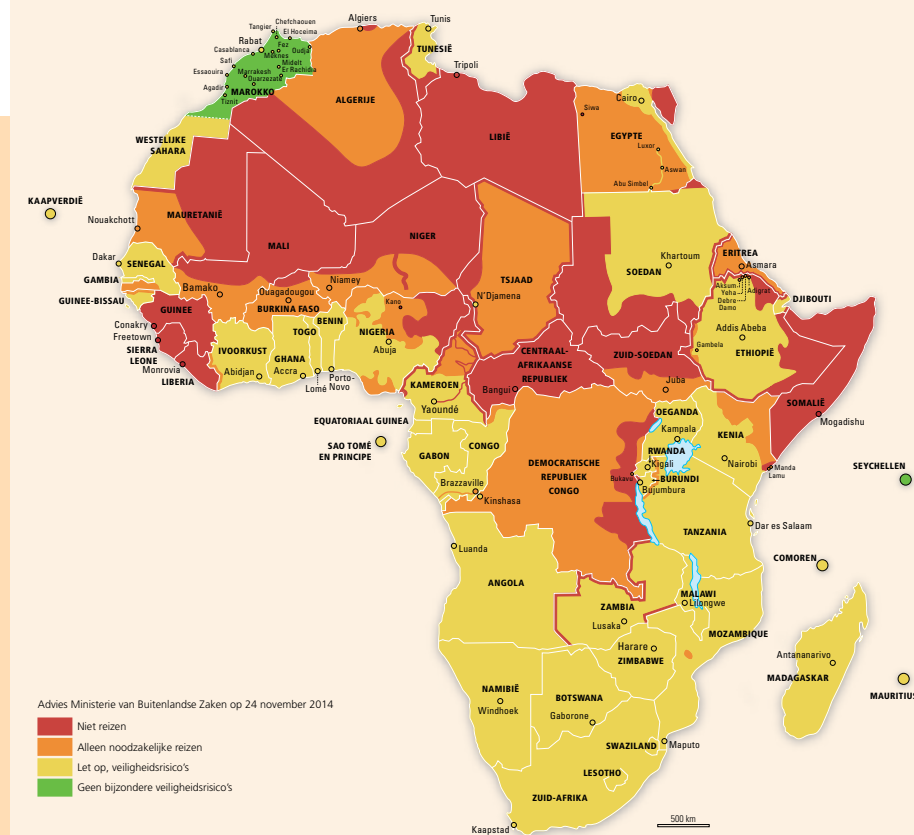
Africa's global connections

Given the world's increasingly multipolar character and the emergence of global powers such as China, India, Brazil, Turkey and the Gulf States, the current ASC research programme aims to understand what this multipolarity means for Africa. Within this broad thematic area, research staff members have been concerned primarily with Africa's changing connections with the world within the realm of economics and development, on the one hand, and religion, especially Christianity and Islam, on the other, and sometimes their intersection. Among the research conducted within this thematic area is Chibuïke Uche's

12 Field research in fragile zones

Doing research in Africa has never been without risks, for foreign researchers and local scholars alike. In 2014, however, there was growing anxiety that the increasing number of 'no-go areas', declared by Ministries of Foreign Affairs (like the one in the Netherlands, see illustration), are creating problems that are ever more difficult to manage. Local academic life in many of these 'fragile zones' is threatened or stopped altogether: universities and even secondary and primary schools closed down and researchers (local and foreign) no longer feel safe to carry out their fieldwork in circumstances of violence, threats of kidnappings and war. The type of knowledge gathered often becomes restricted to security and disaster issues and this produces a lens through which the remaining few researchers view these areas. If locations are 'no-go areas' for a long time (like Somalia) it can result in a dearth of on-the-ground research findings for decades, and scientific findings about Africa become biased towards areas where researchers (and students) feel relatively safe. No-go areas produce no-knowledge zones. In an era of seemingly boundless communication and information, ASC researchers cope with these realities by trying to stay connected and supporting those courageous colleagues, including some of our former visiting fellows, who dare to continue doing useful research work in dangerous circumstances.

Ton Dietz



In november 2014 was er opschudding over een bericht dat de Hogeschool van Amsterdam haar studenten niet naar Afrika liet reizen vanwege ebola en toenemende onveiligheid. Door het Afrika-Studiecentrum en in sociale media werd daar fel op gereageerd: het stigmatiseert Afrika. Er werd gedaan alsof het alleen in Afrika onveilig zou zijn en heel Afrika werd over één kam geschoren.

De IFA nuanceerde haar uitingen; veel hogescholen en universiteiten evalueerden hun eigen reisbeleid. De reisadviezen van het ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken blijken daarbij leidend: www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/reisadviezen

Eind november was dit de situatie in de wereld: code rood gold voor delen van het Midden-Oosten, Afrika en Azië, naast delen van Oekraïne, de Kaukasus en Colombia, Paraguay en de Filipijnen. Binnen Afrika liep er een 'rode gordel' door de Sahara, verder de Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek en de Hoorn in. Ook Guinee, Liberia en Sierra Leone (door ebola getroffen) en delen van het Grote Merengebied waren rood. Van de 54 Afrikaanse landen waren er 24 geheel of deels rood. Maar tal van landen en gebieden zijn geel en de Seychellen en het grootste deel van Marokko zijn groen.

research on financial institutions regulation and regional integration in Africa, foreign business operations in Africa, as well as import duty waivers in Nigeria; Stephen Ellis' work on organized crime and its international connections in Africa; Mayke Kaag's research on Islamic NGOs from the Gulf in Africa; and Benjamin Soares' preliminary research on West African Muslims living and working in China.

Falling within the thematic areas of the research programme, ongoing ASC research activities are organized into individual research projects and collaborative research groups that bring together several ASC researchers along with associated members working on related issues and themes. Much of the ASC's research is carried out in close cooperation with colleagues outside of the ASC and in concert with various partner institutions in Europe, Africa and elsewhere in the world.

Collaborative Research Groups

Some of the ASC's research is conducted within the rubric of the collaborative research groups (CRGs), each comprising between five to seven ASC researchers, various affiliated members, and a member of the ASC Library staff. Although one of the groups (Beyond the State & Networks) was dissolved in 2014 and another (Conflict and Mediatization) is currently inactive, a new group (Conflict in Africa) was formed this year to cover some of the important areas the CRG focusing on the state had intended to address.

The **CRGs** are:

Beyond the State (2012-2014)

Convenor: Jan Abbink

This group studies socio-political processes, movements and actors that emerge and operate relatively independently from state structures, usually in alternative socio-political contexts and weakly governed spaces - hence the name 'beyond the state'. Despite the importance of this topic and the continuing importance of such non-state actors in various contexts in Africa, the group has had limited activities and formally ceased to function in late 2014. This was due largely to researchers' busy work schedules and the attrition of several dynamic members (PhD students and postdocs) who left the ASC. A new group, Conflict in Africa (see below), was formed to cover some of these important issues.

Conflict in Africa: Trajectories of Power, Competition and Civic (Dis-) engagement (2014-present)

Convenor: Han van Dijk

Researchers: Jan Abbink, Wouter van Beek, Mirjam de Bruijn, Han van Dijk, Mayke Kaag

Library Staff member: Edith de Roos

PhD Affiliates: Abreham Alemu, Margot Leegwater, Martin van Vliet

External affiliates: Alexander Meckelburg (University of Hamburg), André van Dokkum (VU Amsterdam)

In part formed after the dissolution of the 'Beyond the State' CRG, this group explores the processes of making authority, legitimacy, and conflict escalation and mediation given the context of accelerated growth trajectories in Africa. In addition to analyzing how people devise their own local solutions when faced with the dilemmas of survival and livelihoods, the research group aims to produce field data, insights and contributions to broader discussions on security and the rule of law in Africa, prominent in policy debates and international development efforts. Various research activities and workshops are planned for the coming year.

14 Digging Deeper

My research as part of the ASC Collaborative group *Food Security and the African City: Clustering Metropolitan Food Chains* came to fruition in 2014 with the publication of **Digging Deeper: Inside Africa's Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Dynamics** (African Dynamics series, Brill). This volume delves into Africa's agricultural and rural sector, linking empirical accounts of agricultural dynamics to current policy debates on economic transformation. It provides systematic accounts of multi-sector engagements with agricultural production and their often multi-spatial livelihoods and consumption and investment patterns. Understanding the rural and agricultural aspects of economic transformation demands going beyond agro-biological, technical and economic/business sciences and integrating social and cultural knowledge, geographical and temporal scales and diversities. Considering indigenous knowledge, social capital formation and trajectories of linking and learning is key, as is a keen eye for social differentiation and the impact of rapid socio-economic change.

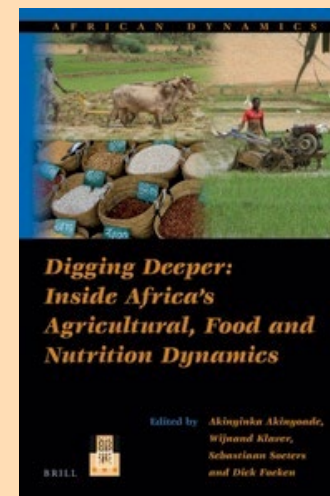
Our book has four main themes. The first section is on **mapping the evidence**. This includes mapping the food economy of Sub-Saharan Africa (Lia van Wessenbeeck) and features a comparative inventory, (which I undertook with Ton Dietz & André Leliveld) of agricultural 'pockets of effectiveness' in Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda since 2000. These four countries formed the African focus of ASC's Tracking Development project. Wijnand Klaver examines food production and consumption in these four focus countries between 1961 and 2009, analyzing the outcome in terms of food insecurity and under-nutrition.

The second section addresses **agricultural production and effectiveness**. It contains chapters examining dairy clustering in the Northern and Central Rift regions of Kenya (Diederik de Boer & Jackson Langat); using secondary data to examine the status, challenges and contributions of biofuel feedstock production in Ethiopia (Maru Shete & Marcel Rutten); and Joost Beuving's exposition on the mixed fortunes of young men working in the Nile perch sector at Lake Victoria.

The third section deals with the **drivers of food production**, specifically in urban areas. Sebastiaan Soeters concentrates on the pressures and incentives arising from rapidly growing African cities and the ability of rural communities at the urban fringe to benefit from the growing demand for key food commodities. Diana Lee-Smith assesses the complex dynamics of urban food production in urban and peri-urban communities, and Melle Leenstra examines agriculture and diversified livelihoods among urban professionals, with particular reference to the evolution of suitcase farmers to telephone farmers.

The last section dwells on **institutional issues**, starting with an exploration of agricultural research systems in Nigeria and the West Africa region (Olubunmi Omotesho & Abraham Falola). It also includes my analysis, in collaboration with Sheu-Usman Akanbi, of the contribution made by small- and large-scale farms and foreign and local investments to agricultural growth in Nigeria. Kees van der Geest and Koko Werner assess the loss and damage caused by droughts and floods in rural Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and The Gambia, and examine the measures households adopt to cope. Finally, Inge Brouwer describes the pathways linking agriculture to human nutrition and emphasizes the need for rigorous and well-designed studies to test pathways and measure impact using valid but simple indicators of food and nutrient intake.

Akinyinka Akinyoade





Beijing, March 2014: participants in two-day workshop co-organized by the Peking University Center for African Studies and the ASC.

Africa in the World: Rethinking Africa's Global Connections

(2012-present)

Convenor: Mayke Kaag

Researchers: Fantu Cheru, Ton Dietz, Stephen Ellis, Mayke Kaag, André Leliveld, Benjamin Soares, Chibuiké Uche

Library Staff member: Germa Seuren

Associated members: Julie Ndaya, Heinrich Matthee, Wiebe Nauta

This group explores Africa's changing global linkages in an increasingly multipolar world in which actors such as China, India, Brazil, Turkey and the Gulf States

are becoming major players. This includes reflection upon what this means from the vantage point of Africa and the agency of Africans, as well as placing the current dynamics within historical context. In March 2014, along with the Peking University Center for African Studies (PKU-CAS), the group co-organized a two-day workshop in Beijing (funded by NWO) about Sino-Dutch Complementarity in African Studies and Policies. Participants included Chinese, Dutch and African academics, diplomats and students who discussed possible synergies in African Studies between the ASC and PKU and the Netherlands and China more generally. During 2014, two new ASC staff members joined the group, which also welcomed a number of new associated members.

16 A Political Economy on the Data Revolution

My research examines how information and communication technologies are transforming political and economic systems in Africa. It builds on the work of researchers like the ASC's Mirjam de Bruijn, who is illuminating how farmers, traders and small-scale producers use mobile phones to expand their markets, connect with suppliers and coordinate business activities efficiently. My research focuses on the data produced by these activities.

Every time a mobile phone is used in Kenya, transactional information is produced: Where was the phone used? Where was the contact located? Was money sent? This information is termed 'big data' and it has been described as the 'new oil' of the digital economy. Researchers use this data to understand the spread of diseases, the flow of people after crises and the way authorities might better map the needs of their populations. Technology firms like Google, Facebook, Orange and Telenor provide access to their datasets. Consequently, they have a prominent voice in the debate around governance and have positioned themselves as new 'developmental' actors.

My research brings a political economy perspective to this field. It examines how big data might make informal economies more visible. For example, developers are building mobile applications that give farmers advice. Algorithmic systems are being designed to help farmers keep financial records and demonstrate credit-worthiness to banks. Others are building traceability systems to help document use of certified seeds, pesticides and fertilizers. These mobile systems accumulate big data about smallholder farming and trading, and fill the so-called 'commercial black-spots' of rural Africa. Developers can develop spin-off services, such as producing credit scores to sell to banks. They might sell data subscriptions or forge partnerships with agribusiness, telecoms and banks. Or, they could donate data freely to governments or 'data commons'.



A Kenyan farmer uses a mobile phone in the field. Photo: Neil Palmer (CIAT)

The long-term effects could be revolutionary, making groups visible as taxpayers, political constituents and targets of industrial policymaking. Others may be negatively affected. Commercial interests may block data flows. Larger companies may use data to consolidate control over supply and distribution chains. Local traders with connections may try to subvert such deployments if they feel their interests are threatened. Moreover, how will cooperatives negotiate their terms of inclusion? Will they be able to capture the commercial value of their members' data?

Data has the potential to transform economies. It may bring new actors into the formal economy and the tax net and foster new coalitions for development. However, its potential depends on politics and institutional configurations. I hope to answer these kinds of questions in relation to smallholder farming and informal urban transport in Kenya and South Africa.

Laura Mann



CoCooN initiative Kenya conference, bringing together (retired) Dutch irrigation specialists who have worked in the Tana region, Kenya.

Photo: Marieke van Winden

Food Security and the African City (2012-present)

Convenor: Akinyinka Akinyoade (2014-present)

Researchers: Akinyinka Akinyoade, Ton Dietz, Dick Foeken, Wijnand Klaver, André Leliveld, Marcel Rutten

Library Staff member: Heleen Smits

External affiliates: Samuel Owuor (ASC fellow, University of Nairobi), Stefan Jansen

This is one of the two largest CRGs, and it brings together ASC researchers and affiliated researchers working on questions of food security and urban food systems in Africa in particular. Aside from numerous publications emanating from this CRG, including the 2014 volume of the ASC's *African Dynamics, Digging Deeper: Inside Africa's Agricultural, Food and Nutrition Dynamics*, the research also serves as input for ongoing discussions between the ASC and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Netherlands-African Business Council (NABC)

and Wageningen University (WUR), amongst others, about the establishment of 'Agrohubs' in and around African cities. Members of the group remain involved in the EU FoodMetres project, and they produced working papers and policy briefs for the Developmental Regimes in Africa project with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). In addition, members also worked on various new project proposals on food security and cities.

Labour Dynamics and Trade Unions

(2013-present)

Convenor: André Leliveld

Researchers: Marleen Dekker, Mayke Kaag, Ineke van Kessel, André Leliveld, Laura Mann

Library Staff member: Ursula Oberst

External affiliates: Roos Keja (independent consultant), Huib Huyse (HIVA)

This group addresses Africa's recent economic growth from the perspective of labour, with a particular focus on trade unions and informal workers' organizations as important actors for inclusive development. Members of the CRG were awarded a grant for a research programme on the role of trade unions and informal workers' organizations for the political leverage of informal workers in Ghana and Benin (NWO, 2014-2017). The CRG has established an extensive network of partners working on labour issues and trade unions in various places in Africa and beyond. During 2014, the group organized a roundtable and worked on a WOTRO-funded stakeholder workshop, hosted another roundtable about trade unions in conjunction with the International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam, and launched their programme with a workshop in Benin about the political leverage of informal workers' organizations in Benin and Ghana. Members of the CRG also worked on a forthcoming edited volume, 'Labour Issues and Trade Unions in Africa Today'.

18 To Grahamstown and Back: Towards a Socio-Cultural History of Southern Africa

In my inaugural lecture (June 6, 2014), I expanded upon a painting, completed nearly 170 years ago, of a party of men and women "returning from the [Cape] Colony with the property they had acquired [...] the guns [...] carried by the men [...] the iron pots and heavier articles [...] borne by the women and the pack oxen."

History is to be found in the material objects of everyday life and the scene depicted in this painting represents what happened throughout Southern Africa between 1650 and the present. The painting is a lens through which to examine the movement of people, goods and ideas in the sub-continent's past and present. This is a central theme in Southern Africa's history and from the struggle to control this movement emerged the history of human societies in the sub-continent.

My research and teaching deals with the material objects of everyday life, locating them in a socio-cultural setting to study them through time. The acquisition of material goods, be it cooking pots, firearms or clothing, transformed the material cultures of the societies involved, and there has been a convergence of desires, consumption and the use of material objects within Southern Africa. Today, young men in Southern Africa aspire to the same cars, the same fast-food, the same clothing and the same armaments, irrespective of race but respective of class. These objects gain meaning when placed within the socio-cultural context in which they are used. In all of this, it is ideas that determine human action. This is not to deny the material conditions that have engendered the massive social deprivation wreaked by colonial rule. Yet, ideas reveal what has happened and how people seek to deal with events.

In the Cape Peninsula today, it is common to meet petrol attendants, road workers, newspaper salesmen or waiters who have travelled from central Africa in search of a better life. Conversations with such people reveal Southern Africa

to be a single whole, albeit with different accents. While the Cape is not the Transvaal, Zimbabwe is not Botswana, and historical processes in Namibia differ from those in Zambia, Southern Africa is tied together by a deep, culturally informed structure, by labour, economic institutions and the consumptive practices of its population. There is more that binds Southern Africans than divides them.

I sincerely hope that I, and my students, will continue to meet petrol pump attendants and waiters for many years to come; only in this way can we maintain the human dimension that is so necessary, yet so often missing from history.

Jan-Bart Gewald



Ton Dietz congratulates Jan-Bart Gewald on his appointment as Professor of History of Southern Africa at Leiden University. Photo: Maaïke Westra

Networks, Conflict and Mediatization in Africa (2012-present)

Convenor: Rijk van Dijk

Researchers: Jan Abbink, Wouter van Beek, Mirjam de Bruijn, Rijk van Dijk,

Library Staff member: Gerard van de Bruinhorst

PhD Affiliates: Karin van Bommel, Inge Butter

External affiliates: Jonna Both, Linda van de Kamp

This CRG studies social networks and conflict in increasingly mediatized societies in Africa. Despite successful activities in previous years, in 2014 the group had much more limited activities. In 2015, the members anticipate reactivating the group and organizing more events.

Rethinking Contemporary African History and Historiography (2012-present)

Convenor: Stephen Ellis

Researchers: Ton Dietz, Stephen Ellis, Jan-Bart Gewald, Ineke van Kessel,

Benjamin Soares, Chibuïke Uche, Klaas van Walraven

Library Staff member: Elvire Eijkman

This CRG is the second of the two largest collaborative groups at the ASC, and it brings together those broadly interested in questions of history and historiography in Africa. It serves mostly as a forum for the exchange of ideas. The group periodically held meetings in which CRG members from the ASC and affiliated researchers, as well as several outside participants, presented their research on a range of topics, including sources in African history and questions of Africanist history and the use of historical sources more generally.

Roads to Prosperity and Social Zones of Transit: Comparing Southern and West Africa through Time (2012-present)

Convenor: Jan-Bart Gewald

Researchers: Akinyinka Akinyoade, Marleen Dekker, Rijk van Dijk, Jan-Bart

Gewald, André Leliveld

Library Staff member: Machteld Oosterkamp

This CRG brings together researchers aiming to understand the rise and transformation of certain places in Africa that became marked as spaces of transit for people who were and are in search of better socio-economic prospects. Their case studies about migrants who have failed to reach their envisaged end destination and who remain 'stuck' en route to their final goal are drawn from Botswana, Ghana, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In addition to a number of workshops, the CRG will produce the 2015 African Dynamics volume.



VISITING FELLOWS

Romain Dittgen



Romain Dittgen is the first joint fellow of the African Studies Centre and the International Institute for Asian Studies, both in Leiden. Romain holds a PhD in Human Geography from the Sorbonne University in Paris and is an associate researcher at the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). He is also affiliated to the geography research institute UMR 8586 Prodig in Paris.

Romain's research deals with the spatial dimension of the Chinese presence in Sub-Saharan Africa. His focus is on the settlement dynamics of public and private Chinese actors, from an enclave perspective. As part of SAIIA's 'China in Africa project' and 'Global powers in Africa programme', he has published several papers on China-Africa related topics.

Bekele Gutema Jebessa



Bekele Gutema Jebessa is associate professor of Philosophy at Addis Ababa University. His PhD (University of Vienna, 1998) was on 'The Contribution of African Philosophy to Contemporary Philosophy'. He has also been Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Addis Ababa University. His research interests are: African philosophy, intercultural philosophy, social and political philosophy and the university as an institution.

Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe



Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe studied Geography and Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and holds a PhD in Political Science (1998) on Nigerian civil society between 1983 and 1992. She currently works at the School of Government and Society, Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo. Her research interests are: NGOs and civil society in a comparative perspective, African asylum seekers and their organizations, environmental NGOs and relations between policy, NGOs and daily lives. She focuses primarily on Nigeria, Eritrea and Sudan. Since October 2013, she has been a research fellow at

the Davis Institute for International Relations. At the ASC she has focused on community organizations amongst African refugees.

Felix Kaputu



Professor Felix Kaputu was born in the DRC. He has worked in academic institutions in the US, Japan and Belgium. His expertise includes: African Studies, African politics, literature (mythology), gender, religion, diaspora, art, community development and pedagogy. This expertise has grown within comparative structures that put African experiences and studies, on the one hand, and Asia, Europe and America on the other, for global comparative presentations and understanding of socio-political, religious, literary and artistic productions. He currently teaches at Helsinki-España and at Ghent University, Belgium. His publications focus on human existential conditions, social conditions, beliefs, aesthetics, diaspora and pedagogy.

Collins Miruka



Collins Miruka is Professor of Management Sciences at the Graduate School of Business and Government Leadership, North West University, South Africa. He has published widely in his field of expertise, which includes social innovation and entrepreneurship development and leadership and negotiation strategies. Collins runs Rufire Consulting, offering services in South Africa and Kenya in public and development management, climate change adaptation and energy-based development approaches. At the ASC he finalized a research paper on enriching the narrative resources of the Kenyan trade union movement.

Moses Mwangi



Dr Moses Mwangi researches sustainable livelihoods development and management, specifically in arid and semi-arid lands environments. He holds a PhD degree in Water Engineering and a Postgraduate Diploma in Technology for Development from Loughborough University. Dr Mwangi is currently the

Chairman of the Department of Hydrology and Water Resources Management at the South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU). He is also the National Consultant on Water for the Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought (IGAD). While visiting the ASC, Dr Mwangi collaborated with Dr Marcel Rutten to analyze and compile reports, infosheets and papers, based on research undertaken in four river basins of the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) of Kenya under the banner of Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources (CoCooN).

Samuel Ntewusu



Samuel Ntewusu holds a PhD in History from Leiden University, the Netherlands, and an MPhil in African Studies from the University of Ghana. Since August 2011, Ntewusu has worked as research fellow at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana. Ntewusu's main thematic interests are: urbanization and transport in Ghana; cults and environmental protection in Ghana; Gonja and gold: a historical study of gold mining in northern Ghana; biographies: documenting the achievements and failures of prominent Ghanaians; German colonialism in Ghana; drugs and drug use in Ghana; and Ghana-China relations from pre-colonial to recent times. As a visiting fellow at the ASC he focused on social and colonial history.

Emmanuel Nyankweli



Emmanuel Nyankweli holds a PhD in Development Studies from the University of Amsterdam. He is currently a senior researcher at the Institute of Rural Development Planning in Dodoma, Tanzania. He instructs various courses in project planning and management; project management theories and practices; agricultural development planning; strategic planning; and integrated rural development. His research interests are: China-Africa trade relations; climate change and environment; African mineral resource economies; and governance of non-state socio-protection services. At the ASC he finalized a research paper on 'Communicating climate change to smallholder farmers in Dodoma Tanzania: Opportunities and obstacles to mitigation of climate change impacts'.

Daniel O. Spence



Daniel Owen Spence is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, and holds an Innovation Scholarship with the National Research Foundation of South Africa. He is an imperial and transnational historian working on the nineteenth- and twentieth-century maritime history of the British Empire. He studied at Sheffield Hallam University (SHU), where he won the Russell Finch History Prize (2009) for his Master's thesis, 'Identity, Mutiny and Indianisation: A Cultural Re-appraisal of the Royal Indian Navy, 1946-1958'. He gained his PhD in 2012 on 'Imperialism and Identity in British Colonial Naval Culture, 1930s to Decolonisation'. He is currently completing two book projects: *Colonial Naval Culture and British Imperialism, 1922-1967* and *A History of the Royal Navy: Empire and Imperialism*, in collaboration with I.B. Tauris and the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

Kees van der Waal



Kees van der Waal is a social anthropologist in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. He obtained his PhD from the University of Johannesburg in 1986, based on research on informal sector craftwork and trading in rural areas of the Limpopo Province in South Africa. His more recent ethnographic research in the Limpopo Province and the Western Cape focuses on: culture and identity; the anthropology of development; and ethnography of the South African Lowveld in the Limpopo Province in the period 1986-2013.

At the ASC he worked on a monograph with the provisional title: *Social Dynamics in a Lowveld Rural Settlement: An Ethnography of the South African Transition from Below*. New work is taking shape around the themes of race and culture in South African anthropology with a focus on the history and impact of the discipline.

Recent publications from former visiting fellows



Adalbertus Kamanzi (Tanzania) was a visiting fellow in 2012. His recent publications include:
Kamanzi, A., Namabira, J., & S. Msuya, (2014) "Speaking about the Unspeakable: Tanzania is still caught up in poor sanitation", to be published in *Journal of Science and Sustainable Development*.

Kamanzi, A. & Namabira, J. (2013), "Re-arranging the patriarchal value system through women empowerment. An experience from Tanzania", forthcoming in *Insights into gender equity, equality, and power relations in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Addis Ababa: OSSREA.

Kamanzi, A. (2013), "Masculinities at Work Everywhere: A Case Study of Gender-Based Violence in Tanzania"

Kamanzi, A. & R. Paul, (2012), "Power analysis: A study of participation at the local level Tanzania", Leiden: ASC Working paper 105.



Sofiane Bouhdiba (Tunisia) was a visiting fellow in 2012. His recent publications include:
Enseignement supérieur, francophonie et développement : le cas de la Tunisie. In: Michel Simeu Kamdem & Eike W. Schamp (eds) *L'université africaine et sa contribution au développement. L'exemple du Cameroun*. Karthala: 2014.



Jessica Achberger (USA/Zambia), was a visiting fellow in 2013. Her recent publications include:
From the Local to the Global: Tuesday Market as a Microcosm of Socio-economic Trends in Zambia. Southern African Institute for Policy and Research. Occasional Paper #2014/01.



Juvence Ramasy (Madagascar) was a visiting fellow in 2013. His recent publications include:
Transition électorale à Madagascar et enjeux sécuritaires, Note N01/2014, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique

Forces armées malgaches, garantes de la stabilité politique et démocratique?, Juin 2014, Acte du colloque "Les crises malgaches: Un diagnostic pluridisciplinaire. Mettre fin à la fragilité: Construire le présent à partir du futur", pp.47-52.

24 Post-conflict Decentralized Land Governance in Uganda

This research is part of the larger 'Grounding Land Governance' programme, (funded by NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development), which studies how land governance evolves in post-conflict situations as an outcome of the interaction between multiple stakeholders in Uganda, Burundi and South Sudan. My project, based in Uganda, investigates how decentralization influences land governance relations; how it impacts the legitimacy and authority of local institutions; and how land conflicts are resolved in post-conflict northern Uganda.

A major finding is that decentralization restructures power relations between land governing institutions. This has a significant impact on tenure security in the Acholi region of northern Uganda. There has been no real devolution of power from central to local governments in Uganda; consequently, decentralized land governance structures have insufficient power to make independent decisions on land governance. Instead, decisions are made at lower levels of government and tend to reflect the interests of those at higher levels of governance. This contributes to people losing trust in decentralized land institutions.



Local Council 3 members mediating a land dispute in Pabbo Sub-County, Amuru District.
Photo: Doreen Kobusingye



Women stranded in former Pabbo IDP camp because they are refused access to land at their parents' and husbands' homes. Photo: Doreen Kobusingye

Furthermore, decentralization contributes to institutional multiplicity by creating new institutions in addition to existing authorities and land regulations. Institutional proliferation fuels competition among land governance institutions; this results in indecision on land disputes. Thus, decentralized land governance fails to improve post-conflict tenure security and local people often resort to violence when settling land issues.

Two decades of civil war in northern Uganda, between the National Resistance Movement government and the Lord's Resistance Army, has had a significant impact on land governance in the region. The war not only uprooted people from their land, forcing them to move into Internally Displaced People's camps, but also devastated the authority of both customary and statutory land institutions. The current land conflicts in the Acholi region are deeply rooted in the dynamics of this war. Before the war, customary elders were responsible for land governance in Acholi; however, the accelerated social change brought about by war means that land governance in post-conflict northern Uganda is dominated by young men. This shift in power relations fuels the intergenerational struggles for authority.

The war has also contributed to reshaping perceptions between the state and the Acholi people. The Acholi believe that the government wants to create opportunities for people from the southern part of the country and encourages investors to grab land in northern Uganda.

Power impacts significantly on how land governance decisions are made by decentralized land institutions. Moreover, decentralized land governance in post-conflict settings is shaped by a multitude of factors, which directly impact tenure security.

Doreen Kobusingye

PHD RESEARCH

PhD Theses Defended in 2014

ASC staff (co-)supervised almost 80 PhD students based both at the ASC and at different universities in the Netherlands and Africa in 2014. The subjects of their research varied from urban youth in Burundi to forest product value chains in Cameroon and local politics in Malawi.

The following PhD students defended their theses in 2014 (only ASC promotor is mentioned):

Lidewyde Berckmoes

Elusive tactics: Urban youth navigating the aftermath of war in Burundi
14 February 2014 at the VU University Amsterdam
Promotor: Prof. Jan Abbink

Paschal Touoyem

Dynamiques de l'ethnicité en Afrique. Éléments pour une théorie de l'État multinational
18 February 2014 at Tilburg University
Promotor: Prof. Wouter van Beek
Copromotor: Prof. Wim van Binsbergen

Verina Ingram

Win-wins in forest product value chains? How governance impacts the sustainability of livelihoods based on non-timber forest products from Cameroon
18 March 2014 at the University of Amsterdam
Promotor: Prof. Ton Dietz

Mary Davies

The locality of chieftainship: Territory, authority and local politics in Northern Malawi, 1870-1974
21 May 2014 at Leiden University
Promotor: Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald

Ellen Blommaert

Aspirations and sex: Coming of age in Western Kenya in a context of HIV
2 July 2014 at the University of Amsterdam
Copromotor: Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn

Iva Peša

Moving along the roadside: A social history of Mwinilunga District, 1870s-1970s
23 September 2014 at Leiden University
Promotor: Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald

Both Lidewyde Berckmoes and Mary Davies defended their thesis with honours.



Mary Davies' PhD defence.

26 Pondo Fever, Surfing and Research: The Transkei Triangle

Excitement, curiosity, nervousness and insecurity. All these sensations accompanied me on my journey from Cape Town to the Transkei, the spot where I would conduct my research on the social history of surfing from the 1960s to the 1980s. Along the way, these feelings were fuelled by the many stories shared by, among others, veteran surfers who told tales of their Kei experiences from days gone by.

Reflecting on my research in the Transkei, and particularly on the Wild Coast, I recall an exciting period influenced by various external factors. The weather can be simultaneously rough and spectacular and it was impossible to make plans without taking it into consideration. Things can change quickly and my daily interview schedule was prone to alter at a moment's notice. Heavy rain, tremendous heat or a big swell along the coast would change my best-laid plans. The surf was a factor that I also had to bear in mind when conducting my research in the Kei. The area's untouched and remote beaches, and the beauty of its rolling hills and river mouths are breathtaking and a temptation for even the most dedicated researcher. I held discussions with local community members. Surfers have chased waves here for decades, even during Apartheid when the Transkei was granted the status of a separate state in 1976. And, most importantly, the surfers met local community members on the beaches during their surfing endeavours along the east coast, spending days and sometimes even weeks together in camps on the beach. Surfing, cooking and communal dinners were the norm on Mdumbi Beach, along with a big dose of Pondo Fever – the state of mind that makes it difficult to leave the Kei area.



David Drengk in front of his wooden hut at the coast in Mdumbi.

After about five months on the Wild Coast, my social history of surfing and the actors involved throughout the years began to emerge. Oral history has once again proven to be a crucial aspect of writing history. Indeed, as historians of African History we should certainly take oral history into account and not neglect it in our research.

David Drengk, student Research master African Studies

RESEARCH MASTERS IN AFRICAN STUDIES 2013-2014

The Research Masters in African Studies (RESMAAS) is a two-year course offered to small groups of students by Leiden University in cooperation with the African Studies Centre. Courses are given at the ASC by ASC researchers and by lecturers from other universities in the Netherlands. International as well as local (Dutch) students are eligible to apply for the RESMAAS. One or two of these students are often funded by competitive grant initiatives and/or external funding. Classes for the 2014 RESMAAS intake started in September with three students from the Netherlands. (Two additional students, from Italy and Nigeria, also followed courses but entered the 2013 cohort in February 2014). Two new students (one from the Netherlands and one from Ireland) joined later in the year.

The second-year RESMAAS students returned to Leiden after successful fieldwork. They shared their fascinating stories, experiences and photos with their fellow students in fieldwork reporting sessions, before starting to write up their final theses. Five RESMAAS students graduated in 2014, one from an earlier cohort and four from the 2012-13 intake. One student from the 2012-2013 cohort did not graduate on time, but is almost finished. The thesis topics varied from 'Contesting Land and Identities', about the struggles between women cultivators and Fulani herdsmen in northwest Cameroon (Tse Peter Angwafo), to popular music and social identification among young Afrikaners in Pretoria (Maike Lolkema). Another student (Julia Foudraïne) wrote her thesis on the rise of the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union in South Africa from 1998-2014. Two other theses were concerned with history in the Horn of Africa: Michael Weldeghiorghis Tedla wrote a history of the Eritrean Liberation Front from 1960-1981, and Samuel Andreas Admasie examined the organizational expressions of an emerging working class in Ethiopia between 1960-1977.

A mid-term review of the Research Masters programme was carried out in December 2014 by an external review committee consisting of Prof. Peter Geschiere (Chair, University of Amsterdam), Dr Pieter Boele van Hensbroek (University of Groningen) and Dr Bart Barendregt (Leiden University). Though they were generally positive about the programme and the quality of the theses, they raised concerns about the decreasing number of students. The inflow of non-EU students is seriously hampered by the high tuition fees levied by Leiden University. Action will be undertaken during 2015 to attract more (foreign) students.

Research Masters Theses Completed in 2014

Peter Tse Anwafo: Contesting Land and Identity: The case of Women Cultivators and Fulani Cattle Herders in Wum, Northwest Region of Cameroon

Julia Foudraïne: Mortal men: The rise of the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union under the leadership of Joseph Mathunjwa and the union's move to the political left, 1998-2014

Maike Lolkema: Sounds of young Afrikaners, Popular music and processes of social identification in and around Pretoria, South Africa

Michael Weldeghiorghis Tedla: The Eritrean Liberation Front: Social and Political factors shaping its emergence, development and demise, 1960-1981

Samuel Andreas Admasie: The Making and Unmaking of an Emerging Working Class: Organizational Expressions of Class Formation in Ethiopia 1960-77

Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies

The ASC has hosted the Secretariat of INCLUDE, the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, since May 2014. INCLUDE was established in 2012 by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and supports research, knowledge dissemination and evidence-based policy dialogue in African partner countries on economic transformation and inclusive development. INCLUDE consists of 24 members who represent African and Dutch academia, think tanks, the private sector and civil society. African members include (former) directors and staff of: OSSREA, the Ethiopian Economics Association, AERC, CODESRIA, ACET, CRES, EPRC Uganda and PASGR. The ASC runs the Secretariat in partnership with The Broker, ISS/EUR and AERC.

While most African countries have registered high growth in the last decade, a large number of people remain excluded from the benefits of this progress. More inclusive development requires policies for economic transformation, productive employment and social protection, to ensure that vulnerable and poor groups – especially young people and women – benefit from growth. Such inclusive policies can only be realized if they are supported by coalitions of strategic actors across state and society that can overcome resistance to change among the ruling political and commercial elites.

To promote policy relevance, INCLUDE has a strong focus on country-specific research that embeds dialogue between researchers, policymakers and practitioners from the outset. To this end, the platform has established a research programme. Tendering for the programme is managed by NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development and, to date, three calls for proposals have been published. A number of research groups have been selected for each theme to address pressing research questions, and to bring their results to the attention of decision-makers in the public, non-profit and private sectors. In addition, the platform gathers and packages existing knowledge from a range of stakeholders and aims to build policy-knowledge communities around selected

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research projects.

The main activities of the Secretariat in 2014 included: the development of a brand identity and website; issuing a NWO-WOTRO call for proposals on the cost-effectiveness of social protection programmes; hosting the biannual platform meeting in The Hague aimed at establishing working relationships with 10 research consortia working on productive employment and strategic actors for inclusive development; and mapping the policy and practice stakeholders in the countries of research.

For more information on INCLUDE and a range of interesting sources of information on Inclusive Development: www.includeplatform.net.



Platform meeting 2014, ISS The Hague. Photo: Dick de Jager

Frugal Innovation in Africa

In 2012, Leiden University, TU Delft and Erasmus University Rotterdam established the Centre for Frugal Innovation in Africa (CFIA). The ASC has a leading role in the coordination of the Centre. Frugal innovation is the (re)design of products, services and systems in order to make them available and affordable for poorer and emerging middle-class consumers at the 'Bottom of the Pyramid' (BoP). Frugal innovation challenges existing innovation practices, business models and international value chains. Increasingly, multinational, small- and medium-sized enterprises as well as non-profit organizations in Africa and beyond are developing frugal products, services and systems for the unsaturated BoP consumer markets in Africa.

Business gurus and development policymakers are optimistic about what frugal innovation can mean not only for entrepreneurship, employment and consumers in Africa, but for economic transformation in African countries in general. Currently, however, we have limited understanding of the new innovation systems, business models and value chains that accompany frugal innovation and of the implications for local economic development. CFIA's interdisciplinary research will create greater insight into these issues. Several pilot projects have been established to carry out explorative research, including ASC's own research to develop a frugal thermometer and a frugal weather station.

ASC's André Leliveld and Iva Peša are involved in CFIA research activities. In 2014, André Leliveld travelled to Kenya and Tanzania to establish research contacts and an explorative investigation. He found that the design, production, marketing and distribution of frugal innovations are dominated by multinational companies from Europe, the US, India and China, with weak linkages to African innovation centres and local economies. That said, innovations centres

and I-Hubs are increasingly being localized and local start-ups are gradually appearing in the innovation landscape. Furthermore, policymakers are increasingly moving away from 'inherited' top-down science and technology infrastructures towards more flexible, bottom-up, network-oriented innovation systems. This would foster an environment for developing frugal innovations and links to international innovation and technology networks and value chains.

Also in 2014, Iva Peša visited the Zambian Copperbelt for explorative fieldwork on frugal innovations in the housing, water and energy sectors. Case studies included water kiosks, savings schemes for low-cost housing and sanitation and sawdust pellet cooking stoves. Preliminary findings show that while there is some consumer uptake, the diffusion of frugal innovations is plagued by difficulties, not least in the institutional sphere. Understanding frugal innovations requires more than looking at market dynamics, entrepreneurship or the production and pricing of goods; it requires attention to private-public dynamics, as local councils shape the space in which frugal innovation can develop. Research scheduled for 2015 will further explore the institutional dynamics and consumer demand for frugal innovations.

Sawdust Pellets, Improved Cook Stoves and The Puzzle of Non-Adoption on The Zambian Copperbelt

In the 1960s, after Zambia obtained its independence, ZAFFICO (Zambia Forestry and Forest Industries Corporation) created large plantations of exotic pine and eucalyptus trees to feed the mining and processing industries on the Copperbelt. These industries produce large amounts of sawdust waste, which has limited use.

A Zambian entrepreneur came up with the idea of converting sawdust into cooking energy, to replace charcoal. Despite its negative environmental and health effects, cooking on charcoal is widespread on the Zambian Copperbelt. Through the Swedish International Development Agency, Zambian and Swedish entrepreneurs teamed up to perfect the technique of producing sawdust pellets, which can be used as cooking fuel in micro gasifying stoves. Their company claims that: "Africa's new cooking fuel is here: Cheaper, cleaner, healthier, faster than charcoal, 100% renewable." Despite some initial success, the company is struggling to retain customers for their stoves and fuel. Even customers who bought the stove are not buying pellets or they use the stove as a back-up option.

Recently, a competitor – with access to cheap sawdust from his personal sawmill – entered the market. This company wants to tap into the low-income market segment by selling cheap stoves and cheap fuel. Yet this initiative is also struggling; stoves are not selling as well as expected.

Sawdust pellets and improved cook stoves are examples of frugal innovation, insofar as they manage to reduce costs and improve the household cooking experience. Yet these products illustrate the struggles frugal innovation faces. Customers will not go for low-cost solutions alone; effecting behavioural change is not easy and takes time. Business models and marketing strategies must be innovative if customers are to switch from charcoal to sawdust pellets.

The companies tried selling stoves door to door and through church groups, but sustained marketing presence is a prerequisite for success. Both initiatives have forged partnerships between Zambian and foreign entrepreneurs, private companies and NGOs, illustrating the polycentric nature of frugal innovation. Frugal innovation has to consider idea, design, marketing and consumption; but, above all, frugal innovation has to take into account the local context, as consumers have specific preferences about how they want to cook and which fuel they want to use. Understanding these preferences, which are not solely based on cost considerations, is one of the most challenging aims of the frugal innovation project.

Iva Peša



Water kiosk in Ipusukilo, Kitwe. Photo: Iva Peša

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Figures and Trends in 2014

	2013	2014
Number of visitors	3555	3697
Loans	4184	4358
Requests for information		
by phone / in the library	927	831
by email	1114	1285
New acquisitions	2404	3276
Items catalogued (including gifts)	2920	3573
Abstracts (ASA Online)	1391	1571
Subscriptions to ASA Online mailing list	1685	1605
Titles in ASC Library catalogue	186,677	189,892
Searches in ASC Library catalogue	140,462	218,056
Use of ASC link in ASC Library catalogue	10,892	12,877
Titles in Connecting-Africa	37,500	54,025
Connecting-Africa (unique visitors)	28,941	26,021
ASC website: unique visitors	127,389	165,348
ASC website: visited pages (excluding affiliated websites & robots)	389,358	402,424
AfricaBib (unique visitors excl. robots)	200,977	258,967
ASC Repository (downloads)	199,709	377,898

Highlights from the ASC Library in 2014:

- the launch of the ASC Country Portal
- an acquisition trip to Uganda
- the inventory of the archives of Prof. Sjoerd Hofstra (on Sierra Leone)
- new alert services on African studies
- Wikipedia & African topics



Paper or e-book?
Photo Monique Kromhout



32 Collection Development, Acquisitions and Cataloguing

In March 2014, Gerard van de Bruinhorst travelled to Uganda on an acquisition trip. He visited the Kampala International Book Fair and other relevant organizations and shops in Kampala (Uganda Bookshop, Mukuno Bookshop, Makerere University and several specialized vendors). Van de Bruinhorst purchased over 300 books, 290 of which proved to be unique copies in libraries in the Netherlands, and dozens unique in the world. Some of the covers of these books illustrate this annual report.

The number of book gifts that the ASC Library recorded in 2014 was extremely high (1467 vs 344 in 2013). This was largely an administrative rise, due to the inclusion of the cataloguing figures relating to a donation from the former KIT Library (Royal Tropical Institute). Gifts are a valuable addition to the ASC collection.

Special book donations in 2014:

- Nicolaas Vergunst (pamphlets, journals, 19 books (South Africa), large map of Congo, now on display in the library)
- Elly Engelkes (women in Nigeria, 4 maps, 22 books)
- André van Dokkum (16 books, Portuguese-speaking Africa)
- Bekele Gutema (philosophy, Ethiopia)
- Michael Tonfeld (2 of his own publications)
- Beth and Robert Daniel (Bantu, South Africa)

- Mubarak Oladosu (own publication: Mind Mantra; poetry, Nigeria)
- Dick Foeken (theses, maps, research reports, Kenya)
- Robert Ross (many books on South Africa, 2 boxes of microfilms of South African newspapers, including Cape Town Mail)
- Gerti Hesselings (former ASC Director) (2 boxes from her estate, 11 books)
- Wouter van Beek (9 publications)

The ASC Library also gratefully received donations from Stephen Ellis, Mayke Kaag, Jan Abbink and Jan Jansen.

Each month, ASC Library staff highlight a special or rare book with a short description on the ASC website. Acquisition highlights in 2014 were: *Empire of Dust*, a documentary film by Bram van Paesschen about Congo & China; *Knot of Stone*, a novel by Nicolaas Vergunst; *Chronique d'une Révolte. Photographies d'une Saison de Protestation* [in Senegal]; *African Approaches* by Jo Jordan, on a leading overland enterprise and the building of a house in Tanzania; *Stikvallei* by Frank Westerman, about disasters around Lake Nyos in Cameroon; *Gefangene Bilder*, about French-African prisoners of war in Berlin 1915; and *Zanzibar: Personalities & Events (1828-1972)* by Nasser Abdulla Al-Riyami, which is only available in two other libraries, both in the US. More highlights can be found on the ASC website.



Prof. Sjoerd Hofstra's Archives & Mende Fieldwork Notes

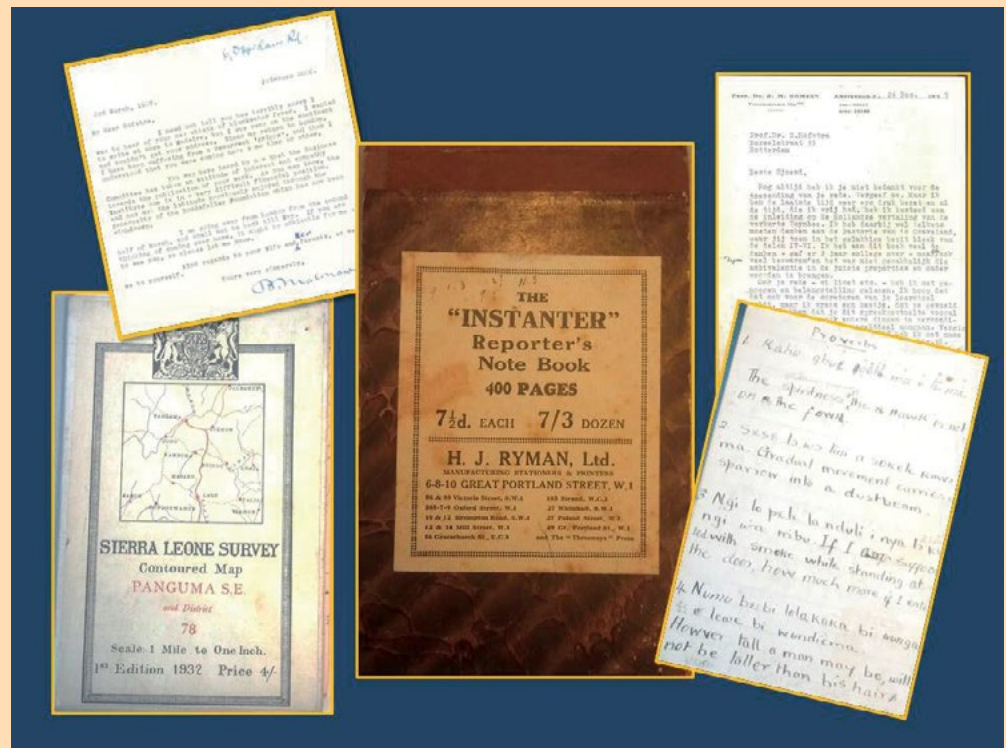
In 2014, the heirs of the Dutch anthropologist and sociologist Sjoerd Hofstra (1898-1983) donated valuable archival material to the ASC Library. Hofstra became Professor of African Anthropology at Leiden University in 1947. In the 1930s, he undertook research among the Mende in Sierra Leone (assisting the famous anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski), but he never fully wrote up the notes of his fieldwork. The ASC selected 67 publications from his archives and incorporated these into the Library's collection.

To coincide with the ASC seminar (3 July 2014) on *Among the Mende in Sierra Leone. Letters from Sjoerd Hofstra, 1934-36* (ASC Occasional Publication vol. 19), the Library highlighted Prof. Hofstra's research archives. An inventory was made of the remaining fieldwork notes written during Hofstra's stay with the Mende between 1934-1936. In addition, there is some statistical demographic material, a series of *Sierra Leone Royal Gazette* and some (school) books in the Mende language. A series of maps of Sierra Leone will be catalogued separately.

Details of this archive can be found at:
<http://opc-ascl.oclc.org/LNG=EN/PPN?PPN=37619510X>

Student assistant Michele Portatadino produced an Encoded Archival Description of the Hofstra Archives. A hundred photographs taken by Hofstra in the Panguma area of Sierra Leone in the 1930s

were digitized and published in the book and on Wikimedia Commons. These photographs have been used to illustrate English Wikipedia articles on the Poro, the Mende people and Sierra Leonean history.



Letters from Malinowski, Jan Romein and other archivalia in the Hofstra Archives.

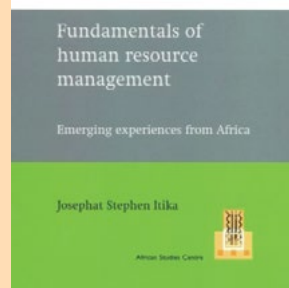
34 Information Services, Indexing & Abstracting

An important change to ASC's services was realized in 2014. The current abstract service is being replaced by the Leiden **Alert Service** on African Studies (LASA). This project (by Germa Seuren and Ursula Oberst) has four components: the development of a (daily) personalized e-mail alert on a specific topic or country (or a combination of the two, or with free search words); the redesign of the Library's acquisitions list (to be published weekly); the semi-automatic import of journal articles into the Library catalogue; and the revitalization and redesign of Connecting-Africa. LASA will become fully functional in 2015.

ASA Online, the ASC's abstracts journal, published 1571 abstracts in 2014. These are included in the ASC's online catalogue and in *Africa-Wide Information*, a EBSCO Host database. *ASA Online* is also included in the Leiden Open Access Repository and all 48 issues were downloaded approximately 30,000 times in 2014 (the 2014 issues 4323 times). 3320 books, journal articles, films and e-docs were indexed to make the material more traceable. Library staff also contributed bibliographic information and abstracts to the *Journal of Religion in Africa*.

3573 books were processed in 2014, including 413 e-docs and 1467 gifts (partly from the KIT Library). In addition to the *ASA Online* articles, 481 journal articles were catalogued and 82 new titles of Africana journals were added to the ASC's online catalogue (many with full text), as were 86 new DVDs of African films.

ASC Publication Most Downloaded Book from Leiden Repository



The ASC publication *Fundamentals of Human Resource Management: Emerging Experiences from Africa* (2011) by Josephat Stephen Itika was the most downloaded book from the Leiden Repository in 2014 (64,000 downloads, averaging 180 per day!). Leiden Repository is the Open Access publications database of Leiden University and affiliated institutes. Publications from the Repository were downloaded 3.2 million times in 2014 and the African Studies collection saw 377,898 downloads; both figures are >25% more than in 2013.

Four of the five most popular downloads in 2014 related to Africa. In addition to Itika's book: *Federalism in Ethiopia* by Asnake Kefale Adegehe (17,861), a book by Julius-Adeoye on Nigerian Theatre (12,489) and an edited volume on Boko Haram (10,086).

The African Studies Centre firmly believes in the benefits of Open Access and was one of the first contributors to the Leiden University repository. At the end of 2014, the Leiden repository hosted well over 16,000 books and journal articles, of which 1500 publications are from the ASC.

The ASC's repository can be accessed at: <https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl>

Web Dossiers

After almost 30 years of dedicated work, Katrien Polman retired from the ASC's Library, Documentation and Information Department in December 2014. Polman started working at the ASC in 1986 and was a driving force behind the ASC's web dossiers. A web dossier was created in her honour in 2014.

Web dossiers 2014:

- *Disability in Africa 2014*
(3 December 2014, International Day of Persons with Disabilities)
- *Katrien Polman (A Tribute)*
- *Productive Employment in Africa*
(a core theme of the Dutch Knowledge Platform on Development)
- *Football in Africa*
(FIFA World Cup in Brazil, June-July 2014)
- *South African Elections 2014*
(General Elections, 7 May 2014)
- *The Rwandan Genocide: Twenty Years On*
(Kwibuka, 20 April 2014)

ASC Country Portal <http://countryportal.ascleiden.nl>

From March 2014, the ASC Country Portal has offered an abundance of information on African countries. It brings together many sources of digital information, grouped per country: news, statistics, publications, country experts, Twitter, maps, images, etc. All 54 countries have a separate page providing access to hidden gems on the internet. The portal was constructed by the ASC's Ursula Oberst, Edith de Roos and Harro Westra.

An extra portal was constructed during the Ebola outbreak in 2014: providing links to reliable information on the disease and its effects:

<http://countryportal.ascleiden.nl/2014-ebola-outbreak>



36 Professional Relations

The outreach and the valorization of ASC knowledge and products is of key importance. The Library contributes to this in several ways:

- Information sessions:

In 2014, various groups were hosted, including from: Leiden University, Campus The Hague; Hogeschool Haarlem; the International Criminal Court in The Hague; Naturalis Leiden; and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Sharing knowledge:

- with researchers on and from Africa;
- by giving information about valorization, open access & repositories to visiting scholars, researchers and journalists;
- by participating in the ASC Research Collaborations;
- by speaking at conferences and seminars:

In 2014, the ASC Library was present at several events: at ELIAS (June 2014, Frankfurt) where Ursula Oberst gave a presentation to librarians and archivists on the Leiden Alert Service African Studies; at the *Digital Afrikaans: Internet and Afrikaans Literature Symposium*, organized by the Maatschappij Nederlandse Letterkunde and the ASC in March 2014; during the Nordic Africa Days in Uppsala in September 2014, where Jos Damen and Ursula Oberst organized a panel and gave presentations on *The Valorization of African Studies in the 21st Century*; and at the OCLC EMEA Regional Meeting in Cape Town (January 2014), where Jos Damen co-presented with Ted Fons (OCLC) and Susan Murray (AJOL-African Journals Online) on the continuing importance of metadata and abstracts for African journal articles and the availability of scientific publications on and from Africa.

- by giving access to free resources, such as the *List of free, Africa related, e-journals* on the ASC website.

- Publications in journals and blogs:

Journal articles and blogs are key to sharing knowledge about libraries and (digital) collections with a larger audience. Gerard van de Bruinhorst published *On Political Biographies and the Politics of Collection Development* (ASC website, November 2014). Van de Bruinhorst also contributed to the Leiden Islam Blog (May 2014), with an article about the Islamic Swahili media's reaction to the conflict in the Central African Republic. Jos Damen co-edited and contributed to the book *African Studies in the Digital Age: DisConnects?* (Brill 2014) and wrote (with Hans Muller) about 'Wikipedia for Africanists' in the journal *African Research and Documentation* (No. 124, 2014).

- Information days:

In May 2014, OCLC staged an information day on library developments (such as the WorldShare Management System) at the ASC. The functionality and achievements of the ASC Library were also highlighted during this meeting.

- The ASC film collection & film seminars:

The ASC Library holds more than 1600 films about and from Africa. This collection is a goldmine for research and education, and the films are used frequently by students and researchers and are also viewed in educational settings. All public showings require consent from the filmmakers or distributors. Films from the ASC collection about migration were used in the Leiden International Film Festival (November 2014). A highlight in 2014 was a film seminar on *From Namibia with Love*. This film, about a Finnish-Namibian couple that assisted the Namibian liberation movement SWAPO in the 1970s, was attended by the filmmaker Laura Meriläinen.

- In the course of 2014, Machteld Oosterkamp took on the extra task of ASC publications assistant.

Wikipedia and African Studies



Boys returning from their initiation in the Poro. Panguma (Sierra Leone), 1936.

In December 2013, the ASC began a Wikipedia project and Hans Muller became a *Wikipedian in Special Residence* for two months. This formed part of a special project initiated by librarian Jos Damen. Twelve Dutch scientific libraries participated, including the libraries of the Rijksmuseum and EYE Film Institute. Funding came from the libraries themselves and

from the PICA Foundation. The project aimed to increase ASC researchers' and librarians' knowledge of Wikipedia and to disseminate ASC knowledge and collections to a wider audience.

Two 'edit-a-thons' were held at the ASC in 2014, improving several Wikipedia articles and creating new entries for, amongst others: Idrissou Mora-Kpaï (Benin), Alphonso Lisk-Carew (Sierra Leone) and Pieter-Dirk Uys (South Africa).

In addition, a few hundred images were uploaded to Wikimedia Commons and used in Wikipedia articles (and far beyond), including a number of maps of African countries and some of the photographs taken by Prof. Sjoerd Hofstra in Sierra Leone in the 1930s. These photographs were used in Wikipedia articles on the Poro, the Mende and other entries on Sierra Leone. Photographs taken by the Lisk-Carew Brothers in Sierra Leone in the 1910s were also used. The Lisk-Carew postcards in the Hofstra archives were also digitized and used on Wikipedia. Together with Hofstra's original photographs these images provide an extraordinary glimpse of Africa's past.

ASC Country Portal, Connecting-Africa, AfricaBib & Google Scholar

A major achievement in 2014 was the new ASC Country Portal, which brings together information about all African countries. For more information: see the infobox on these pages and <http://countryportal.ascleiden.nl>

Connecting-Africa was updated: 17,000 titles of digital publications from repositories were added and changes were made to the layout. The database www.connecting-africa.net now contains 54,025 titles and received 26,021 unique visitors.

There is also good news from AfricaBib. Two new sub-sets were added to the database www.africabib.org (by Willem Veerman): *Water in Africa and Kenya Coast*. AfricaBib had already expanded to include the *Quarterly Index of African Periodical Literature* (QIAPL) from the Library of Congress in 2012. Together with additions to the Islam in Africa database, the complete AfricaBib database now hosts 213,000 items. As of December 2014, it is possible to search through all 213,000 records simultaneously in a one-stop search. Other parties see the power of



The ASC Library.

38 AfricaBib too. The ASC approved a request from Google Scholar at the end of 2014 to index the AfricaBib database and use the metadata in Google Scholar. In practice, this means that the >210,000 records in AfricaBib will be more visible to scholars and other interested individuals, and more scholarly publications about and from Africa will receive the attention they deserve.



Students visiting the ASC Library.

The ASC website

The ASC website is a rich source of information for scholars, students, journalists, NGOs and policymakers. Through social media we are able to reach the general public with an interest in Africa as well. The website saw an increase in the number of unique visitors, from 127,389 in 2013 to 165,348 in 2014. In response to topical developments within African countries or regions, the web staff now publish analytical ASC web articles written by researchers, members of the ASC Community or guest authors. A new monthly newsletter was established in 2014 as a follow-up to its predecessor 'Habari'. The ASC Newsletter is sent to approximately 4,000

subscribers and contains ASC highlights, research news, library news, new publications, ASC in the media, and other news.

In addition to the Country Portal, a web portal about the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was built in September 2014. The portal offers international news, statistics, information from healthcare institutions and Ministries of Foreign Affairs, maps, Tweets, etc. It has been a successful and welcome source, and proved particularly useful for participants of the Africa Works conference in October, during which a joint response to the outbreak was discussed and several petitions on Ebola were signed.

The ASC also hosts websites for partner organizations AEGIS (African Studies in Europe, see aegis-eu.org) and NVAS (Netherlands Association of African Studies, see afrikastudies.nl), and in 2014 ASC webmaster Harro Westra built new versions of these sites for these organizations.

Social Media

The ASC has an active presence on Facebook and Twitter and has a discussion platform for its Community on LinkedIn. Three researchers started blogging in March 2014. Ton Dietz (tondietz.wordpress.com) writes about his experiences as ASC Director and as a senior researcher. His blog post 'Hogeschool van Apekoel' (6 November 2014), written in response to a (later revised) plan from the Hogeschool van Amsterdam to restrict students' travels to Africa, drew lots of attention both within and outside of academia. Mirjam de Bruijn (mirjamdebruijn.wordpress.com) travels through 'complicated' countries like Chad, Cameroon, DR Congo and Central African Republic. For her blog 'CounterVoices in Africa' she documents young, powerful people who try to change these countries in their own way; through arts, human rights advocacy or otherwise. Marcel Rutten (marcelmrutten.wordpress.com) writes about the non-sustainable mining of natural resources in East Africa. His blog is also designed to be a platform and some of the issues discussed include conflicts about land or water; the environmental impact of trade, eco-imperialism by nature conservation groups and political interference in nature conservation.

EVENTS AND EXTERNAL CONTACTS

ASC Community and Country Meetings

The ASC Community grew steadily in 2014, reaching more than 450 members by the end of the year. Two new membership categories were added in 2014: honorary fellows and artists.

In 2014 the ASC organized three Community Country Meetings, for South Africa, Zambia and Mozambique.

The Zambia meeting was organized in cooperation with Platform Zambia and to mark 50 years of Zambia's independence. The meeting was attended by a large crowd of mainly former development cooperation workers with field experience in Zambia. Lectures were given by Nelke van der Lans (Chair of Platform Zambia), Anne-Lot Hoek (author of *From idealism to realism: A social history of the Dutch in Zambia 1965-2013*), Collins Miruka (ASC visiting fellow, North West University, South Africa), and James Sablerolles (Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The meeting was also attended by the Ambassador of Zambia in Brussels, HE Grace M. Mutale Kabwe.

The South Africa and the Mozambique meetings were organized in cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), and in the framework of the elections that took place in these countries in 2014.

For the South Africa meeting, Prof. Susan Booysen (University of the Witwatersrand) gave a lecture on *South Africa's incredible Election 2014: Unpacking the conundrum of sapped but sustained ANC supremacy*. This was followed by responses from Jan Marinus Wiersma (Senior Political Advisor NIMD and former MEP for the Netherlands Labour Party) and Jock Geselschap (International Secretary for the Netherlands Party for Freedom and Democracy). It concluded with a lively panel discussion and a Q&A session.

For the Mozambique meeting, the NIMD's Hermenegildo Mulhovo gave an excellent lecture on *Mozambique after the elections*. This was followed by a



Country meeting Zambia.

fascinating panel discussion and a Q&A session with the audience. The panel comprised Judith Sargentini (chief observer of the EU Election Observation Mission), Daniel Voorhoeve (Head of the Southern and East Africa section, at the Sub-Saharan Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Jos Walenkamp (country expert and professor of International Cooperation at the Hague University) and Hermengildo Mulhovo (NIMD country representative).

If you would like to become a member of the community or if you would like to be informed about upcoming country meetings, send us an email at asccommunity@ascleiden.nl

Seminars and Special events

The ASC's seminar programme attracts academics, students, NGO staff members, Africanists, journalists, policymakers and others with a general interest in Africa. Seminar topics range from inclusive micro insurance to the future of inequality in East Africa and transitional justice in Uganda. In 2014, we hosted informal lunch seminars; others participated in the ASC's regular Thursday afternoon series with invited speakers or 'Africa Today' seminars on topical themes, such as Dr Elsbeth Robson's seminar 'I love my phone more than my girlfriend': *Locating the mobile phone in relationships of young Malawians*.

Particularly well-attended seminars included Roeland Muskens' seminar on the lessons learnt from the Dutch anti-Apartheid movement; Klaas Castelein's 'Arrow Boys in Uganda' and the film seminar 'Born this way', which featured a discussion with Cameroonian gay rights activist Yves Yomb. We attracted a new audience as a result of our partnership with PARTOS, the Dutch association of NGOs



Roeland Muskens gave a seminar on the lessons learnt from the Dutch anti-Apartheid movement.

working in International Development, for a seminar series entitled Leave no one behind. How to include the ultra-poor in economic development? The ASC invited a number of other African scholars to give talks at the ASC in 2014. For instance, Dr Cheikh Anta Babou spoke on *Making Room for Islam in the West: Senegalese Muslims in Europe and North America* and Dr Sandra Manuel from the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo gave a talk on *Normalization of sexual appetite: The sense of sexual contemporariness in Maputo*.

The Netherlands Association of African Studies (NVAS) organized its annual multi-disciplinary conference on 'Africans and Hague Justice. Realities and representations of the International Criminal Court in Africa' at the Haagse



ASC book stand, NVAS conference, Haagse Hogeschool. Photo: Froukje Krijtenburg

Hogeschool in The Hague. The conference highlighted African perspectives on the International Criminal Court and its jurisdiction. The conference theme linked to the current African cases at the International Criminal Court and the vocal and mixed reactions from the African continent towards them.

In December the second ASC Annual Public Event was held at the Hogeschool Leiden. The ASC was very proud to present Phillippa Yaa de Villiers from South Africa, Commonwealth poet 2014. With a Ghanaian father and an Australian mother, De Villiers embodies many of the complexities of global identity. For the ASC Annual Event she performed *Shades*, a lecture-cum-poetry recital-cum-performance that explores race, identity and politics in South Africa. After the performance she was recognized as an 'ASC honorary artist' and given special membership of the ASC Community.



Phillippa Yaa de Villiers at the ASC Annual Public Event.



Africa Works! Conference 2014: Creating new partnerships

The ASC and NABC (Netherlands-African Business Council) organized a second Africa Works! conference in Leiden in October 2014. Africa Works is the fruit of a shared vision about the necessity to change the image of Africa - from a continent of doom and gloom to a continent rich in prospects, promise and profits, a 'Rising Africa'. This year's conference contents were tied to the 'Post-2015 Agenda', which highlights the importance of inclusive growth, inclusive development and inclusive business. Africa Works! 2014 was also designed to be a 'reality check' of the 2012 AW conference held in Zeist. That is to say, how inclusive is Rising Africa and what are the ways forward to ensure that more Africans profit from positive developments on the continent?

The key message during the conference was that new partnerships are needed to shape the 'Post-2015 Agenda', within the Netherlands and Europe, but specifically between the Netherlands/Europe and Africa. The aim of the conference was to seek 'applicable knowledge' about how to operate effectively in the transforming African context. The conference gained a sense of urgency due to the Ebola crisis in West Africa, which jeopardizes the prospects of many Africans. The keynote speaker, Minister Julia Duncan-Cassel from Liberia, spoke eloquently on this subject, emphasizing that "Ebola is not Africa. We should fight against Ebola and not Africa."

AW 2014 was a huge success, with 728 participants, keynote speeches, panel discussions and 38 workshops. Participants from Africa and the African diaspora in the Netherlands were well represented, and many ambassadors from African countries took the opportunity to visit AW. New contacts were established among unlikely partners and there was a strong sense of urgency that researchers and practitioners need to collaborate to understand and work successfully in today's Africa. About 50% of participants came

from business, 20% were NGOs and other civil society actors, 20% researchers and 10% policymakers. The conference was funded primarily by private and semi-public companies and organizations, who were encouraged to buy and organize their own workshops.

The AW conferences are a great example of how research can meet practice. The formula has proven to be successful in terms of the numbers and diversity of participants and the widespread national media coverage. A number of African ambassadors have asked the ASC and NABC to organize Africa Works! conferences in their home countries. And in Europe there are discussions regarding an Africa Works conference at a European level in 2017, with possible involvement from AEGIS and EBCAM.



The ASC organized a very successful second edition of Afrika Works! together with NABC. Photo: Yannick van de Wijngaert





Strengthening linkages with the non-academic community

In addition to ongoing academic and publications work, ASC researchers continued to strengthen existing contacts and create new linkages with the non-academic community in 2014. This is an essential activity for the ASC, driven by our role in supporting the knowledge agenda of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in five focus areas: food and nutrition security; water; security and the rule of law; sexual and reproductive rights; and inclusive development. A key activity in this area is ASC's hosting of the Secretariat for the Knowledge Platform for Inclusive Development (INCLUDE). Furthermore, ASC researchers regularly add value as advisors or consultants to NGOs, ministries or private companies, participating in evaluations, influencing key decision-makers and shaping anything from government policies to corporate strategy.

2014 was a particularly dynamic year in this regard, with researchers working closely with civil society organizations such as Cordaid, Both Ends, Liliane Foundation, SOS Kinderdorpen and OneWorld, to name just a few. In addition, ASC researchers were invited to share their knowledge and expertise with, among others, UN Commissions, the Netherlands Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the ICCT Counter-Terrorism Centre in The Hague, on topics ranging from the Ebola crisis and water governance in Mali, to the links between religion and sexuality and the rise of Boko Haram and Jihadism in north and central Africa. Examples include Akinyinka Akinyoade's participation in the 'Shell Dialogues': live web chats on topical issues organized by Shell BV; Michiel van den Bergh's contribution to an evaluation of the CERES research school and Marleen Dekker's role in the review commission for the Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB) gender policy review.

Among the wide range of consultancy work undertaken by ASC researchers this year, Mayke Kaag carried out context analysis fieldwork in Senegal in January 2014 for CNV Internationaal; André Leliveld continued his work for the MWH Foundation on farmer-led economic development in Northern Uganda; and

Marcel Rutten offered 'acculturation' training for Kenyan diplomats.

Moreover, ASC researchers frequently give lectures or participate in non-scientific meetings, providing an opportunity to share their research and expertise with a broader audience and building bridges with the wider community and creating new links with networks involved with Africa. For example, Ineke van Kessel gave a lecture at Nieuwspoord, The Hague, on South Africa after Mandela; Jan Abbink gave a presentation 'Ethiopia: How are things really going?' at the 6th Ethio-Dutch Meeting Day in Utrecht; Ton Dietz participated in the Vijverberg Lectures series about global food security, and Stephen Ellis gave a lecture on the history of the ANC at Khanya College, Johannesburg.

Forging links with the non-academic world remains a key priority for the African Studies Centre and we are constantly seeking ways to strengthen our contacts and make our research and expertise accessible. These examples provide a snapshot of the many and varied activities undertaken by ASC researchers in the world of business, civil society and governance, here in the Netherlands, in Africa and beyond.

ASC in the Media and Press Contacts

ASC researchers are regularly contacted by journalists for background information and for interviews. In 2014, ASC researchers were asked most frequently by journalists to talk about Boko Haram, Al Shabaab, and Islamic radicalism. Specific events can generate a lot of media coverage for the ASC. In 2014, the Ebola crisis attracted a great deal of media interest. Ton Dietz was interviewed by Radio 1 about the consequences of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. He also wrote an article for *de Volkskrant* and for BNR.nl about the fight against Ebola and highlighting the Ebola petition that was drawn up during the 2014 Africa Works! conference. Stephen Ellis was interviewed about Ebola on Radio 1's programme OVT and for Belgian and French (France Culture) radio. The aforementioned second edition of the Africa Works! conference also



Ton Dietz and Marina Diboma at Africa Works!

generated a lot of media attention for the ASC. Ton Dietz and Marina Diboma (NABC) were interviewed by Nieuwsuur and RTL broadcasted a television programme on their business channel RTL XL which paid special attention to the ASC (and featured Ton Dietz, Jos Damen, Peter Justin and Marieke van Winden).

In May 2014, Jan Abbink wrote an article for *Het Parool* about Eritrea. In June he was interviewed about Kenya and Al Shabaab terrorism in Somalia for Radio 1's 'Met het Oog op Morgen' programme. Both he and Akinyinka Akinyoade appeared on the Voice of Russia radio station a number of times, primarily to discuss Boko Haram. An article about sport and religion in Africa by Wouter van Beek was published in *Trouw*. Marcel Rutten made an appearance on the Studio MAX live television programme to talk about a new law in Kenya legalizing polygamy.

Once every two years the ASC organizes a meeting for Africa journalists from national newspapers, magazines, and radio and TV stations. At the March 2014 edition, several ASC researchers gave short presentations about their work, after which the journalists had the chance to 'speeddate' with the researchers. These meetings are very useful and strengthen the ASC's ties with journalists covering Africa.

Ton Dietz had a monthly column in the *OneWorld* journal and he also contributed to *The Broker online*, *ViceVersa* and publication activities of the WorldConnectors development organization.

The ASC uses social media, blogs, and columns to connect to public opinion on Africa in the Netherlands and beyond. This sometimes means confronting controversial or difficult issues, such as the 'Universiteit van Apekoel' (Fiddle-faddle University) blog, or challenging damaging doom and gloom stories about the continent; but it also means tackling naive optimism, or debating development policy or the consequences of government decisions (e.g. the decision to close the Library of the Royal Institute of the Tropics).

Exhibitions

Exhibitions of photographs and paintings were on display in the ASC's corridors and in the Library in 2014. Once again, the diverse art forms attracted much attention and comments from staff, students, academics and visitors to the Pieter de la Court Building. The following artists exhibited their work in 2014:



How do they look at us...



Falea (Mali) and the menace of uranium mining



ABEDA Zinsbegoocheling

Artist	Exhibition title	The exhibits	Country of origin	Dates
Frouwkje Smit and Karine Versluis	How do we look at the African continent, and how do they look at us	Frouwkje Smit collected images and texts from journals showing that the way the African continent is portrayed is subject to many clichés. Karine Versluis shows how young Nigerian women dream of Europe.	Nigeria and Africa in general	30 January - 25 April
Falea Mali	Falea (Mali) and the menace of uranium mining	No mining of minerals without respecting democracy, human rights and environment (to coincide with the Nuclear Security Summit being held in The Hague).	Mali	10 – 31 March
Iorver Ikeseh	ABEDA Zinsbegoocheling	Reconstruction of the thoughts of children on canvas.	Nigeria	7 – 25 April
Kalahari Support Group	Paintings of the San (Bushmen) and the Kuru Art Project	In 1990 a group of San people on excursion to the Tsodilo Hills discovered rock paintings by their ancestors. It inspired them to paint in this style.	Botswana	28 April – 27 June
Tyler Dolan	Walking the streets	Hyper realistic photos showing the various traditions and cultures that feature on the streets of Durban.	South Africa	30 June – 1 October
Creative Court	Cartoons 'Africans and Hague Justice'	Cartoonists offer a sharp-witted display of Africa's critical minds.	Kenya, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Algeria, Ivory Coast and South Africa	6 October – 14 January 2015



Paintings of the San (Bushmen) and the Kuru Art Project



Walking the streets



Cartoons 'Africans and Hague Justice'



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(in € '000)	2013	2014
Income		
Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences	2,848	2,658
Projects for third parties	843	921
Other income (publications, etc.)	481	402
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	4,172	3,981
Expenditures		
Personnel	2,685	2,809
Institutional costs	1,513	1,474
Inventory depreciation	17	17
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	4,215	4,300

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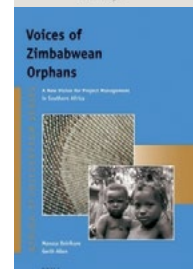
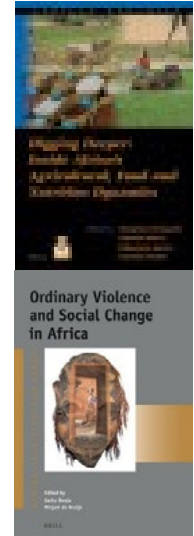
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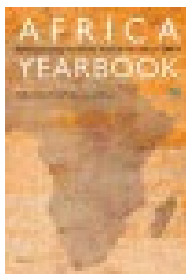
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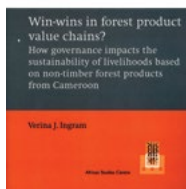
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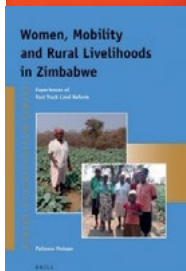
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