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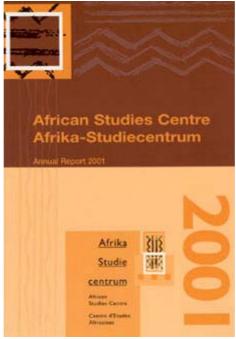
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1. Introduction

The African Studies Centre (ASC) has two core functions: documentation and information, and research. In 2001 there were a number of developments and changes in both areas to allow the Centre to carry out these tasks better in the future.

The library underwent a long-overdue facelift in 2001. It is now a warmer and more welcoming place with a new reception desk and a public reading area that is being well used. New computers were installed, the website was improved and information generally has become more accessible. At the same time a start has been made to converting the old UDC indexing system into a keyword-based system to allow easier access to the library's extensive collection in the future.

An important step on the information-provision front was the publication in 2001 of the first volume of the new ASC annual journal entitled *African Dynamics*. The history of ASC journals started in January 1961 with the first edition of the *Kroniek van Afrika*, followed by *African Perspectives* in the 1970s. Now, after a break of 22 years, *African Dynamics* is an attempt to give the ASC its own journal again. Initially it will appear as an annual edition and each issue will be devoted to a specific theme, that of the first issue being mobility and changing patterns of movement in Sub-Saharan Africa. One of the objectives of the new publication is to present the results of research currently being undertaken at the ASC. It is linked to the seminar programme in the sense that each volume consists of a selection of papers presented at ASC seminars during the preceding year by both ASC staff members and researchers from elsewhere. Additional authors will also be invited to contribute to certain issues to ensure that all themes are comprehensively discussed from different perspectives.

The most important developments at the ASC in 2001 concern the design of three new research programmes and the establishment of two working groups. Areas where the ASC has always had a strong research tradition will continue within the setting of contemporary issues and theoretical approaches. As of 2002, the three new theme groups are:

Economy, Ecology and Exclusion (EEE)

The focus of this group is twofold. The first theme concerns Africa in the world economy, a topic that will be developed during the coming period. The second focus is on decision-making in the livelihood sphere. Local economic, institutional and environmental conditions and their variability are considered as the basic factors to which local actors respond when making decisions and organizing production and consumption.

Culture, Politics and Inequality: Formations of Power and Identity (CPI)

This theme group is concerned more with political decision-making and will take into account the relevance of historical and cultural factors in the formation of newly democratizing polities in Sub-Saharan Africa and in the processes of political and economic change in general. It will also consider the growing ties of interdependence, materially, culturally or ideologically, between Africa and the international system and within the African continent as a result of donor-country policies, development aid and international NGO activities.

Agency in Africa: Understanding Sociocultural Transformations in Time and Space (AA)

Agency in Africa is an approach in which the local actor's understanding, perceptions, ideas, emotions and even fantasies are taken into consideration. This theme group proposes studying these processes of meaning and signification in the way in which agency transpires by decisions and choices that people make and the hopes and desires they express. The focus is thus primarily on the individual.

Besides the three theme groups, two working groups have also been established: one looking into conflict (*Networks of Uncertainty*) and the other entitled *Urban Dynamics*. Researchers from different theme groups will work closely together in these groups, not only to stimulate cooperation between theme groups but also to approach specific themes from different angles.

This new research programme will be executed in collaboration not only with graduate schools and universities in the Netherlands but also with colleagues in Africa, Europe and the rest of the world. To strengthen collaborative ties with institutions and individuals outside the ASC, several developments in 2001 are considered instrumental. Closer links have been established with the Amsterdam School of Social Sciences, in addition to the already existing ties with CERES. The number of members on the ASC's Academic Advisory Council has been increased and its constructive input is much appreciated. At a wider European level, the ASC continues to play an active role in the AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies) network of twelve African studies centres aiming to create synergies between experts and institutions. With primary emphasis on the social sciences and humanities, its goal is to improve understanding about contemporary African societies. Researchers from the ASC participated actively in the AEGIS summer school on conflict resolution in Africa in Leipzig in August 2001.

Internal changes that took place within the ASC in 2001 may not be visible or even of particular interest to outsiders but are still deemed worthy of a mention here. The institute's personnel policy and internal organizational structure have both been improved and are now flatter and more transparent.

Finally, it was with great pleasure that the ASC staff attended Jan Abbink's inaugural address entitled 'Identiteit, Strijd en Continuiteit in Trans-modern Afrika' in October to mark his appointment as Professor of African Ethnic Studies in the Department of Cultural Anthropology at the Free University of Amsterdam. Also in October 2001, a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the Western Cape in South Africa and the ASC was signed. In accordance with this agreement, the ASC has seconded Professor Vernon February to the UWC where he has taken up an extraordinary professorship.

For more than fifty years the ASC has been working to provide information and knowledge about Africa. It hopes to continue to do so in the coming years with enthusiasm and energy.

Gerti Hesseling Director

About the African Studies Centre

Founded in 1947 as part of the Africa Institute in Rotterdam, the African Studies Centre (ASC) became an independent foundation in 1958 with its own charter, governing body and director. The ASC has always been situated in Leiden. Although the ASC is an independent, interacademic institute, it maintains close administrative ties with the University of Leiden, the oldest university in the Netherlands.

The African Studies Centre is a leading research institute on African affairs. It specializes in the acquisition and dissemination of information about Africa through the publication of books and articles and the organization of seminars and conferences.

The centre is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries, and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences.

The main aims of the ASC are:

- to carry out scientific research on Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in the field of the social sciences, including jurisprudence;
- to function as a national centre in the field of African studies and to contribute to education and teaching in these sciences; and
- to promote an understanding of African societies in the wider public sphere.

The ASC's research interests are set out in theme-group programmes with a four-year time span. Within these theme groups many projects are undertaken in cooperation with African colleagues or institutes. The full text of the ASC's research programme for the next four years (2002-2006), as well as a list of research projects by theme group, can be found on the ASC website.

The ASC has an extensive library with approximately 60,000 books and 500 journals. The research department, library, documentation and information department and the administrative support department provide employment for more than 45 people.

2. Research

In 2001 there were three theme groups at the ASC:

- Conflict, Conciliation and Control in Africa;
- Globalization and Sociocultural Transformation in Africa; and
- Society and Resources in Africa: Resource Management and Social Security in a Changing Natural Environment.

This section elaborates on the work of each theme group and detailed descriptions of the research activities of individual theme-group members can be found in Appendix 2. The members of the theme groups are for the most part ASC research staff but there are also a few externally supported members in addition to a number of visiting scholars from Africa who have been invited to the Centre on the basis of their research on subjects directly related to the work of the various theme groups.

When these theme groups started in 1997, it was the intention that they would last for four years. A process of identifying new research themes was initiated in 2000 to enable a new research programme to be ready to start in 2002. By the end of 2001, three new groups had been set up to cover the research of the Centre for the next four years. They are:

- Economy, Ecology and Exclusion;
- Culture, Politics and Inequality: Formations of Power and Identity; and
- Agency in Africa: Understanding Sociocultural Transformations in Time and Space.

More details of the research plans of these new theme groups can be found in a booklet entitled *ASC Research Programme 2002-2006* that is available from the ASC secretariat or via the ASC website.

Research at the ASC is funded by the regular ASC budget and through external projects. The core budget is provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences, and the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries. In 2001, about 10 per cent of the ASC's funding came from external sources such as the Netherlands Israeli Research Programme (NIRP), the Special Programme on Research of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NUFFIC, and NWO, which includes the WOTRO Foundation.

The ASC further contributes to the teaching of African studies through seminars and guest lectures at universities, research institutes and NGOs. The Centre does not run its own courses but makes regular contributions to other course programmes, for example in the Department of Cultural Anthropology at the University of Leiden. Some ASC staff members held teaching posts at Dutch and African universities in 2001 and others also spent considerable amounts of time supervising PhD and MSc students.

The ASC's monthly seminars are widely advertised and are attracting increased interest from outside the Centre. The programme is posted well in advance on the ASC website and copies of the papers can be obtained from the secretariat the week before they are scheduled to be presented. The seminars are open to the general public and are free of charge. To improve debate and the exchange of information among visiting fellows, academic staff and library staff members, internal seminars for staff members were also held regularly in 2001.

Conflict, Conciliation and Control in Africa

Dr Jan Abbink, anthropologist Dr Deborah Bryceson, economic geographer Dr Stephen Ellis, historian Marijke van den Engel, anthropologist Dr Ineke van Kessel, historian Dr Piet Konings, sociologist of development Dr Klaas van Walraven, political scientist

As the Conflict, Conciliation and Control in Africa theme group approaches the end of its four-year term, its activities in 2001 focused on further elaborating, reporting on and finalizing the research projects drawn up five years ago and addressing crucial developments on the African continent such as conflict, religious revival, labour migration and rural change, the crisis of democratization, elections, regionalization tendencies and migration. Research was also done on issues of history and identity formation, which concern Africans as much as the daily political and economic problems they face. Most of the theme group's research projects were completed, some will reappear in a new and much adapted form in the years to come emerging from unresolved issues in the research itself, and some will be moving in new directions. Projects not originally included in the 1997 theme-group programme have been identified in preparation for the new 'Culture, Politics and Inequality' theme group.

The past year has seen dramatic developments in Africa, casting further doubt on the processes of democratic political transformation or liberalization of political systems, the original focus of the CCC research group. In their research, theme-group members experienced the increasing importance of historical, ethnic and religious-cultural referents and the transformative and often violent effects of (labour) migration, youth movements and specific local, culturally styled responses to processes of social and political change, frequently decisively impacted upon by international relations of an economic nature.

Members continued to study both local developments in selected countries as well as general trends in political liberalization and democratization processes. As the multidimensional crises on the African continent persisted, theme-group members continued to pay attention to generative factors that influenced African society and politics, both domestic and international (including the persistent failure of the rich, developed world to deal effectively with Africa's worsening problems such as environmental decline, population issues, stability, security and public health). Policy efforts by donor countries and international institutions often continue to be undermined by international private business interests (pharmaceutical multinationals, the game and wildlife mafia, the art trade, logging companies, the global diamond market, and the arms trade). The other aspect of globalization is a subject in need of more systematic and comparative research, especially in the countries covered by the members of this theme group.

The group has a multidisciplinary membership and a diversity of approaches but its shared underlying orientation remained the focus in an agency-oriented, processual and historical approach to politics, governance and society in Africa. Members' interests in cultural, religious and historical factors impinging on contemporary issues in Africa have further grown. Addressing Africa's problems and finding explanations for current developments necessitate a continued orientation on long-term developments and a fundamental interest in underlying causes and historical-cultural patterns.

The need to study Africa not only on the basis of models and mindsets from the developed world but more from African realities and (im)possibilities is undiminished, and the challenge to interact and forge dialogue with African scholars remains highly relevant. The dominance of the 'development discourse' undermines a full appraisal of Africa's historical and sociocultural characteristics.

Members of the CCC theme group primarily worked on Ghana, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Liberia, Ethiopia and South Africa, but also considered broader comparative issues, such as the relation between politics and religion, the role of violent conflict, the mass media in Africa, Ghanaians in the 19th-century Dutch colonial army, indigenous leadership, and the construction of ethnicity and memory. One of the theme group's members worked on a comprehensive study of the literature on democratization and political transformation in Africa.

Research results by theme-group members include an important number of empirically based studies that have contributed to the international debate on issues such as:

- the growing importance of religion and politics;
- the crisis of African youth and the subsequent social and political consequences;
- the dangers of resurging autocracy after intervals of political liberalization (with Zimbabwe as the prime example of the dramatic discomfiture of a previously relatively well-developing state);

• the decomposing and conflict-enhancing effects of politicized ethnicity and the difficult road to decentralization and devolution of power;

• the precarious role of civic organizations (including labour movements) and the media; and

• the continued trend towards out-migration from the poor and crisis-ridden African countryside, resulting in urbanization and patterns of livelihood diversification creating new political and economic problems.

The new historical projects that were initiated last year were continued, and will lead to books on: the study of the former African soldiers from Ghana recruited for the Dutch colonial army in Indonesia in the 19th century; the general history of Madagascar (coauthored with an associate scholar from Madagascar), a study of Ethiopian history and ethnic realignments, and a study of Cameroonian student organization and activism. One member was fully occupied with editing books based on the successful deagrarianization programme, which was completed in December 2001.

The theme group was again popular in the past year with the media and various civic organizations and agencies that asked for advice, information and comments. Appearances of theme-group members on radio, television and in the written press therefore continued to be frequent. In the past year, a number of African candidates

applied to the CCC theme group for an ASC visiting fellowship, with roughly half of them being accepted.

Theme-group members continued their involvement in (inter)national editorial work for publishers, scientific journals, edited volumes and other publications. Several members were also invited on the basis of their expertise to carry out short-term consultancy activities. A number of ASC seminars related to the theme group's projects were organized in 2001. There was also a significant input by CCC staff in teaching and the supervision of PhD theses, with one member active as an extraordinary professor in African Studies. The most important projects of this theme group have now been virtually completed, although publications resulting from the research programme will continue to appear over the next few years.

Globalization and Sociocultural Transformation in Africa

Prof. Wim van Binsbergen, anthropologist, philosopher
Dr Rijk van Dijk, anthropologist
Prof. Vernie February, literature historian
Henk Meilink, economist
Thera Rasing, anthropologist
Prof. Emile van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal, jurist, legal anthropologist, film-maker

The research focus of this theme group is on globalization, broadly defined as a process of intensifying contacts between cultures and social formations in the economic, political and cultural domains. This process forges new and pervasive links of interdependence between various localities and is fuelled by the tendency towards reducing the costs of space and time. It has transformative and dislocating effects on human collectivities, in sociocultural, ideological, and political-economic senses. At present, globalization is typically being produced under conditions of modern industrial technology, with its unprecedented mastery of space and time in transport, communication, information, and media, speaking the new language of decontextualized images and signs. The impact of globalization does not depend in the first instance on the actual distribution of such technologies to every corner of the globe (or, in our case, the African continent), but on the diffusion of globalizing phenomena in the domains of politics, economics and cultural exchange, making them frames of reference for more and more people. These phenomena redefine social and cultural ideals, challenging people's local identity and self-understanding. The clearly identifiable sociocultural transformations resulting from globalization at virtually all levels of society - now largely informed by the dynamics of world economic markets are our object of study. Economic aspects of globalization feature in our programme to the extent that they provide relevant frameworks for the analysis of sociocultural manifestations of globalization.

As in the previous year, 2001 was by and large spent on the maturation and consolidation of earlier research – in line with the fact that this was to be the theme group's final year. In seminar presentations, in a collective volume already at press, in our planning for the new theme group 'Agency in Africa' intended to supersede the present one on globalization, and in the preparation for an international conference 'Beyond Globalization', the theme group critically assessed its achievements over the

past five years, and also identified what parts of the initial research programme had to be omitted, or dismissed as impractical or irrelevant.

In 2001 the theme group saw the publication of Thera Rasing's book The Bush Burned, The Stones Remain: Women's Initiation and Globalization in Zambia, which she also successfully defended as a PhD thesis at Erasmus University, Rotterdam with Wim van Binsbergen as her supervisor. Rijk van Dijk co-edited (with Dick Foeken and Mirjam de Bruijn) Mobile Africa, the first in a series of ASC annual journals. An impressive number of international articles were produced in the context of Rijk van Dijk's research on globalization and Pentecostalism, also in preparation for his forthcoming monograph on Ghanaian migrants in the Netherlands. Emile van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal's film Le Bonnet Rouge (on West African chieftainship under modern political conditions), which enjoyed a successful première at the end of 2000, was widely publicized throughout 2001. The film has proved to be a huge international success. Henk Meilink continued to work on his book on international policy and food markets in Kenya, scheduled for completion in 2002 and Julie Ndava consolidated her PhD project on female and cultural Zairean identity in the context of the spiritual movement of 'Combat Spirituel'. Steps were taken to bundle seminal articles by Vernie February. A book on commodification, based on a 1999 conference co-sponsored by the theme group, went to press (Wim van Binsbergen & Peter Geschiere eds). Wim van Binsbergen also virtually completed a book entitled Intercultural Encounters: African Lessons for a Philosophy of Interculturality. For the copy-editing of this book and for general bibliographical assistance, he was assisted by Louise Müller, who at the same time was working on her MA research on the history of conceptualizations of consciousness in Ghana.

The theme group presented its research at ASC seminars on the 'African Enculturation of Information and Communication Technology' in February, and on 'Afrocentricity and Diffusionism' in December with Jean-Loup Amselle of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, as the main speaker.

Two visiting researchers came to reinforce the theme group during the year: Onalenna Selolwane from Botswana and Edlyne Anugwom from Nigeria. Their research on urban and trade union aspects of globalization offered considerable inspiration.

In the national media the theme group's members played an intensive and significant role in dismissing popular and official allegations concerning African occult practices as the possible background to topical criminal cases.

Scheduled to be discontinued by early 2002, the theme group saw four of its members depart in the course of 2001: Nina Tellegen was appointed to the directorship of a development-related NGO; Thera Rasing took up a lectureship at the University of Amsterdam; Vernie February is to spend the final years of his career on secondment to the University of the Western Cape, South Africa; and Louise Müller, a student research assistant, went back to full-time MA studies. We wish all of them well in their future work.

Society and Resources in Africa

Dr Mirjam de Bruijn, anthropologist Dr Han van Dijk, forestry, anthropologist Dr Tjalling Dijkstra, agricultural economist Dr Dick Foeken, human geographer Prof. Jan Hoorweg, social psychologist, social ecologist Wijnand Klaver, nutritionist Karin Nijenhuis, human geographer, jurist Dr Marcel Rutten, human geographer Kiky van Til, anthropologist

Environmental problems are intertwined with the social and economic crisis in Africa. Major environmental problems in Sub-Saharan Africa concern drought and desertification, land degradation and deforestation, urban decay, and coastal degradation. Despite the huge potential of natural resources in Africa, environmental degradation, in combination with population growth, economic stagnation and political conflict has resulted in resource decline and impoverishment. Inequality between population groups is both the result and the cause of environmental problems. The complex relationship between ecology on the one hand and society on the other has played an important role in the failure of many development efforts in Africa. The research intends to highlight the relationship between resources and society, situating ecology in a historical, political and social context. Change in the management of resources is a central issue in the programme. It covers natural resources (land, water, cattle, trees, etc), human resources (labour, capital, indigenous knowledge), and social resources (social relations, commercial networks) all in relation to the natural environment. Research is being conducted in the drylands of West and East Africa and in the coastal zones of East Africa. Both rural and urban areas are being covered. The programme has an interdisciplinary perspective and an important comparative element. It will also have a spin-off for the formulation of policy in the field of ecology and management of resources.

In 2001, the ASC launched its new annual journal *African Dynamics*, (see Appendix 3). The topic of volume 1 - *Mobile Africa: Changing Patterns of Movement in Africa and Beyond* - was based on a seminar organized by the SRA theme group in 2000. Two of its three editors belong to the SRA theme group and four chapters were (co-)written by four different theme-group members. Another important publication in 2000 was *Out for the Count: The 1997 General Elections and Prospects for Democracy in Kenya* (Kampala, Fountain Publishers), co-edited and (co-)written in parts by Marcel Rutten.

Historically mobility and insecurity have been important factors structuring Sahelian pastoral societies and in the contemporary context international migrations in 'modern' settings and population mobility in 'traditional' settings have become interdependent. An analytical distinction between them can no longer be maintained. The situation in the Sahel indicates that mobility is the main mechanism to mitigate climate change and that many people fit the label of 'ecological refugees'. Climate change has rarely been related to changes in local-level strategies. Research done so far has not yet provided insight into local and regional-level dynamics of high-risk environments in West Africa, and the interplay between ecology, decision-making, natural resource management, and conflict. However, the methodology developed to investigate these phenomena and the possibilities for generalizing the results are promising. So far it has only been applied on a limited scale with limited data sets but research on the insertion of development

interventions in Sahelian pastoral societies (Fulbe and Tuareg) indicate that certain groups are being excluded and are migrating to other parts of Mali and neighbouring countries. Tremendous changes appear to be taking place in land tenure, natural resource management and social-security relations. The outcome of current administrative decentralization processes is not clear but the former political elite among both the Fulbe and the Tuareg are trying to regain power through this vehicle. Research on civil society building activities in Mali financed by Dutch co-financing agencies has indicated that civil society risks becoming detached from its target groups because of its near total dependence on international donors. Monitoring and evaluation of civil society building activities are inadequate to obtain a clear picture of the results of Dutch contributions to this process.

Over the last two decades agricultural export diversification has been pushed as an economic development strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa. Traditional export crops such as coffee, cotton, cocoa, palm oil and tobacco are all suffering from large price variability and declining world market prices. Diversification into so-called non-traditional agricultural exports is therefore being tried in commodities such as vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, meat, fish, bee products, herbs, spices, nuts, dyes, essential oils and organically grown traditional export crops. Research on ten years of export diversification in Uganda shows that the Ugandan government has been very pro-active in pursuing diversification. International donors have generously supported its policy, providing both expertise and financial means. If agricultural export diversification is to be a suitable development strategy for Africa, Uganda is a country where success should be positive but limited.

Urban agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa is generally regarded as a response to the economic decline and concomitant increased urban poverty of the last two decades. People try to diversify their incomes, amongst others by starting income-generating activities in the informal sector. Farming in town is one of those activities. In an urban area like Nakuru (Kenya), at least one third of the population is engaged in some form of farming in town, either cultivating crops or keeping livestock or both. Conspicuously, urban farming in Nakuru is more common among middle and higher-income classes than among poorer households, indicating that farming in town should be seen as a form of subsidizing household incomes. However, for many low-income households, farming in town has become a survival strategy. That farming is an even more important element in the livelihood of these urbanites than these figures suggest is indicated by the fact that 61% of households cultivated crops in the rural areas and 37% kept livestock.

A comparative analysis of pastoral groups in Israel (the Bedouin) and Kenya (the Somali and Maasai) examined livestock offtake from pastoral herds and the flow of grains into these areas. The Caloric Terms of Trade (i.e. the ratio of the energy that can be purchased in meat to the energy that can be purchased in grains) was favourable in the three groups of pastoralists. It was highest among the Bedouin, lowest among the Somali and intermediate among the Maasai. The wealthy Maasai are upgrading their herds and thus improving productivity but the poorer Maasai do not have these means and will eventually be forced to decrease productivity. The Somali neither have the option to decrease their herds/capita because of the low productivity of their livestock nor upgrade their animals because of the cost. The solution for this group appears to be the inclusion of irrigated agriculture to supplement livestock production.

Research was also undertaken in two contrasting agro-ecological areas – the semi-arid Douentza area in northern Mali and the sub-humid Koutiala area in southern Mali – on the dynamics and legal-institutional embedding of agricultural expansion in Mali since the 1960s. In both areas, agricultural expansion has turned out to be a widespread yet surprisingly unknown phenomenon that has been taking place over the last few decades. Agricultural expansion is seen as the migration of cultivators into small rural settlements as well as the enlargement of their area under cultivation. Most often, newcomers and autochthonous people recultivate multi-use fallow lands for this purpose.

Land-tenure research among Maasai pastoralists in southern Kenya has shown that individualization of land tenure has resulted in a stratification of land ownership, foremost consumptive use of land sales proceeds and a restriction of livestock and wildlife movement to the detriment of the environment. Water resources are being depleted or diverted away from pastoral production by newly introduced activities operated by outsiders or elite Maasai. As a result, the livelihoods of individual Maasai families have become more vulnerable especially during times of stress, such as long periods of drought.

3. Library, Documentation and Information Department

Early in 2001, the new policy plan for 2001-2004 was put in place. It builds on the previous one and focuses on the further extension of quality information products and services. Four priority projects were identified for 2001: developing a word-based subject indexing system, making the video collection available for loan, improving the department's web pages, and refurbishing the library.

Subject Indexing

The construction of an ASC thesaurus is well under way. The full project, subsidized by NWO, includes the conversion of the current UDC-based classification into a wordbased subject indexing system. In 2001, an extra staff member was recruited to work on this project together with an ASC documentalist. Early in the year, a software program to build the thesaurus was purchased and relevant resources and reference materials were acquired. In the preparatory phase, many practical and technical issues that needed to be resolved before a start could be made with the actual building of the thesaurus were identified. The translation of the UDC codes into descriptors is making good progress and the project will continue in 2002.

Videos

The ASC video collection has been made accessible through the library catalogue. By the end of the year, some 280 videos had been catalogued and are now available for viewing in the library or for loan. (Special rules and regulations apply for borrowing videos.) In the library catalogue the video titles are fully integrated with the titles of books, journals, articles etc. However, it is also possible to consult the video titles separately. The library was able to purchase several new videos and thus begin to extend the collection. The video collection inspired the organization of a seminar with Dr Arthur Howes in September that focused on two films about the Nuba in Sudan.

Website

Many of the products and services of the department are accessible via the ASC website. This includes the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), other library catalogues, several – Africanist – databases and references to interesting web links. Furthermore, a list of current journal subscriptions is displayed, there are links to several free online newsletters and journals, and access to thematic web dossiers compiled by the documentation staff is provided. Web dossiers offer bibliographical information on topical subjects or recent developments in Africa. They generally contain a thematic bibliography based on the ASC library's OPAC, an introduction to the subject and a selection of links to relevant web resources. In the section of the website entitled 'News from the Library', new and forthcoming activities are listed. These library web pages are to be extended in the future.

Refurbishment of the Library

In 2001 the long-anticipated refurbishment of the library finally took place. Early in the year, a project team was designated to work out plans for redecorating the library and for reshuffling books and shelves in order to gain extra shelving and increased storage space. Materials, offers and quotations were compared and a plan of action decided upon. By October, the library had undergone a complete facelift with the installation of a modern lending desk, cupboards to store current journals, a reading table and a new carpet. A complete reshuffling of the books and shelves had also been undertaken. The

renovated library is now bright and colourful and is much more inviting to visit. The many positive reactions received from visitors would appear to confirm this.

Library Matters

Over the year, 1,924 books were added to the library catalogue. In December, the total number of book titles in the OPAC was 58,400. In addition to the acquisition of books, the library receives many books free of charge, either through exchange relations or donations. The library welcomed some 5,000 visitors and registered over 9,500 loans in 2001 (in comparison with 5,300 and 9,000 respectively in 2000). Compared to 2000, the number of (information) requests that came in via e-mail more than doubled: from 372 in 2000 to 899 in 2001. It is expected that this tendency to contact the library by e-mail will only expand, given that this service meets the needs of many library users particularly those living outside the Leiden area.

Documentation

In 2001, the 32nd volume of *African Studies Abstracts* (ASA) was published, comprising a grand total of 1,698 abstracts to date. The 2001 volume was the first to be published by the new publisher KG Saur in Munich. Over the year, discussions were initiated to reconsider the abstracting policy of the department and, related to this, possible future avenues for developing the journal.

Travels

Two members of the department visited the Zimbabwe International Book Fair in Harare in August where the theme was 'Transformation' and Senegal the country in the spotlight. In spite of the slightly uncertain political situation in the country at the time, it was a fruitful visit and successful contacts were made with local publishers, librarians and other colleagues in the book world.

4. Visiting Fellowship Programme

The ASC's Visiting Fellowship Programme offers colleagues, mainly but not exclusively from Africa, the chance to leave behind administrative and teaching pressures at home and come to Leiden to concentrate on writing manuscripts, collect resource material from the Centre's well-stocked library or develop practical projects to be implemented in their home country on their return. All visiting fellows are attached to one of the ASC's theme groups and participate in the general seminar programme and theme-group discussions. They often work closely on a joint project with ASC staff members.

Again this year several potential visitors, especially those from Nigeria and Cameroon, encountered problems when applying for visas to enter the Netherlands. Some had to delay their travel plans while others were forced to abandon any hope of coming to Leiden. The ASC deeply regrets this situation but has been able to exert only limited pressure on the authorities to relax the stringent visa requirements currently in force. It is hoped that scientific research and the exchange of ideas will not be hampered by bureaucratic restrictions and that potential visiting fellows will not be deterred from applying to the ASC in the future.

As of 1 April 2002, a new programme will encourage scholars to become attached to the ASC for a longer period of time by arranging for them to return to the Netherlands for three months annually over a four-year period. They would be affiliated to one of the three theme groups as an associate member for this time, maintaining close contact with ASC staff even when back at their own institute or university. With the introduction of longer-term contacts, it is hoped that it will be easier to develop close cooperation with scholars and their institutes. Alternatively, fellows may opt for a threemonth stay at the ASC in Leiden, as is now the case.

In 2001 the ASC was able to welcome the following visiting fellows with widely ranging areas of research.

Dr Nicodemus Fru Awasom

formerly of the University of Buea, Cameroon

4 January – 31 March and

3 May – 3 August 2001

Dr Awasom's current interests include the constitutional political economy, intergroup relations, the Anglophone problem in Cameroon and the Hausa-Fulani Muslim minorities in Cameroon's Western Grassfields. He worked on four different projects while at the ASC in 2001: 'Autochtonization Politics and the Crises of Citizenship in Cameroon'; 'The Rise and Containment of Anglophone Secessionist Tendencies in Post-Colonial Cameroon'; 'A Background to the Making of the 1960 Constitution of the Cameroon (Francophone) Republic'; and 'Unpreparedness of the Political Elite of

Anglophone and Francophone Cameroon for Reunification and Federalism and its Implications for Peace in Cameroon'.

Dr Kwame Boafo-Arthur University of Ghana, Legon 16 February – 18 May 2001

Dr Boafo-Arthur is a lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Ghana, Legon and has published extensively in the field of political economy, EU-African relations, democratization and structural adjustment, and Ghanaian foreign policy. While at the ASC he was affiliated to the CCC theme group and his work was centred on 'Globalization and the Prospects for Democratic Consolidation in Ghana'.

Dr Edlyne Anugwom University of Nigeria 27 February – 29 May 2001

Dr Anugwom's research interests include industrial/labour relations, organization studies and the political sociology of African development. In connection with his interest in the influence of globalization on labour, he is involved in a CODESRIA multinational working group on globalization and is connected with the Centre for Advanced Social Science in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. While he was at the ASC he was working on a project entitled 'Globalization and Labour Conflict in Nigeria: A Study in Sociocultural Transformation'.

Dr Chen Yulai

Institute of West Asian and African Studies and the Centre of Southern African Studies, Beijing 18 September – 19 November 2001

Dr Chen Yulai was part of the CCC theme group at the ASC in the autumn of 2001 and collected documentation concerning the EU's policies of support to African countries' economic and social development. His research project was entitled 'EU Aid to Africa: Practice and Effects'. With other scholars in the Netherlands and with officials in Brussels he was able to discuss the EU's special relationship with Southern Africa during and after the apartheid era and Africa's place in the EU's strategy of establishing itself as a world power in the process of globalization.

Dr Onalenna Selolwane University of Botswana 5 June – 30 August 2001

Dr Selolwane from the Department of Sociology at the University of Botswana was busy working on various manuscripts and books and preparing new teaching materials while in the Netherlands. The main focus of her work at the ASC was a book-writing project based on a study carried out during Botswana's last election in 1999 considering youth, democracy and political participation. The study was part of a larger enquiry into issues of democracy, citizenship and political participation including problems of political representation, ethnicity, nation-building and governance. She was also researching the nature, causes and extent of poverty in Botswana in particular the gender, age and ethnic dimensions of the phenomenon, including policy aspects and the social consequences.

Dr Alexander Naty University of Asmara, Eritrea 20 June – 25 September 2001

Dr Naty is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Asmara in Eritrea. Unfortunately he was unwell during his time in the Netherlands and was unable to finish his research project on 'Interethnic and Ethnic-State Relations in Kunamaland, Western Eritrea' as planned. The project was looking into the current precarious position of the approximately 100,000 Kunama people in Eritrea in relation to questions of land loss, marginalization and the absence of legal guarantees to protect indigenous rights. One paper was, however, completed and has since been published in *Africa*. After his return home Dr Naty was able to resume his studies and we look forward to further results from his work.

Other Visitors and Fellows

During 2001 the ASC had the opportunity to welcome several visitors who were in the Netherlands for just a short period of time and a few other colleagues who were able to stay at the Centre for longer. None of these visitors was officially part of the Visiting Fellowship Programme but the ASC appreciated being able to work with them and hopes that the feeling was mutual.

Robert M. Akoko

University of Buea, Cameroon

27 September 2000 – 10 July 2001

Robert Mbe Akoko is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Buea in Cameroon. His main field of interest is the anthropology of religion. In December 1999 he was granted a WOTRO scholarship to carry out a fouryear PhD research project entitled 'Pentecostalism and Economic Crisis in Cameroon'. At the ASC Dr Piet Konings is acting as his main supervisor and co-promoter, and Prof. Peter Geschiere of Leiden University will be his promoter. Mr Akoko will be attached to the ASC for the duration of his PhD studies. He started his research during his initial ten-month stay that began in 2000 and will be returning to the Netherlands for regular periods of study over the next few years.

Samuel O. Owuor

University of Nairobi, Kenya 1 May – 14 July 2001

During his stay at the ASC Sam Owuor worked on his project, financed by WOTRO, entitled 'Rural Livelihood Sources for the Urban Poor: A Study of Nakuru Town, Kenya', a component of the Nakuru Urban Agriculture Project. His visit was the first of four annual visits scheduled to cover the duration of his PhD, which is being supervised

by Dr Dick Foeken. Sam's second daughter was born while he was in the Netherlands and her birth was celebrated in true Dutch style with 'beschuit met muisjes'.

Mr Aregawi Berhe

1 June 2001 – 1 September 2002

Mr Aregawi Berhe is a political scientist from Ethiopia and is currently living in the Netherlands. He is at the ASC in an associate research position with the CCC theme group to work on a book on the modern political history of Ethiopia, focusing in particular on the political history of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), its formation and struggle against the Derg and other rival forces. It also looks at the TPLF in power and offers general insight into the political situation in the Horn of Africa.

Mr Joseph Tunje Moi University, Kenya 3 September –15 September 2001

During his short visit to the Netherlands Mr Tunje, who has been working on the NIRP Kenyan coast project supervised by Prof. Jan Hoorweg, was able to participate in the MARE conference and to collect literature for a PhD proposal on fishing and protected marine zones.

Prof. Kimba Idrissa

University of Niamey, Niger 9 October – 17 October 2001

Prof. Idrissa from the Department of History at the University of Niamey was in the Netherlands briefly in October when he attended the ASC's conference on revolt and resistance at which he gave a paper. He also had lengthy discussions with ASC staff members on conflict research in West Africa.

Julie Duran-Ndaye Tshiteku

The ASC is pleased that Julie Duran is still attached to the Globalization theme group while busy with her research project on the religious movement 'Combat Spirituel' amongst Congolese women living in the diaspora. The movement is a mixture of old and new religious rites legitimized by the Bible and fills a void created in the collective consciousness of the Congolese by neglecting their traditional religious practices while claiming to reject animist tradition.

5. External Communication

The ASC is in constant contact with the outside world. It provides information to academics, journalists, NGOs, politicians and students on a regular basis and the secretariat and the public relations staff member answer numerous questions by e-mail and telephone every day. Several staff members are frequently asked to talk to the media, for example the Wereldomroep, about their subjects of specialization.

At an institutional level, the ASC is part of Dutch, European and global networks (see Appendix 5). It also has its own research publication series.

Seminars and Conferences

In 2001, ASC organized 21 seminars, conferences and debates. The seminars are held at least once a month on Thursdays at 15:00. Topics in 2001 included, for example, liberation and democracy in South Africa, resistance to and the flight from slavery in West Africa, forest conservation in Central Africa and the current conflict in Burundi. In October, a two-day seminar was held entitled 'Revolt and Resistance in African History: Reinterpreting their Significance in Africa's Past and Present' (see Appendix 4). The ASC seminars aim to encourage new debate among scholars working on these topics and to inform others with a general interest in Africa.

In 2001 the ASC organized a play, inspired by the work of missionaries in Africa, called *Paters in Congo*. It was put on by two Dutch actors, Guido Kleene and Hans Man in 't Veld and was followed by a discussion between the audience and an expert panel made up of a writer, a missionary, an aid worker and a theologian, each with their own view on what missionaries have or have not achieved in Africa.

In the context of the celebrations of 300 years of diplomatic relations between Ghana and the Netherlands, a very successful conference was organized in November, sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see box). The conference provided interesting papers for a book edited by Ineke van Kessel of the ASC on relations between the two countries, to be published early in 2002 by KIT publishers in Amsterdam.

To mark the end of the Deagrarianization and Rural Employment research network, which produced an impressive list of publications in its five-year existence, the ASC organized a three-day conference in November entitled 'African Urban Economies: Viability, Vitality or Vitiation of Major Cities in East and Southern Africa' (see box).

Website

The ASC website is developing all the time and is proving to be a useful and informative tool. All projects and publications of ASC staff members are listed and books and other ASC publications can be ordered via the website. A new feature of the website is that, together with seminar announcements, conference papers are now also available, making it easier for participants to prepare for a seminar in advance. Participants can register to attend conferences by using the application form on the website. Other recent additions to the website are the 'web dossiers' compiled by the documentation staff of the Library, Documentation and Information Department. Web dossiers are thematic dossiers including a detailed bibliography, an overview and general information about a topical subject and links to other related websites. Three dossiers have been published so far: one on the Zimbabwean elections in March 2002, one covering the life and works of the Senegalese poet and statesman Leopold Sédar Senghor, and one on the Cameroonian writer Mongo Beti. In this innovative way, the LDI Department hopes to draw attention to its collection and offer a service to a wide international audience who may be unable to visit the library in person.

Exhibitions by African Artists

Since 1997 the ASC has played host to some dramatic exhibitions of African art work. These exhibitions give African artists living in the Netherlands the opportunity to promote their work, and they create a more African atmosphere in the corridors of the ASC and in the library for visitors, staff members, seminar and conference participants, and students of the Faculty of Social Sciences where the ASC is located. People from outside also come to see the paintings which they have heard about via the ASC website or through announcements in the local press. In 2001, the ASC exhibited oil paintings by Sithabile Mlotshwa from Zimbabwe (from January to May), photographs by Shadreck Chitiza who is currently living in Zimbabwe (June-September), and Rosine Eboa's acryl paintings (October-December). Paintings by Sam Kajembe from Kenya were on show in the library for the whole year. All the paintings are for sale.

Appendix 1: Personnel

Members of the Board of Governors on 31 December 2001
E.M.A. Schmitz (Chair) Judge, Zwolle Law Courts; Former Deputy Minister of Justice and Mayor of Haarlem
Professor (em.) G. Lycklama à Nijeholt Member of the Senate of the States General
M.M. Monteiro Director of Development Organization PSO (Personnel Services Overseas), The Hague
M.J. van den Berg Member of the European Parliament for the Social Democratic Party
E.W. Wits Retired (formerly with Heineken, Amsterdam)
Members of the Academic Advisory Council on 31 December 2001

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jurist, legal anthropologist

anthropologist anthropologist, philosopher anthropologist (part-time) economic geographer forestry expert, anthropologist (part-time) anthropologist agricultural economist (part-time) historian anthropologist (part-time) literature historian human geographer social psychologist, social ecologist historian (part-time) nutritionist (part-time) sociologist of development economist human geographer, jurist

Prof. E.A.B. van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal Dr M.M.E.M. Rutten A.J.G. van Til Dr K. van Walraven jurist, legal anthropologist, film-maker human geographer anthropologist (part-time) political scientist

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assistant to the administrator, publications manager administrative staff (part-time) staff consultant (part-time) administrator editor (part-time) head of secretariat programmer, computer manager public relations coordinator (part-time) administrative staff (part-time)

The following members of staff left the Centre during 2001

T. de Lang	administrative staff (part-time)
C. van Laren	administrative staff (part-time)
L.F. Muller	student assistant (part-time)
N.W. Tellegen	public relations coordinator

The following staff were temporarily based at the Centre during 2001

D. Brands J. v.d. Meulen L. van Wouw student assistant (part-time) assistant librarian (part-time) website manager (part-time)

Appendix 2: Research Activities

Conflict, Conciliation and Control in Africa

Jan Abbink

Jan Abbink undertook research on several projects on Ethiopia in 2001: a comparative study of elections and the political culture in Ethiopia (especially since 1991), and a study of violence and culture in southern Ethiopia, focusing on the Majiarea. Several articles were written related to these projects and brief field research in Ethiopia was done in October 2001. Research on the history and construction of memory of Wolayta, a former kingdom in Ethiopia, continued on the basis of a study of archival materials and interviews. He also prepared and delivered his inaugural lecture as Professor of African Ethnic Studies at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. Further personal research work was limited by the duties incumbent in this position, such as teaching and the supervision of MA students and three PhD candidates. In addition, he remained active as the head of the CCC theme group, a task that included administration, correspondence and contacts with visiting fellows.

Deborah Bryceson

Deborah Bryceson spent most of the year doing work connected with the completion of the DARE research programme. She was involved in the editing of two related books: *How Africa Works: Occupational Change, Identity and Morality* and *Alcohol in Africa: Mixing Business, Pleasure and Politics.* Together with Ann Reeves, she coordinated an international conference on 'African Urban Economies: Viability, Vitality or Vitiation in East and Southern Africa' held at the ASC in Leiden in November. She spent considerable time editing a collection of articles emanating from a preceding European Union-funded conference. The forthcoming book is entitled *The Transnational Family: Global Networks and New Frontiers* and looks at transnational families in and beyond Europe. She also collaborated with Tatenda Mbara of the University of Zimbabwe on a joint paper dealing with the impact of petrol shortages in Zimbabwe.

Stephen Ellis

Stephen Ellis's research in 2001 largely concerned conflict in West Africa, as a result of demands for information and writing consequent upon publication of his 1999 book *The Mask of Anarchy: The Destruction of Liberia and the Religious Dimension of an African Civil War.* Work on two other projects - the history of Madagascar, and religion and politics in Africa – also continued. Progress was made on writing a book stemming from the latter project. He gave a number of lectures and papers related to these three projects at various international gatherings. He also remained active as editor of *African Affairs*, and as editorial consultant to a number of publishers and journals.

Marijke van den Engel

During 2001 Marijke van den Engel continued to work as a research assistant for Gerti Hesseling, the director of the ASC. Among other activities, they wrote a joint article on women and the law in Mali, which has since been published. More recently, she carried out literature research on the role of the *Sénat* in Senegal. She also applied for a PhD grant from the Social Science Research Council and wrote a research proposal on Somali immigrants in the Netherlands and their views on international migration.

Ineke van Kessel

Ineke van Kessel spent a substantial part of the year on projects related to the celebration of 300 years of relations between the Netherlands and Ghana. She organized the conference 'Past and Present: 300 Years of Dutch-Ghanaian Relations', held on 7 November at the Museon in The Hague, with funding provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. With almost 200 participants and contributions from Ghana, the Netherlands, Surinam and Indonesia, the conference was a great success. Subsequently, she edited a book on Dutch-Ghanaian relations (*Merchants, Missionaries and Migrants: 300 Years of Dutch-Ghanaian Relations*) to be published in 2002 by KIT Publishers in Amsterdam. The tercentenary celebrations provided ample opportunity for various publications for a wider audience on Dutch-Ghanaian history. She also continued her work on contemporary South Africa with various publications, conference papers and lectures on the African Renaissance, the transformation of the police and other topical issues. As a freelance journalist, she regularly contributed articles on Africa to Dutch magazines and wrote a monthly review of current affairs for *Onze Wereld*.

Piet Konings

From February to September 2001, Piet Konings was absent on special leave from the ASC but returned to carry out fieldwork in Cameroon during the period October-December. He also continued to work on two projects. His main project entitled 'Political Change and Regionalism in Cameroon, with Particular Reference to the Anglophone Problem' analyses the construction of an Anglophone identity, consciousness and organization in the Francophone-dominated state of Cameroon. The project ties in with a newly emerging literature on movements of ethnoregionalism, federalism, decentralization and secession in Africa. His second project addresses the relationship between organized labour and government in Africa during the current economic and political liberalization. Both projects resulted in several articles and book chapters.

Klaas van Walraven

Besides writing papers on the 2000 Ghanaian elections and the Sawaba revolt in Niger, Klaas van Walraven spent most of the year completing research on the literature of democratization published in 1995-1996. The project 'Democratization in Sub-Saharan Africa - Part 3' involved the study of secondary literature on democratization and multiparty politics and is being executed in collaboration with Céline Thiriot of the Centre d'Etude de l'Afrique Noire in Bordeaux. By December 2001, 772 individual references, published in 1995-1996, had been studied and the manuscript was nearing completion. Time was spent studying collected sources on the Sawaba revolt in Niger, both as input for a conference on resistance in African history in October 2001 and as a start for further research to follow in 2002 on this topic. A further research project was set up with Mirjam de Bruijn, Han van Dijk and Stephen Ellis on conflict in West Africa.

Globalization and Sociocultural Transformation in Africa

Wim van Binsbergen

In 2001 considerable progress was made on Wim van Binsbergen's book projects with one book going to press, another in the final stages of copy-editing, and the library research towards the finalization of two other book drafts completed. In addition new projects were initiated and largely completed: a study of the African philosopher Valentin Mudimbe at the invitation of the School of Oriental and African Studies, London; the organization (with Rijk van Dijk and Marieke van Winden) of an international conference 'Beyond Globalization'; a French/English website on

Afrocentricity reflecting his involvement in international debate; the development of an Africanist perspective on scientific knowledge and culture, at the invitation of the Netherlands Association for the Philosophy of Science; new research plans within the ASC theme group on 'Agency in Africa'; and taking over the position of editor-in-chief of *Quest*, an international journal on African philosophy. In addition to a number of academic presentations, the spread of Africanist knowledge was furthered by popularizing lectures, media performances and a number of websites that enjoy great popularity and generate numerous specific public exchanges.

Rijk van Dijk

Rijk van Dijk continued his research on the migration of Ghanaians to the Netherlands and their involvement in the rise of transnational Pentecostalism. His research on the relationship between migration and transnational Pentecostalism took a further turn with visits to Gaborone, Botswana, during the year. Here he discovered a similar development of Ghanaian Pentecostalism emerging among an expanding Ghanaian migrant community: He is now preparing a comparative research project that will focus on the Ghanaian migrant community in Gaborone. In the Netherlands he cooperated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs in their respective projects concerning Ghanaian migrants in the Dutch context. He contributed a paper to the conference 'Dutch Relations: Past and Present' organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in conjunction wit the ASC to commemorate 300 years of diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and Ghana. With Prof. John Hanson, Director of the African Studies Centre, Indiana University Bloomington, he signed a contract with Indiana University Press for a joint edited publication on 'Religious Modernities in West Africa', a volume that is expected to appear in 2002. During 2001 he published articles on the subject and contributed to the first volume in the ASC's new *African Dynamics* series.

Vernie February

Vernie February was busy working on the culture of multilinguality with special reference to South Africa in 2001. He reworked an anthology of Surinamese literature entitled *Creole Drum*, to be reprinted by Kegan Paul and wrote a further article on Surinam, 'The Surinamese Muse' to be published in a history of Caribbean literatures. He is a permanent member of the South African Commission for the Maatschappij der Nederlandse Letterkunde and to commemorate the 350th anniversary of its foundation he was one of the initiators of the C. Louis Leipoldt Prize. He is also an honorary member of the Fundani Foundation, an Amsterdam-based organization involved in helping schools in South Africa with the provision of books and materials. In October he was reappointed Professor Extraordinary in the Department of Afrikaans and Nederlands at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa.

Henk Meillink

During 2001 Henk Meilink was on leave from the ASC for a period of six months to use up accumulated leave. In the remaining months his research focused on rounding off his PhD thesis on the impact of food market liberalization on food security, with Kenya's maize market as a case study. His second research project focused on the globalization and liberalization of international trade markets emerging under the WTO (World Trade Organization) and the implications for Africa's exports. This research was undertaken in collaboration with two other ASC staff members, Marcel Rutten and Tjalling Dijkstra. A joint publication is forthcoming.

Thera Rasing

In 2001, Thera Rasing completed and defended her PhD thesis on female initiation rites in urban Zambia, a project financed by WOTRO. The study considered female initiation rites in the context of globalization and the Catholic church in urban Zambia. She claims that despite influences of

modernity, including Christianity, initiation rites remain important for Christian women in construing their identity and have remained virtually unchanged over the centuries. The rites show the important role of women in traditional religion and in fertility, as well as their authority in Zambian sexual life.

Emile van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal

Stimulated by the success of his film *Bonnet Rouge - Ou Vas-tu?*, Emile van Rouveroy van Nieuwaal continued to do research on decentralization in Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali and Togo. The provisional title of his next film is *J'y Crois...l'Aventure de la Decentralisation au Mali*. Due to Mali's implementation of a nationwide policy of decentralization and the boost the decentralization programme received after the 1998-1999 municipal elections, it was easy to decide to concentrate on the process in Mali. He enjoyed the full cooperation of Dr Moussa Djire, a member of the Law Faculty of the University of Bamako who was researching the effectiveness of the decentralization policy near the capital and in 2000 was a visiting fellow at the ASC. It has been necessary to move a bilingual conference on chieftaincy and processes of state formation that he is organizing from Burkina Faso to Niamey in Niger and to postpone the conference until March 2002. The conference will concentrate on democratization, decentralization, dispute settlement, local administration, mobilization of natural resources, peacekeeping and the evolution of chieftancy. In the early part of the year he was involved in a series of lectures at the University of Leiden on 'Africa, State and Law'.

Society and Resources in Africa

Mirjam de Bruijn and Han van Dijk

Much work was done on the processing, writing up and editing of the results of Mirjam de Bruijn and Han van Dijk's ICCD project in 2001. The three volumes in which Mirjam de Bruijn has participated (on climate variability and decision-making, on students' research, and on the impact of climate change on the growth of cities) are nearing completion. Han van Dijk participated in the two former volumes. He contributed to, and De Bruijn also edited, the new annual journal of the ASC entitled Mobile Africa: Changing Patterns of Movement in Africa and Beyond (see Appendix 3). An evaluation study of the civil-society building activities of Dutch co-financing agencies in Mali was completed and submitted to the Dutch parliament. Two grant proposals were produced, and one approved for funding in collaboration with Kiky van Til, Josée van Steenbrugge and Leo de Haan. A start was made on preparing two new activities: a research project in Chad on conflict, interethnic relations and ecological variability; and a working group was established with other ASC staff members (Stephen Ellis and Klaas van Walraven) for the comparative study of conflict in West Africa. Finally, plans were made with French colleagues to organize a new network for the study of land tenure and natural resource management in West Africa. De Bruijn completed the translation and annotation of oral traditions from the Hare and the manuscript is nearing completion. Van Dijk also invested much time in the preparation of the ASC's new research programme that will become operational in 2002.

Tjalling Dijkstra

For most of 2001 Tjalling Dijkstra was seconded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as senior advisor on macroeconomic issues related to Sub-Saharan Africa. In the framework of the WTO-Africa discussions he teamed up with Marcel Rutten and Henk Meilink to prepare an article on this topic and he supervised Karin van den Belt in the production of a related bibliography entitled 'WTO and Agricultural Trade with Africa'.

Dick Foeken

Dick Foeken's main research activity was the Nakuru Urban Agriculture Project (NUAP) that started with a general survey in 1999 and continued with a food and nutrition survey as well as indepth interviews in 2000. During 2001, the data from the first survey and in-depth interviews were further analysed. This resulted in a paper entitled 'Crop Cultivation in Nakuru Town, Kenya: Practice and Potential', which will in the first instance appear as an ASC Working Paper in 2002. Other activities in the context of NUAP concerned the supervision of two Kenyan MSc students, one looking at the environmental aspects of urban agriculture in Nakuru and the other considering farming by schools in the town. Progress on his second research project on urban agriculture – 'Sustainable Urban Agriculture in Tanzania' – was slower than foreseen due to technical problems in Tanzania with data analysis. New output with frequency tables was produced and an overview was made for the writing of a first report. The second fieldwork stage in Morogoro and Mbeya was successfully completed. In addition, He coedited and contributed to the first volume of *African Dynamics*, the new ASC annual journal in book format - *Mobile Africa: Changing Patterns of Movement in Africa and Beyond* (see Appendix 3).

Jan Hoorweg

This year saw the publication of the final report of the NIRP project on 'Market Dependence among Pastoralists', encompassing a comparative analysis of pastoral groups in Israel (the Bedouin) and Kenya (the Somali and the Maasai). It examines livestock offtake from pastoral herds and the flow of grains into these areas. Work continued on the 'Resource Diversification among Coastal Fishers in Kenya' project on a number of interrelated studies including income diversification, the biology of major fish species, fishing practices, fish marketing and marine conservation. The proceedings from the Second Coastal Ecology Conference held in November 1999 are currently being edited for publication. The two-day conference in Mombasa included 27 papers on diverse topical issues such as river sediments, coastal vegetation and animal life, marine flora and fauna, mangroves, coral reefs, artisanal fisheries, coastal erosion and pollution.

Wijnand Klaver

Wijnand Klaver is attached to the Nakuru Urban Agriculture Project (NUAP) and having successfully completed the survey on the food security and nutritional impact of urban farming at the end of 2000, his main activities during the first half of 2001 concerned the preparation of the data from the household and food questionnaires for further analysis. In the second half of the year, the information was converted to SPSS in a number of thematic files, one for each level of analysis (household, school pupils, participation in school gardens, young children). A start was made with the production of tables and graphics by means of a standard syntax in SPSS.

Karin Nijenhuis

Karin Nijenhuis's efforts were first and foremost directed at finalizing her second fieldwork period for her PhD research entitled 'Dynamics of Entitlements to Transition Zones between Agropastoral and Sylvo-pastoral Land in Semi-arid and Semi-humid Mali'. After semi-arid Douentza in northern Mali she concentrated her activities in the sub-humid Koutiala area in southern Mali. She returned from Mali in April 2001 and was mainly occupied with data processing for the remainder of the year although she went back to Mali briefly to participate as a trainer in a workshop on methodology for socio-legal research at the Law Faculty of the University of Mali.

Marcel Rutten

The main event in Marcel Rutten's research activities in 2001 was the publication of Out for the

Count: The 1997 General Elections and Prospects for Democracy in Kenya (Kampala: Fountain Publishers) that he co-edited with Alamin Mazrui and François Grignon. In the second half of the year he acted as advisor to foreign missions in Kenya in preparation for the organization of the observation of the upcoming 2002 general elections. A framework and working plan for election observation were produced in a final report. Precipitation data were gathered and a working paper wirtten for his 'Drought and Waterharvesting Research Project' with the aim of establishing the best season (months) for obtaining a succesful crop. For his project on 'Land and (Eco)Tourism', information collected over the last few years was added to a draft working paper analysing the ongoing development of a wildlife sanctuary in the Selengei area. A short paper was also written for the UN Year for Ecotourism (2002). Time was put into drafting a working paper on 'Land and Conflict in East Africa' and into a proposal for a research project on land conflicts in southern Kenya. New fieldwork was conducted on sedentarized pastoralism and land tenure changes among Kenyan Maasai. He also visited Ethiopia to gather information on land tenure and erosion there. After following the discussions on 'Trade not Aid/Halting Development Aid' and the troubles during WTO meetings it was felt that the ASC should be able to provide a contribution to this debate. With Tjalling Dijkstra and Henk Meilink a critical essay was drafted pointing to the limitations and risks involved in 'trade not aid'.

Kiky van Til

Kiky van Til was attached to the theme group as a research assistant. She collected data on migration in Africa and wrote a chapter for the ASC's *Mobile Africa: Changing Patterns of Movement in Africa and Beyond*. She also made contributions to the finalization of the results of the ICCD project and did a literature survey for the evaluation study of the Dutch co-financing programme. The PhD proposal she prepared during this period was awarded a grant by WOTRO at the end of 2001.

Appendix 3: Publications by the Institute and by Staff Members

Mobile Africa: Changing Patterns of Movement in Africa and Beyond appeared in November 2001 as the first volume of a new ASC series entitled African Dynamics. Following editions on a variety of themes based on research being undertaken at the ASC and with additional chapters by invited authors will appear annually.

Mobile Africa: Changing Patterns of Movement in Africa and Beyond

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'We Think of Them': How Ghanaian Migrants in Amsterdam Assist Relatives at Home

Daniel Kojo Arhinful, vol. 62

Ghanaian migrants living in the Netherlands are increasingly providing social security support in terms of financial and material assistance to relatives at home. Socio-economic transformations have led to changes and growing insecurities in traditional and social security support mechanisms. Based on a case study of residents in Amsterdam, this study examines the forms of assistance sent and received by Ghanaian migrants in the Netherlands and analyses the current interrelationship between international migration and social security support based on reciprocity.

Sharing a Valley: The Changing Relations between Agriculturalists and Pastoralists in the Niger Valley of Benin

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Antje van Driel's case study looks at the changes that have occurred in relations between agriculturalists and pastoralists in the Niger Valley in northern Benin since the period of drought in the 1970s. It investigates the changes in the ecological resource base and considers the effects that external influences such as government policy and increasing commercialization have had on these resources. Improved coexistence requires an understanding of the needs of the different stakeholders: agriculturalists, transhumant pastoralists, immigrant pastoralists and autochthonous Fulbe.

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Export Diversification in Uganda: Developments in Non-Traditional Agricultural Exports

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The non-traditional agricultural exports (roses, Nile perch. vanilla, sesame seed, green beans, hides and skins, etc.) referred to in this working paper include agricultural livestock and fisheries products that have been (re-)introduced since Museveni came to power in Uganda in 1986. The successes these commodities have experienced are summarized by evaluating the objectives of the Ugandan government with regard to the diversification of the country's agricultural exports.

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Boureima Alpha Gado provides an historical analysis of household and community coping strategies during pre-colonial and colonial periods in two rural communities in Niger. This study highlights the differences in past and present strategies and allows an understanding of current attitudes towards food shortages in a Haussa community in central Niger and in a Zarma area in the west of the country.

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Thursday 18 January Organized by the Foundation Africa-Europe 2000+, the African Studies Centre and Leiden University Prof. Peter Kooijmans, International Court of Justice, The Hague Prof. Abiola Irele, Ohio State University, USA Dr André Zaaiman, Gorée Institute, Senegal

An African Anthropologist Looks at Europe: The German Obsession with Dogs

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Thursday 15 February Prof. Wim van Binsbergen, ASC

Autochthony and Citizenship in Post-Colonial Africa: A Critical Perspective on Cameroon

Thursday 8 March Prof. Jan Abbink, ASC Dr Nicodemus Fru Awasom, ASC visiting fellow

Forest Conservation in Central Africa

Thursday 22 March Dr Han van Dijk, ASC Ir Simon Rietbergen, IUCN, Gland Jolanda van den Berg, Wageningen Agricultural University

Liberation and Democracy in Southern Africa

Thursday 19 April Dr Ineke van Kessel, ASC Dr Henning Melber, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala

Resistance to and Flight from Slavery in West Africa

Thursday 10 May Dr Jan Janssen, Leiden University Prof. Martin Klein, University of Toronto

Colonial Peasantries in Africa, India and the Caribbean: Political Economy, Moral Economy, Post-Colonial Consequences Thursday 17 May Dr Jan Janssen, Leiden University

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Democratization in Africa: NGO Power in Society

Thursday 31 May Dr Mirjam de Bruijn, ASC ICCO/Kerken in Actie. Dr Klaas van Walraven, ASC Dr Agnes Abuom, Taabco Dr Roel van der Veen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Stephen Ellis, ASC

Smiling Infants or Crying Babies: Gender Issues and Infant Malnutrition in Sub-Saharan Africa

Thursday 14 June Dr Rijk van Dijk, ASC Prof. Sjaak van der Geest, University of Amsterdam Prof. Christine Oppong, University of Ghana

Illicit Economies. From War Orphans to Global MNCs

Friday 7 September Dr Stephen Ellis, ASC Dr Carolyn Nordstrom

Paters in Congo

Thursday 20 September Guido Kleene Hans Man in 't Veld Lieve Joris Honoré Vinck René Devisch Gerti Hesseling, ASC

Kafi's Story. Nuba Conversations

Thursday 27 September Dr Arthur Howes

Revolt and Resistance in African History: Reinterpreting their Significance in Africa's Past and Present

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Constructing Inequalities on the Malagasy Frontier: Slaves, Ancestors and Tombs in the Extreme Southern Highlands

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Wednesday 28 November Prof. Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, Recherches au Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, EHESS Paris, SHADYC Marseille

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Wednesday 7 November

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