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ASCL staff members at the Strategic day at Kasteel Oud-Poelgeest, Oegstgeest



PREFACE

2017 was a tumultuous and very positive year for the ASCL, in which the Centre continued to excel in its mission and make even more progress in its role as an interfaculty institute within Leiden University. It was a year in which a highly successful external evaluation of the centre was conducted, a new director was appointed, four senior researchers presented their inaugural lectures as ASCL professors at Leiden University, a number of junior research assistants were appointed, new Collaborative Research Groups were established, the ASCL library catalogue was transformed, plans were formalized for the move of the ASCL as a whole to a new location, and a whole host of other issues and events arose in relation to the functioning of the ASCL.

In April, the African Studies Centre Leiden was evaluated by an external review committee. The Review Committee was appointed by the Board of Leiden University. Its members consisted of: Professor Paul Nugent, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, who acted as Chair of the review committee; Professor Michael Bollig, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Cologne, Germany; Iina Soiri MA, Director Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden; Dr. Dzodzi Tsikata, Director, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana; Dr. Marion Wallace, Lead Curator, African Collections at the British Library, London, UK; and Linda Johnson MBA, who was appointed as secretary to the Review Committee, on behalf of EADI, the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes in Bonn. In preparation of the review a self-evaluation report was produced by the ASCL.[1] During the site visit (11-13 April), committee members spoke to the ASCL management, research staff, library staff, support staff and PhD students. The committee also spoke to a group of selected societal partners of the ASCL. The external review committee submitted its final report in June 2017.[2] The outcomes of the external evaluation were generally positive for the ASCL, with specific high praise for the Centre's library. In its formal response, the ASCL thanked the evaluation committee and drew upon a central theme in the report as a fruitful motto for the centre as a whole as it moves forward: *the Centre is more than a sum of the research profiles of its faculty*.[3]

In the same month that the external evaluation of the ASCL took place, it became apparent that I would be appointed the new Director of the ASCL following an international open recruitment process. In the run-up to taking up the formal position, I engaged in what can only be referred to as a *steep learning curve* in which I followed, and was mentored by, my predecessor Ton Dietz. In this way, I got to learn the ropes by participating in ASCL Board and Management meetings, as well as attending the AEGIS Board and Plenary Meetings as an observer. Fortunately, the external evaluation provided me with a clear indication as to what the positive aspects of the ASCL are, and this was reinforced by the 'Strategic Day' that was held on 12 September 2017 with all employees of the ASCL at Kasteel Poelgeest, to discuss the evaluation report and chart the way forward for the coming five years.

1 www.ascleiden.nl/sites/default/files/1._ascl_review_self-evaluation_march_6.pdf
2 www.ascleiden.nl/sites/default/files/2017.06.23_rqa_final_version_approved.pdf
3 www.universiteitleiden.nl/binaries/content/assets/algemeen/onderzoek/research-assessments/20171013-response-of-the-african-studies-centre-leiden-to-the-external-evaluation.pdf

The strengths of the ASCL are that it is the only knowledge centre in the Netherlands fully devoted to Africa, and one of the leading centres of African Studies in the world. It is strong and resilient, with a proud history and a firm commitment to academic excellence in all spheres. It has a long and well-established warm working relationship with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The library of the ASCL is second to none in Western Europe, and the ASCL's staff are renowned in terms of research and publications. Central to this work in recent years has been the multi-disciplinary research projects initiated by its Collaborative Research Groups. Throughout, these initiatives have been undertaken in conscious concert with partners both within and outside of the ASCL. *The work of Dr. André Leliveld in the field of frugal innovations in a joint partnership between Leiden, Delft and Erasmus universities is a fine example of this.*



Dr André Leliveld

The ASCL is becoming firmly embedded in the structures of Leiden University, whilst maintaining its independence in terms of research and library acquisition policy. The institute, through its cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in teaching and central projects, such as INCLUDE (the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies), a team headed by Prof. Marleen Dekker and comprising Prof. Chibuike Uche, Dr. Karin Nijenhuis, Dr. Akinyinka Akinyoade, Dr. Mayke Kaag, and others, actively strives to make "knowledge 'work' for policy-makers and practitioners". The ASCL, through its crucial position in the Leiden African Studies Assembly (LeidenASA), Netherlands Association for African Studies (NVAS) and the African Studies in Europe network (AEGIS), plays a central role in African studies in Leiden, the Netherlands and the world as a whole. These are strengths that the ASCL will continue to capitalize on and implement in its future research and library strategies.

As previously noted, the library is the jewel in the crown of the ASCL. It must be maintained in its current guise; that is, it must remain a research library with open stack access. It is that which makes the library truly second to none in Europe. The external evaluation committee noted explicitly in its report that any further integration with the University Library will require the ring-fencing of three essential issues: i) the independent acquisition budget, policy, and specialists of the ASCL library; ii) the open stack access; and iii) its integrity. It is the ASCL's explicit intention to expand this library into the new Africa Library, to be built in the coming years, and to be opened in 2022, in a suitable building together with the library of the Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO), in close proximity to researchers and students.



Prof. Chibuike Uche

On 9 October, the ASCL organized a day in Leiden University's Academy Building, during which the newly appointed African Studies Centre Leiden professors set out their future research intentions. The lectures highlighted aspects of the ASCL's future academic programme, and emphasised once again the central importance of African Studies in Leiden. Prof. Chibuike Uche, The Stephen Ellis Chair



Prof. Rijk van Dijk



Dr Mayke Kaag



Dr Akinyinka Akinyoade

in the *Governance of Finance and Integrity in Africa*, Prof. Jan Abbink, Chair in *Politics and Governance in Africa*, and Prof. Rijk van Dijk, Chair of *Religion in Contemporary Africa and its Diaspora*, presented short overviews of their future research and teaching intentions. They were followed by Prof. Marleen Dekker, the newly appointed Chair of *Inclusive development in Africa*, who presented her inaugural lecture.

Introducing the new ASCL professors, I noted that although Africa is currently a minor player on the international economic and political stage, its role is set to increase dramatically in the coming decades, if only on account of its astounding population growth. This undiminishing upsurge in population will lead to economies of scale and numbers that cannot be ignored. Much as China powered its way with ever-increasing self-confidence onto the centre stage of world affairs in a manner that was simply unthought of thirty years ago, similarly, Africa could be set to move in into the limelight. *This changing position of Africa in the world is central to the work currently being conducted at the centre by Dr Mayke Kaag and Dr Akinyinka Akinyoade.*



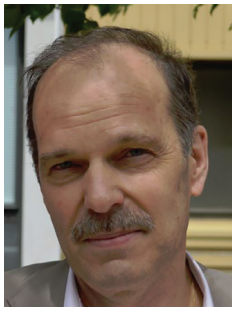
Prof. Marleen Dekker

Africa is not a development project. Africa will develop in its own time and in its own way. All too often Africa, is equated with something that needs to be developed; the need for development, its perceived undeveloped or underdeveloped nature to be changed by the alleged expert armed with academic opinion. As academics who study African societies in the past and the present, we should avoid the hubris and excessive pride of telling others how they should live. *In this, the extensive and detailed long-term studies on development initiatives in Africa by Prof. Marleen Dekker, and her inaugural lecture on 9 October 2017, provides a fine counterpoint that reiterates the importance of solidly verifiable quantitative research.*

Research material collected in a scientific manner, is material that can be utilized irrespective of the gender, colour or creed of the person who collected it. To deny this is to deny the scientific venture as a whole, and to allow for a descent into the free-floating world of biased opinions. Any future research carried out at the ASCL must be critically aware of these debates, and be able to deal with them in an academically sound manner. *The work of Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn tackles these debates head-on, and consciously seeks new ways in which to bring to the fore in an academically sound manner contemporary developments in Africa.*



Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn



Prof. Jan Abbink



Dr Klaas van Walraven



Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald

Africa is in flux, and this requires researchers capable of discerning, describing and contextualizing events beyond the trendy and short-term issues of the day, underpinned by solid academic research. *The long-term work being carried out by Prof. Jan Abbink in the Horn of Africa, as well as that of Dr. Klaas van Walraven in Equatorial Africa are fine examples of this.*

The ASCL has a strong cohort of senior researchers, but in recent years this number has declined as a number of staff reached retirement age. In the closing months of 2017, six junior research assistants were appointed, and in 2018 a cohort of early career professionals (some in joint appointments with other institutes) will be appointed to strengthen its cadre. In this manner, as Africa is set to power forward, so too the ASCL will be on hand to document the continuity and dramatic changes of the continent in the coming years.

Jan-Bart Gewald, June 2018

Farewell Ton Dietz

Professor Ton Dietz, director of the African Studies Centre Leiden, retired on 1 September 2017. He gave his valedictory lecture '*Africa: Still a Silver Lining*' on the development of Africa on 25 September. At that occasion, he has been awarded the Order of Merit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by Minister Bert Koenders. The Order is 'an extraordinary decoration; only awarded in very special circumstances and to very special people', as Minister Koenders said.



Prof. Dietz had been Director of the African Studies Centre Leiden since 1 May 2010 and is also Professor of the Study of African Development at Leiden University. He gave his inaugural address entitled 'Silverlining Africa' in January 2011. Ton Dietz was appointed Professor of Human Geography at the University of Amsterdam in 1995. From 2002 until 2007 he was a (part-time) Professor of Social Sciences at Utrecht University and the Scientific Director of CERES, the Research School for Resource Studies for Development. He was the Scientific Director of AMIDSt, Amsterdam Research Institute for Metropolitan and International Development Studies in 2008 and 2009.



Prof. Ton Dietz was also knighted as an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau at the end of the Annual Meeting of the Leiden African Studies Assembly on 7 December. The mayor of his hometown appeared on stage at the Museum Volkenkunde Leiden, where the Annual Meeting was being held.

The mayor, Mr Elbert Roest, told those present how Prof. Dietz has developed the African Studies Centre Leiden into an institute with great societal impact. Mr Roest said Prof. Dietz has been dedicated to presenting a different image of Africa and showing the strength of African peoples. Under Ton Dietz's directorship, more than 1200 publications were written by ASCL researchers, and he supervised dozens of PhD candidates. Prof. Dietz's deep involvement with societal organizations such as the Liliane Foundation, Both Ends, SOS Children's Villages, Stichting Medische Hulp Kenia, World Connectors and the Prins Claus Chair has been of equal importance.

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SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

The African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) is the national knowledge centre on Africa in the Netherlands. The ASCL undertakes research and is involved in teaching about Africa and aims to promote a better understanding of and insight into historical, current and future developments in Africa. The ASCL is an interfaculty institute of Leiden University and has a world-famous library and documentation centre that is open to the general public.

Visit our website at **www.ascleiden.nl**.

In 2017, the **ASCL website** had:

387,203 page views
168,369 users

The **ASCL country portal** had:

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In addition, there were:

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Final meeting of the Executive Board with Prof. Ton Dietz as director. From left to right: Jos Damen, Mayke Kaag, Jan-Bart Gewald, Ton Dietz, Jan Binnendijk and Trudi Blomsma



The ASC Leiden is located in the Pieter de la Court building at Leiden University's Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

RESEARCH

The African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) maintained its place as the national knowledge centre on Africa in the Netherlands and continued to play its global role in African Studies. With its broad spectrum of research and advisory functions, it serves the academic community in the Netherlands, in Africa and beyond. The Centre is also a resource for diverse professionals dealing with Africa, for instance NGOs, the business community, the news media (multiple interviews and advisory support), teachers, publishers and various Dutch Ministries. The wider public also regularly contacts the ASCL with manifold questions and queries.

The ASCL's activities reflect its continued ambition to play a key role in providing wide-ranging resources for responsible information and thinking about Africa, not only for specialized audiences in research and teaching environments, but also for policymakers, practitioners and the general public, both nationally and abroad. Its library and documentation resources play a pivotal role in this regard. The ASCL has led the Leiden African Studies Assembly (LeidenASA) since 2016, established when the African Studies Centre (ASC) became integrated into Leiden University as an interfaculty institute on 1 January 2016 as the African Studies Centre Leiden.

Central to the ASCL's position as the hub for the study and dissemination of Africa in the Netherlands is research, primarily in the social sciences and humanities. The research carried out by the ASCL is conducted by the Centre's core research staff, PhD students and associated researchers within the ASCL's research programme. 2017 was the last year of the five-year programme (2012-17) entitled 'Africa and Global Restructuring'; a new programme is currently being finalized.

During the year, ASCL researchers carried out a wide variety of both collaborative and individual research projects within the ambit of the general research programme. This resulted in many publications, public engagements and services, as well as multiple exchanges with policymakers and other academics. The incredible diversity and scope of the research done at the Centre is evident, from producing new ideas and topics, sometimes elaborated into wider research projects, to taking exploratory and tentative directions. Some of these new approaches were introduced by ASCL researchers at the ECAS conference in Basel (28 June - 1 July), where they played a prominent role as part of panels and presenting papers.

ASCL researchers conducted their research within the diverse 'Collaborative Research Groups' (CRGs), which cover the four major interrelated thematic areas of the aforementioned research programme 'Africa and Global Restructuring': 1) Resources and well-being; 2) Constellations of governance; 3) Identification and belonging in a media age; and 4) Africa's global connections. Many of the research activities are externally funded on the basis of research proposal applications by ASCL staff.

ASCL researchers regularly met in the Researchers' Assembly (RA), the overarching body that facilitates free discussion on all issues relating to research at the ASCL, including, among other things, funding, representation, planning and output. In 2017, the RA was chaired by Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald until 1 September, when senior researcher Prof. Jan Abbink took over.



Prof. Ton Dietz
(Photo: Monique Shaw)



Prof. Marleen Dekker
(Photo: Jeroen Hiemstra)



Prof. Rijk van Dijk



Prof. Chibuike Uche



Prof. Jan Abbink



Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald



Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn

A key date, marking the 'end of an era' for the ASCL, was the valedictory lecture 'Africa: Still a silver lining' by ASCL director Prof. Ton Dietz on 25 September 2017.

This important and thought-provoking overview of trends and developments on the continent can be accessed at: www.ascleiden.nl/news/farewell-lecture-ton-dietz-africa-still-silver-lining. Following an international call for applications, Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald was appointed to succeed Prof. Dietz as ASCL director and assumed his role on 1 September. Prof. Dietz was honoured with a Festschrift, featuring original contributions on African Studies by ASCL and other colleagues. https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl/handle/1887/52969

On 9 October, the ASCL professors (newly appointed M. Dekker, R. van Dijk, C. Uche and J. Abbink), and ASCL-Leiden University professors J.B. Gewald and M. de Bruijn gave presentations at the Leiden University Academy Building about their new research ideas, partly connected to their chair profiles and the 2018 CRGs that they will lead. www.ascleiden.nl/news/festive-presentation-new-ascl-professors-and-inaugural-lecture-marleen-dekker. This day was the opening shot for the development of the new ASCL research programme.

Below, is a summary of the main insights and products of the research conducted under the four headings of the 2012-2017 research programme, which has now ended. Three representative publications are included for each sub-theme.

Stephen Ellis chair

I have been appointed as the new Stephen Ellis Chair for the Governance of Finance and Integrity in Africa at Leiden University. The Chair started on 1 April 2017 and is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the first three years. On 4 April, the Netherlands' outgoing Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Bert Koenders, officially launched the Chair with a special video message, and I gave a presentation on my research plans.

My research will focus on understanding why conventional governance institutions, which work in other jurisdictions, have achieved only limited success in most parts of Africa. The failure of the 'principal-agent model' to enforce good governance in Africa calls for a rethink of the governance dynamics in the continent. Specifically, it highlights the need to explore other variables, such as culture, in order to enhance our understanding of the African governance complex. My research will mainly focus on the governance of finance, business and the economy.

I have extensive research experience in Nigeria, Ghana and Sierra Leone in the fields of political economy, business and financial history, financial institutions regulation and regional integration. My current research interest is foreign business operations in Africa. Prior to joining the ASCL, I was Professor of Banking and Financial Institutions at the University of Nigeria and a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Nigeria. I have a PhD in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics.



Prof. Chibuike Uche, the new Stephen Ellis Chair for the Government of Finance and Integrity in Africa

Stephen Ellis (1953-2015) was a renowned senior researcher at the African Studies Centre Leiden, and Desmond Tutu Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He was a courageous, deeply inquisitive researcher, going further than most researchers of his generation to uncover hidden truths about Africa. He combined a great interest in how 'real politics' work and have an impact on people's lives, with a fascination for the role of religion and morality. He did so as a historian, with particular attention for the way history influences the present.

Chibuike Uche

1 Resources and well-being

The theme subsumes work on ‘resources’ in Africa in the wider sense, as well as on strategies of wealth production and ‘well-being’ (which are not always the same). In 2017, ASCL researchers continued to make contributions to important academic and policy debates regarding overall development, agriculture, population dynamics, entrepreneurial activity, food security issues and related topics. The study of strategies and policies on resources and well-being remains of crucial importance in Africa, not least due to pressure from below, from ordinary people wanting to improve their lives. Basic research, both empirical and theoretical, is always needed, due to rapid changes on the continent and its global linkages, albeit set in complex and long historical trajectories. ASCL researchers addressed the theme of this sub-programme in various ways.

Among the ASCL researchers specifically working on the above topics are A. Akinyoade and C. Uche, who wrote papers and chapters on the Nigerian entrepreneur Dangote and his successful expansion into Africa. A. Akinyoade also co-authored a paper on the problems and politics of census-taking in Nigeria, related to the highly relevant and pressing topic of population growth in Africa. T. Dietz, A. Akinyoade and C. Uche edited and wrote several chapters of the book *Entrepreneurship in Africa*. This fifteenth *African Dynamics* volume has drawn a lot of attention. Further research was done on productive employment, urban development and infrastructure issues.



Akinyinka Akinyoade presents the new book Entrepreneurship in Africa.

The Secretariat of the INCLUDE Knowledge Platform, located at the ASCL, headed by M. Dekker) ran projects, activities and a website focused on issues of economic development, entrepreneurial activity, well-being, female empowerment and (youth) employment in Africa. Output included the publication of synthesis papers, opinion pieces, and the organization of several conferences and workshops.

There was a clear focus in the research and publications on planned development schemes and change initiatives as devised and executed – with mixed success – by African state regimes, international donors and non-state actors (including private companies). This is related to issues of resource use and to schemes to enhance well-being in the wake of growth trajectories. As the research indicated, these phenomena are often strongly contested and have serious environmental impacts.

The aim of this research remained improving understandings of: a) the state of Africa's *physical/material resources*, such as (arable) land, livestock, physical infrastructure, water and labour, and how these are (ab)used by humans in the quest for improved well-being, power, privilege, etc.; b) the relations and interactions of the preceding within economic, social and political contexts (with major impact from global processes and power struggles regarding 'resource appropriation'; and c) the efforts of relevant stakeholders regarding the productive potential and sustainability of these resources. Key phrases here are: Working towards improved well-being via the realization of land rights and access, water and food security, and enhancing inclusivity; youth employment, services development and access; women's empowerment/equality in and around Africa's expanding urban centres; and the better use of resources to improve human development and the 'quality of life' (with an eye to the SDGs, taken as regulative ideas of African development (see below).

The ASCL researchers involved in resources and well-being were in frequent dialogue with government ministries, NGOs, private sector and media, both in the Netherlands and abroad. As the host of the Secretariat for the INCLUDE Platform (one of five knowledge platforms launched by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in June 2012), the ASCL has been involved in policy-relevant research and research 'valorization' relating to issues of inclusive development.



PhD candidate Alice Kubo together with a woman working in the shea industry

In addition to editing the book on *Entrepreneurship*, T. Dietz published on evaluation methodology for development interventions, on diplomacy, and produced a number of useful Infosheets and thematic maps on contemporary issues and challenges in Africa (e.g. trade, migration, education). W. Elbers continued work and published on the project 'Breaking down barriers to inclusion', which is concerned with a combination of research and of devising how effective lobbying and advocacy development for children with a disability can be realized. M. Dekker co-authored a quantitatively-based study on intra-household collaboration and polygyny in Nigeria, which has produced policy relevant findings that can inform planned interventions. Junior researchers (PhD students) A. Kubo and A. Kazimierczuk also produced papers and blog articles, e.g. on women's empowerment in Ghana's shea industry and on inclusive development challenges.

Key publications

Akinyoade, A., T. Dietz & C. Uche (eds.), 2017. *Entrepreneurship in Africa* (African Dynamics, volume 15), Leiden-Boston: Brill.

Heilbron, M., A. Leliveld & P. Knorringa 2017, 'Innovation as a Key to Success? Case Studies of Innovative Start-ups in Kenya and Nigeria', in: Akinyoade, A., T. Dietz & C. Uche (eds.), *Entrepreneurship in Africa*, Leiden: Brill, pp. 95-122.

Uche, C. (with A. Ezeoha), 2017. State Legitimacy and the Unending Crisis of Petrol Subsidy Reforms in Nigeria. *Society and Natural Resources* 30(10), pp. 1181-1196.

2 Constellations of governance

This theme comprises studies of politics, regimes and governance structures, political history and religious actors in public spheres in Africa, usually carried out by ASCL researchers from a multidisciplinary perspective. 'Constellations of governance' refers to a problematic of societal and historical contexts and structures of politics, and looks at the constitution and performance of power, elite rule and 'governance', as management and as hegemony. Social actors and movements are often the focus, as are conflict arenas, fueled by youth activists, public protests and rural resistance. The developmental equation is relevant and provides much of the dynamics of politics in today's Africa. Research by several ASCL researchers contends that development with an overwhelmingly economic and SDG focus often tends to sideline the political dynamics and the deep aspirations toward equity and justice that African citizens increasingly expect from their governments. Consequently, they resort to collective movements that they see as more legitimate or effective, even if these produce instability or even persistent violence. Governance in Africa has not taken the form of an irreversible move towards democratic reform, inclusive politics or social justice, as revealed by land grab issues, a lack of transparent elections, contestation and faulty juridical systems in many countries. Moreover, in a significant number of countries violent and apparently tenacious conflicts still rage. The political agency of non-state actors and marginal groups and classes is limited, and insurgent groups, notably Islamist extremists, are well-established in certain regions, recruiting from a pool of discontented youths and other marginalized groups, whose socio-political agendas can easily turn into radical religious or extremist activities.

18 Developments in rural Ethiopia, some puzzles

In their quest for development and foreign exchange earnings, many African countries bet on investments in large-scale commercial agriculture, usually in the shape of mono-crop plantations (cotton, sugar cane, biofuels, etc.). Historically, the huge el-Gezira cotton scheme in colonial Sudan (since 1914) is the most (in)famous example of this. Ethiopia, under its self-declared 'developmental state' in recent decades, joins the chorus and has invested notably in huge sugarcane plantations in Southern Ethiopia. The aim is import substitution and becoming a major sugar exporter to neighbouring African countries and beyond. Sounds promising? It depends who you ask and where you look. Sugar plantations have been constructed since 2011 with huge capital investments, e.g. in the Omo River Valley, where I did research, but, more than five years on, they are not yet breaking even, because (due to, among other things, documented corruption and mismanagement), the world sugar price has dropped dramatically over the past few years. Supply to the domestic market has indeed increased, so there is sugar available for people's coffee, tea and foodstuffs. Eventual plantation profits will accrue to the federal government, because the plantations are built and exploited, not by the autonomous (in name only) regional states of Ethiopia, but by the federal-level Ethiopian Sugar Corporation. Local people – agro-pastoralists, smallholder farmers – will not profit very much. Indeed, so far, they are the losers. Yes, there are some new jobs, for guards, harvesters, weeders, drivers and machine operators, but often low-paid and seasonal. The plantation areas are also very insecure for workers, who have to live in poor conditions and experience robbery and theft.



Flood-retreat sorghum fields in 2014. No longer cultivated in 2018. Courtesy of © International Rivers, 2014

More importantly, how did the local people in the Omo Valley live *before* the plantations were constructed? They were productive herders, farmers and did hunting-gathering to augment their income and diet. There was a good variety of food sources and multiple livelihood strategies. In contrast to a widely held idea among outsiders, there was no unemployment and no serious food insecurity. One especially interesting system was riverbank (or flood retreat) cultivation. A 2015 study by Eyasu Yazew *et al.* revealed its crucial importance and a great potential for *expansion* of this inventive form of cultivation – a never-failing system of crop production that enhanced local food security. It acted as a safety valve for local peoples, like the Mela, Kara, Mursi and others. But the big Gibe-3 dam in the Omo river (operational since late 2016) has eliminated the annual flooding of the river banks, and the excessive irrigation water needs in the sugarcane plantation areas of the Omo Valley have lowered the level of the Omo by

approx. 1.80 m. These two things have led to the cessation of flood retreat cultivation. A great agrarian system was thus eliminated. We see the priorities of the national government: not local food security and investment in functioning local economies, but export dollar generation at the federal level. One can understand the arguments for this, but why destroy a well-functioning system and make local, self-sufficient people dependent on the state, and even on food hand-outs?

The problem is getting heads of government to consider the evidence of the existence of well-working agro-ecological systems (they are not interested, follow top-down plans, and claim that 'all losses of income, land or crops are compensated') as well as donor countries, generally deficient in local knowledge and not preoccupied with 'details' of a locally very complex situation. As Michael Ashkenazi noted in his 2012 chapter, 'Development is destruction', this is one of the paradoxes of our puzzling and sometimes absurd world.

Ashkenazi, Michael 2012. 'Development is destruction, and other things you weren't told at school'. In: V.C. Franke & H. Dorff, eds, *Conflict Management and "Whole of Government": Useful Tools for U.S. National Security Strategy?,* pp. 91-126. Carlisle, Penn.: Strategic Studies Institute.

Eyasu Yazew, *et al.* 2015. *Multi Reservoir Operation and Challenges of the Omo River Basin: Part II: Potential Assessment of Flood Based Farming on Lower Omo Ghibe Basin*. Addis Ababa: IGAD, Inland Water Resources Management Programme.

Jan Abbink

ASCL researchers pleaded in their work for more serious attention to these issues, also in the international policy sphere.

Research within this thematic area saw publications by J. Abbink on Ethiopian and Horn of Africa politics (especially the phenomenon called elections in an authoritarian state) and on food patterns and dietary changes among a marginalized population as indication of political change and imposed development; by J-B. Gewald (and co-authors) on political symbolism in Herero ritual; by associate researcher professor Fantu Cheru on the politics of urban management (on the state of Addis Ababa, published by UN Habitat), and by historian K. van Walraven on the destruction of the Niger political movement (Sawaba) by the French colonial authorities. He also published a French edition of his major historical study of the Sawaba movement.

M. de Bruijn focused on radicalization issues in West and Central Africa via various projects. She wrote, among other issues, about youth political agency and radicalization trajectories and on mediated political agency in Africa. H. van Dijk, appointed full professor at Wageningen University in 2017, retained a project affiliation at the ASCL and co-published work on persistent land governance conflicts in northern Uganda and in South Sudan. Junior researchers T. van der Hoog and T. Hendriks (both preparing PhD project proposals) published, respectively, on the political influence of North Korea in Africa, and on street youth in Malawi and on trade unions and informal workers in a Ghana market. J. Abbink was a co-editor of (and contributor to) the Africa Yearbook, an annual survey of politics and socioeconomic developments in Africa.







Audience of Nigerien students and surviving Sawabists at the lecture by Klaas van Walraven held at the Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, November 2017

Our research on constellations of governance showed the multifarious contexts of the constitution of politics, regime policies and socio-political movements, and of contestation and coercion as durable features of African societies. The work produced under this sub-programme has a direct bearing on that of the other thematic groups, e.g. with regard to resource use, identity issues (conservative-religious, youth, social), and Africa's global connections and positioning.
To communicate and exchange ideas and insights on the above issues, ASCL researchers maintained their numerous contacts and exchanges – both on an individual and collective level, via advisory talks, reports, expert advice, lectures or seminars – with members of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, the mass media, NGOs and other societal organizations.

Key publications

J. Abbink 2017. 'Paradoxes of electoral authoritarianism: the 2015 Ethiopian elections as hegemonic performance.' *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* 35(3), pp. 303-323.

M.E. de Bruijn & J. Both, 2017. 'Youth between state and rebel (dis)orders: contesting legitimacy from below in Sub-Sahara Africa.' *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 28(4-5), pp. 779-798.

P.H. Justin & J.W.M. van Dijk 2017. Land reform and conflict in South Sudan : evidence from Yei River Country. *Africa Spectrum* 52(2), pp. 3-28.

3 Identification and belonging in a media age

Group identification and construction of 'belonging' have various bases, both economic-geographic and historical or ethno-cultural heritage-oriented. For the past two to three decades, the modern age has been characterized by new media use – in particular, mobile telephony, internet and ICTs – that continues to grow in importance, informing political struggles, processes of 'belonging' and economic development in novel ways. The proliferation of virtual networks and groups in cyberspace has a strong bearing on identity formation, with a concomitant politicization of relations, state and global surveillance structures, splintering of political constituencies and strong self-advocacy tendencies. ASCL researchers continued to look at new forms and permutations of media use as they impinge on identity politics, religious/ethnic mobilization and identification processes, as well as on economic behaviour (issues of mediatization and security received less attention). In 2017, research focused prominently on domains directly impacted by the transformative influence of media use, often in innovative and unexpected forms and reshaping the expression of frameworks of identification. The traditional media – the written press, television and radio – still have a role in Africa, but are rapidly being over taken by these web-based sources of, notably, mobile and smartphone applications. For example, religious radicalization via internet and smartphone is very striking, although Africa is not at all unique in this regard. The dynamics of local cultural and ethno-linguistic traditions was also a key interest among researchers, leading to a significant number of ethnographic contributions.



Jonna Both interviewing chief Madaba in a neighborhood of Bangui (CAR) as part of the 'Being young in times of duress' project

This third research sub-theme of *Identification and belonging* drew a number of ASCL researchers, among them A. Amha, M. de Bruijn, W. van Beek, R. van Dijk, and J. Abbink, as well as several PhD students. More specifically, R. van Dijk carried out major work on religious identification, value systems and changing marriage practices in Southern Africa, leading to two special issues of Africanist journals (*Africa* and *Anthropology Southern Africa*). The *Africa* issue was on new domains and spheres of ethics in Africa, in the wake of momentous social and political change processes. The gist of the argument was that the 'making and unmaking of ethical fields' takes place within the context of state politics, the influence of international organizations and the emergence of new publics and local NGOs that provide people with new ideas about what is 'right' and 'wrong'. In the second collection of papers (in *ASA*), Van Dijk and his colleagues showed that marriage

in southern Africa, as an ideal and an institution, is undergoing a fundamental reconfiguration, tied to middle-class formation and new religious imaginings, with implications for social organization and social policy.

M. de Bruijn ran several research projects on mobile cell telephony and social change in Central and West Africa (see www.connecting-in-times-of-duress.nl/), and her writings showed the vital role of mobile networks in conditions of crisis, conflict and state failure. For example, despite technical obstacles, mobile phones are reconnecting (war-) dispersed relatives, providing security in post-conflict situations still marked by high insecurity. Also clear is people's hope for easier access to markets (as demonstrated in a study on Juba, South Sudan), and that cell phones contribute to the rapid development of migrant-dominated trade and business activities. M. de Bruijn also worked on 'radicalization' in West-Central Africa and its social, cultural and political ramifications. Connected to this was a new NWO funded project on the Fulani in the Sahel (2017f). With two colleagues (I. Butter and A. Fall) M. de Bruijn wrote a report on emerging mobile money systems in Cameroon, Congo DRC, Senegal and Zambia.

Azeb Amha carried out research on endangered language-cultural traditions in southern Ethiopia (Zargulla), an externally funded project at the interface of cultural studies and linguistics. She built a web-based research archive from the field data, and published two major chapters on Omotic languages based on previous research.

W. van Beek co-edited a book focused on the more 'traditional' rites and religions in the Lake Chad Basin, and published two papers about identity, tourism and (conservation) politics among San groups in Namibia.

J. Abbink published on changing group identification among Ethiopian agro-pastoralists in a situation of marginalization and state hegemonism, forcing them into painful choices and new strategies for self-preservation. This issue was studied via the changing registers of food production and consumption.

The work of ASCL historians was also closely connected to themes of identification and belonging. For instance, K. van Walraven published a paper and continued work on his forthcoming monograph on the African priest-politician B. Boganda, active in the crucial late colonial period in French Central Africa. Historian M. Doortmont continued coordinating a major research project ('Society and Change in Northern Ghana') with five PhD researchers, on history, conflict and socio-economic change in northern Ghana.

Key publications

M.E. de Bruijn, I. Brinkman & J. Both, 2017. The mobile phone and society in South Sudan: a critical historical-anthropological approach. *Journal of African Media Studies* 9(2), pp. 323-337

R. van Dijk, 2017. The tent versus ***lobola***: marriage, monetary intimacies and the new face of responsibility in Botswana. *Anthropology Southern Africa* 40(1), pp. 29-41.

W. van Beek & E. Guitard, 2017. *Rites et Religions dans le Bassin du Lac Tchad*. Paris: Karthala.

4 Africa's global connections

Africa's positioning in the world grows stronger economically and politically, and multiple new links are forged with emerging countries in Asia and elsewhere. Inherited models of development cooperation, economic engagement, cultural connections and international relations also change. Multi-polarity is a fact, although a few players are still dominant. The continent's rising population alone makes it a force to be reckoned with. Africa's resources (raw materials and physical assets like land, water, biomass and minerals) but also labour power (plenty and relatively cheap) continue to be in high demand. The African overseas communities or diasporas in wealthier countries remain an important source of social and financial capital flowing back to Africa (remittances and socio-cultural changes), but they are matched by often semi-legal financial outflows along different channels. The growing global connectedness of Africa also makes it very difficult to draw the familiar dichotomies between 'underdeveloped Africa' and the 'developed world' elsewhere: in fact they are well-connected, highly educated affluent and economically successful strata and elites in Africa that are an integrated part of the world economy. The usual schemes of 'developed' vs. 'underdeveloped' continents or 'rich and poor countries' are being invalidated.

ASCL research under this sub-theme explored these aspects and focused on concrete aspects of Africa's economic and political networks and linkages to the world on diverse levels. Topics included the extractive industries in Africa, with associate researcher F. Cheru writing on the involvement of Qatar, and C. Uche contributed a study on the emergence of Nigerian multinational banks. Other topics were the highly relevant and impactful role of (globally active) religious organizations and agents in Africa: M. Kaag published a historical overview of Islamic relief and development support efforts in forging linkages between Africa and Asia. The topic of religion also featured in the work of associate researcher W. van Beek. M. Kaag also explored the role of educational institutions in Africa related to current processes of 'global restructuring'. In innovative research on the so far little-known role of North Korea in Africa, junior researcher T. van der Hoog prepared several papers (forthcoming) on this country's effort to gain a foothold in various African countries. Associate researcher H. Wels published (with F. Kamsteeg, VU) an evaluative study of South African-Dutch collaboration in higher education.

Work continued on entrepreneurial strategies and partnerships, on Africa's positioning in the global division of labour, trade and investment patterns, on communication technologies and their societal embeddedness. Much of this work was linked to the activities of the CRG 'Africa in the World: Rethinking Africa's Connections' (since 2012).

Key publications

Kaag, M., 2017. 'The role of Islam in forging linkages between Africa and Asia from the 1970s: the case of Islamic relief and development support', in: P. Amakasu Raposo, D. Arase & S. Cornelissen, eds, *Routledge Handbook of Africa–Asia Relations*. London: Routledge, pp. 249-258.

Cheru, F., 2017. 'Making extractive investments work for Africa's development: what role for Qatar to exercise its soft power?' *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 8(1), pp. 193-213.

Uche, C., 2017. 'The British government, Idi Amin and the expulsion of British Asians from Uganda', *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* 19(6), pp. 818-836

North Korea in Africa

Across the African continent, North Korean monuments, statues and government buildings cast their shadows over the landscape. The buildings are footprints of North Korea's historical presence in Africa, a usually overlooked aspect of international relations. When I was enrolled in the Research Master African Studies of the ASCL, I accidentally stumbled upon one of these monuments during my fieldwork in Namibia. I was immediately fascinated by the mixture of African nationalism and North Korean socialist realism and decided to learn more about the origins of this building. It turns out that during Africa's decolonization, North Korea supported various African liberation movements in their armed struggle for independence through the gifting of weapons, the training of African forces and by providing political support for the liberation movements. Today, North Korea relies heavily on African allies for its very survival in a hostile international environment. For example, African countries order the construction of North Korean monuments and thereby provide the hard foreign currency North Korea so desperately needs to fund its regime and nuclear programme. This history changes our perception of the North Korean state as an isolated 'hermit kingdom'. I am currently working at the ASCL as a junior researcher and preparing a PhD project on this topic.

Tycho van der Hoog



Statue of the Unknown Soldiers and the obelisk at Heroes Acre in Zimbabwe

The ongoing ASCL research activities are organized into individual research projects and collaborative research groups (CRGs), which bring together several ASCL researchers working on related issues and themes. Much of the ASC's research is carried out in close cooperation with colleagues outside the ASCL and in concert with various partner institutions in Europe, Africa and elsewhere.

Collaborative Research Groups

Some of the ASCL's research is conducted within the rubric of collaborative research groups, each comprising between five to seven ASCL researchers, various affiliated members, and a member of the Library staff. A number of these CRGs have now ended, in line with the conclusion of the five-year research programme.
In alphabetical order, the five CRGs active in 2017 were:

Africa in the World: Rethinking Africa's Global Connections (2012-present)
Convenor: Mayke Kaag
This group analysed Africa's changing global linkages in an increasingly multipolar world in which actors such as China, India, Brazil, Turkey and the Gulf states have become major players, with other Asian countries trying to enter the fray. The aim is also to place the current dynamics of intensified global engagement in a historical context as well as to examine and reflect upon African perspective on these processes and on the agency of Africans. Major foci of interest were economic development, investment patterns, market chains, and relations forged via political, cultural-educational and religious networks and initiatives. The CRG will continue in 2018.

Rethinking Contemporary African History and Historiography (2012-present)
Convenor: Jan-Bart Gewald (up to 1 August 2017, thereafter: Klaas van Walraven)
This CRG is a large collaborative group at the ASCL, bringing together those broadly interested in questions of history and historiography in Africa. In 2017, it served mostly as a forum for the exchange of ideas, with several meeting with presentations by ASCL researchers, and guest speakers from the Netherlands and abroad. This group will also continue in 2018.



Conflict in Africa: Trajectories of Power Competition and Civic (Dis-) engagement (2014-2017)

Convenor: Han van Dijk

This group has explored the processes of making of authority, legitimacy in Africa, and also addressed issues of conflict generation and mediation in the context of contested political and economic growth trajectories in Africa. In addition to analysing how people deal with problems and devise their own local solutions to problems of survival and livelihood challenges, the research aimed to produce new field data, insights and contributions to broader discussions on security and the rule of law in Africa, relevant for policy debates and international development efforts. This group ended in 2017.

Food Security and the African City (2012-2017)

Convenor: Akinyinka Akinyoade (2014-2017)

This CRG brought together ASCL and affiliated researchers working on questions of food security and urban food systems in Africa in particular. The CRG contributed to, amongst others, ongoing discussions between the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Netherlands-African Business Council (NABC), Wageningen University (WUR) and the ASCL about the establishment of 'Agrohubs' in and around African cities. Various workshops and discussion meetings were held and several publications are being finalized. The CRGS ended in 2017.

Labour Dynamics and Trade Unions (2013-2017)

Convenor: André Leliveld

This group examined labour issues, trade unions and informal workers' organizations as important actors for 'inclusive development'. Studies carried out by members of the group resulted in reports and paper/chapters now in press. This CRG was dissolved in late 2017.

Individual Research Projects

A significant part of ASCL research activities falls within the above CRGs. In 2017, most ASCL researchers also continued to conduct 'individual' research, often in collaboration with colleagues outside the Centre. In fact, researchers' individual, independent research has always been the hallmark of the ASCL, allowing for thinking, following leads and research 'out of the box'. It remains a key principle of the ASCL's research programme. That said, it remains connected to work done in the CRGs, and sometimes leads to the establishment of a new CRG and contributes to its important track record as a major centre for Africanist research.

The development of a new research programme for the period 2018-2023 was planned for early 2018. The programme will maintain its independent research lines but also fulfil a knowledge hub function regarding Dutch contributions to the SDGs respective to Africa. A library website entry was dedicated to each of the SDGs (as a follow up on web dossiers), Infosheets were published, and the Secretariat of the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development continues to be located at the ASCL (led by prof. M. Dekker). Various other ASCL contributions were also made to specific topics relevant for the SDGs during the 2012-2017 research period, and will continue in the coming years.

SOCIETAL RELEVANCE

The ASCL is not a 'regular' university department. It has a strong mandate to do research that is relevant to society and it maintains a solid network of contacts with a large number of societal partners, in the Netherlands, in Africa and elsewhere. After a first, very successful 'societal panel', in December 2016, it was decided to organize a second one in early 2018. Therefore, we will repeat the conclusions and recommendations formulated after the 2016 meeting, with a few additional remarks:

- Societal partners particularly value the ASCL and the vastness of knowledge on Africa available in Leiden as their source for context analysis. They would like to see the ASCL continue to offer sound updates of changing circumstances and longer term scenarios. The Country Portal, its Seminars and Country Meetings are highly appreciated; the Africa Yearbook is being underutilized.
- Partners require insight into the political and social 'rules of the game' underlying power relations in Africa as these are generally difficult to expose for outside observers. The ASCL should therefore preserve its capacity to provide locally sourced and historically well-informed knowledge on the socio-political structures in Africa.
- The ASCL is praised for its long-standing research presence in many areas in Africa and how it gives voice to local researchers and the wider local community. Collaboration between local research/activists and prominent international research institutes such as the ASCL (and LeidenASA at large) is in some of the most fragile contexts in Africa a means to maintain operations. Science has also a role to play in lobbying and advocacy.
- In the area of African economies, the ASCL is faced with increasingly scattered subjects and themes and a small group of overburdened researchers. This situation asks for careful decision-making. One cannot the ASCL to offer the full modern economist's toolbox (e.g. randomized controlled studies or experiments). However, it is important to be properly informed about these kinds of research tools and to have an ambition as a knowledge broker to be able to translate this kind of expertise to political economy and multidisciplinary discussions.
- Within the ASCL economic programme, there is a shift in focus from traditional 'development aid' to business/entrepreneurship and trade. However, poverty and inequality should be at the heart of the approach: to understand the linkages between economic transformation and distribution issues (inclusive growth and develop-



Country meeting on Kenya with speakers Belindah Okello, Josh Maiyo and Alice Kubo, September 2017

ment). Striking the right balance between business development and poverty reduction calls for a critical stance. In which sectors of the economy are poor people employed and to what extent do they benefit from growth? How should local sourcing be promoted? (in 2017 the ASCL continued its collaboration with Heineken, and part of that was a preliminary study about local sourcing of sorghum in Nigeria).

- The ASCL should link academic expertise on developments in Africa to practical knowledge on Africa that resides with the business sector, policymakers and practitioners. Advanced insights can be produced by integrating knowledge that is fragmented among different stakeholders and by creating joint learning experiences. The business sector, NGOs and those working in the field of economic diplomacy require sound information from the ASCL as critical input for their assessments of security, financial climate and investments opportunities and risks. This was successfully tested during the Africa Works! events (in 2012, 2014 and 2016). The convening power of the ASCL in general has proven to be very effective. It is therefore useful to explore how to deepen relationships with various actors in Africa and how to strengthen European-African synergies within the framework of LeidenASA (in 2017, the ECAS conference in Basel used the ASCL's experience by adding a science and business meeting).

LeidenASA
Leiden African Studies Assembly

- A strong recommendation is to better satisfy the demand for economic research coming from Africa itself and to strengthen knowledge exchange with African partners as well as through South-South relations.
- When financing North-South (and North-South-South) partnerships, Leiden should make greater use of public-private collaborations, both at the European level as well as globally.
- The ASCL's long-standing multidisciplinary research approach is highly appreciated. A multidisciplinary approach is critical to better understanding, for example, the complex relations between population groups, employment creation, education, migration and climate change, but also additional themes such as infrastructure and health.
- Participants fully support the policy stance taken by the ASCL/LeidenASA to strengthen mutual partnerships based on equality, rather than to focus on (one-sided) capacity building for knowledge institutes in Africa. The fact that it can be difficult for African academic institutes to break free from the often very rigid academic structures is identified as a serious challenge (in 2017, specific attention was given to the collaboration with a new Institute for African and Diaspora Studies at the University of Lagos; a Leiden ASA initiative).
- ASCL/LeidenASA are encouraged to continue organizing informative seminars on a wide range of topics as well as other public events, which are – also because of an effective social media strategy – well-attended by people from remarkably broad segments of society. (It should be noted that fewer seminars were organized in 2017, to enable better focus and more internal participation.)

- It is concluded that the ASCL is very successful at using forms of communication that are open to a wide range of users including and beyond academic experts. It is encouraged to continue on this path. It is noted, however, that there is a need to monitor the accessibility of seminar presentations and to differentiate between seminars geared towards academic experts and other seminars that target a broader audience.
- Considering the dual task of the ASCL (conducting research + familiarizing the general public with Africa), the general opinion is there are too many academic seminars and not enough 'Africa Today' seminars. This gave rise to the idea to organize (even) more Africa Today seminars and Country Meetings together with partners in order to reach new target groups, as has been successfully done with the Voice4Thought Festival (again in 2017, during V4T festivals in Leiden, N'djamena and Dakar, in collaboration with the Netherlands Embassy in Senegal).
- It is good that ASCL actively collaborates with various civil society partners. It should capitalize even more on its current status as university institute, in terms of outreach and communication. The university seeks to achieve global exposure with Africa as an important pillar. In recent years, media attention for Africa as well as for development issues/ international cooperation has come under increasing pressure (including financial). Many news media go through difficult times, newspapers are cutting back on their coverage of foreign affairs, etc. The ASCL should therefore invest in preparing ready-made information for the media and in maintaining its network of media partners including the local press.
- Participants praise the ASCL for tackling the difficult task of keeping its specialized library up and running and to (lead the way in) professionalizing its digital services. The university integration has provided an excellent opportunity to mitigate the risk of a clearance (compare, for example, the Royal Tropical Institute, KIT)
- In the area of collection development, the ASCL library should proactively make acquisitions in collaboration with the university library, rather than wait for what comes on the market.
- The Catholic Documentation Centre of Radboud University possesses and provides researchers access to a large collection of interviews with former missionaries. The ASCL could follow this example by recording the experiences (video footage, photographs) of anthropologists, historians and other scientists (and diplomats, development workers?) who have lived and worked in Africa. Not all of this information has been made public and this could be valuable for future generations of researchers.
- As the ASCL now has its own professors and will be doing more educational tasks, it is important that students are encouraged to conduct interviews with people who have been professionally engaged with Africa and to analyse/annotate this information.
- The ASCL should fully describe the collections that are available within Leiden and encourage students/researchers to draw on these resources for their research projects.
- Finally, although the event was well-attended and well-received a cause for concern was the one-sided orientation of the panel with almost no representatives from the African diaspora in The Netherlands.

LeidenASA

The Leiden African Studies Assembly, and its funding by the University Board, was established in 2016 to enable the integration of the African Studies Centre in Leiden University, and to stimulate collaboration between Leiden-based Africanists. www.ascleiden.nl/content/leiden-asa

The following activities continued or started under the umbrella of LeidenASA.

- Stimulate research collaboration within Leiden University, with Leiden Africanists granted research leave at the ASCL: Dr Ksenia Robbe (FGW/LUCAS); Dr Sabine Luning (FSW/Anthropology); Dr Carolien Jacobs (Law/VVI); Dr David Ehrhardt (FGGA/LUC) and Dr Felix Ameka (FGW/LUCL; 2017/2018). The LeidenASA Fund has enabled their teaching activities to be taken over by others;
- Collaborative research initiatives: MHealth (LUMC with ASCL and FGW; proposal developed by Sarah Kleine Vennekate);
- Visiting fellows: Samson Bezabeh; Walter Gam Nkwi; Rantimi Jays Julius-Adeoye; Harriet Mpairwe; David Ratner; Djimet Seli; Mamoudou Sy; Kylie Thomas;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Lagos, and collaboration with the new Institute for African and Diaspora Studies. Exploring MoUs with Ghanaian, Kenyan and Senegalese universities, and with a network of French-speaking research institutes;
- Library: catalogue integration and changing to the ALMA system;
- Book acquisition trip to Burkina Faso, and ASCL-UBL joint acquisition of licences;
- Preparations for a joint Africa library in 2022;
- Support to the experimental Ghana Field School;
- Development of a Minor African Studies (and attention for LDE Minor Frugal Innovations);
- Leiden ASA special ‘Coen Beeker’ seminar together with African Architecture Matters;
- Support to Online Platform Digital Humanities (with Brill, Leiden ASA staff: Lucia Ragazzi and Kim de Vries); http://bridging-humanities.nl/

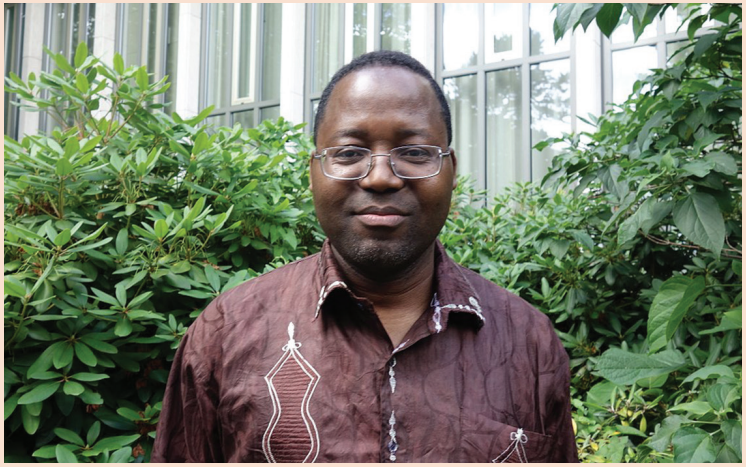




- Support for Voice4Thought: action research in fragile environments in Africa (together with Leiden Global); Voice4Thought festivals in Leiden, Dakar and N’djamena; http://voice4thought.org/
- Inventorization of Leiden-based junior researchers and their activities; expanded to include Delft and Rotterdam (and a wider scope: the Netherlands and Flanders);
- Organization of PhD/Postdoc meetings;
- Africa Thesis Award: Winner of the Africa Thesis Award 2017: Adriaan Steyn for his thesis: ‘A new *laager* for a “new” South Africa. Afrikaans film and the imagined boundaries of Afrikanerdom’.
- Contributions to Leiden University’s ‘wetenschapsdossier Afrika’.

- Inventorization of all senior Africanists in Leiden (currently more than 140), and their highlights in 2016 and 2017. www.ascleiden.nl/sites/default/files/leidenasa-highlights-2016-2017.pdf
- Annual LeidenASA Day on 7 December 2017: Keynote speaker: Prof. Elisio Macamo (University of Basel, African Studies);

LeidenASA functions under the responsibility of the Board and Director of the ASCL, currently has six working groups, and a co-ordination team consisting of Ton Dietz, Mirjam de Bruijn (in 2016-2017), David Ehrhardt (2017 onwards) and Maaike Westra.



Prof. Elisio Macamo (University of Basel) gave the LeidenASA keynote "If Africans could Speak: Knowledge and Authority in African Studies"

Leiden University's 'wetenschapsdossier Afrika'

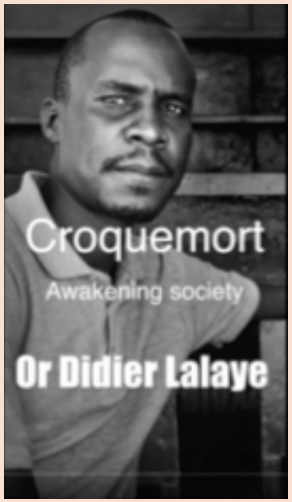


Bridging Humanities

As a spin-off activity of the Voice4Thought Foundation, the new peer-reviewed open access platform Bridging Humanities made its start in 2017. **Bridging Humanities** aims to experiment with E-publishing of narrative biographic research that is carried out in *co-creation*, and that makes use *of digital technologies*. The journal originates from the belief that the digital age offers new possibilities for academia to co-create with others knowledge producers (like artists, journalists, citizens) on an equal basis and in more transparent and self-reflective ways. Moreover, the digital environment allows for more creative productions (visual, non-linear, multimedia) that usually don't find a way into traditional academic publications.

The journal, published by Brill and supported by LeidenASA, the network of Leiden-based Africanists, and Voice4thought, published its first E-publication '**Croquemort: A Biographical Journey in the Context of Chad**' in 2017. The project is a co-production of Professor Mirjam de Bruijn, Chadian slam artist and poet Didier Lalaye (alias Croquemort) and filmmaker Sjoerd Sijsma. It is a biography of Croquemort, who voices criticism of the political context in Chad in innovative ways, using his music and social media. The process of co-creation increases understanding about the political context in Chad, the use of ICTs, youth and migration strategies. The project comprises a variety of digital content: text, audio, images, cartoons, social media screenshots and videos of various stages of the research process. A specific type of video is presented in the form of a pamphlet that features film and audio material of performances and interviews with Croquemort/Didier combined with film and photo material of the research process. This is a new type of academic product that facilitates a different user experience. The project is non-linear and has an interactive navigation based on tags that allow the user to filter information.





In 2018, the journal will explore new projects and organize a formal launch. Academics interested in collaborating with Bridging Humanities can reach us by email at: info@bridginghumanities.nl

Kim de Vries

Pamphlet Croquemort: www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=47&v=hyt0epNIpTw



The African Studies Centre Leiden and the Sustainable Development Goals

We present ASCL contributions on SDGs of the past year, including examples of relevant collaborative research group activities and publications.
NB: For a listing of *pre-2017 contributions* of ASCL research on the SDGs, please see the 2016 Annual Report. https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl/handle/1887/49908

1 No poverty

- *African Dynamics* series book (vol. 15): A. Akinyoade, A.J. Dietz, and C.U. Uche, eds, 2017. *Entrepreneurship in Africa* (Leiden – Boston: Brill Academic Publishers), with substantial chapters by ASCL researchers.
- Various ASC researchers (e.g. Marleen Dekker) contributed pieces to the INCLUDE Knowledge Platform website on various issues regarding economic growth, employment, and inclusiveness policies. http://includeplatform.net/downloads/synthesis-report-boosting-youth-employment-africa-works/
- A paper published by J. Abbink on Southern Ethiopia explores the paradoxes of dietary and food portfolio impoverishment in the context of national 'development' strategies in Ethiopia.

2 Zero hunger

- ASCL Collaborative Research Group on 'Food Security and the African City: Clustering metropolitan food chains', chaired by Dr. Akinyinka Akinyoade. www.ascleiden.nl/research/projects/food-security-and-african-city-clustering-metropolitan-food-chains

3 Good health and well-being

- ASCL connects the 'good health and well-being' topic with the study of morality issues in religious practices in Africa, particularly in the work of Prof. Rijk van Dijk. There was also a link with his research work on AIDS, sexuality and religion. The ASCL has been involved in work about health insurance and resilience studies, e.g. by Dr. Marleen Dekker. Prof. Han van Dijk coordinated a research programme about healthcare systems in Africa.

4 Quality education

- ASCL contributions to the NVAS Conference on 'Education in Africa' in May 2017; and the Thematic Map 'Education in Africa: recent dynamics and current situation' (May 2017), on the occasion of this conference. www.ascleiden.nl/news/thematic-map-education-africa-recent-dynamics-and-current-situation
- The ASCL is partner of the consortium for 'Enhancing Postgraduate Environments', an EU-funded project coordinated by the VU University in Amsterdam, and Rhodes University in South Africa
- A research proposal on education in Africa, for external funding, is in progress (M. Kaag)

5 Gender equality

- The ASCL does research about gender relations in households, e.g. in work by Prof. Marleen Dekker. Attention for gender issues is an integral part of many research projects at the ASCL.
- See e.g. a paper co-authored by M. Dekker: A. Barr; M. Dekker; W. Janssens; B. Kebede; B. Kramer (2017) *Cooperation in polygynous households*. Washington DC: IFPRI (IFPRI Discussion Paper 1625).

6 Clean water and sanitation

- ASCL continued its contributions to the VIAWater Knowledge Platform.

7 Affordable and clean energy

- Connections are maintained to the Gender and Energy Group at the University of Twente (Prof. Joy S. Clancy).

8 Decent work and economic growth

- ASCL Collaborative Research Group on 'Trade unions and labour issues in Africa', research projects funded by NWO-WOTRO/Include Platform, and country studies for CNV Trade Union (Dr Mayke Kaag and Dr André Leliveld)
- The *African Dynamics* book (published in 2017) on *Entrepreneurship in Africa* (Chibuike Uche, Akinyinka Akinyoade and Ton Dietz, eds).
- M. Dekker's publication 'From macro to micro: How smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe are coping with dollarization. Pp. 63-75. In: Van Beek, Damen and Foeken (eds). *The Face of Africa: Essays in Honour of Ton Dietz*. Leiden: ASCL.

9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure

- The ASCL is a partner in the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Centre for Frugal Innovations, with Dr. André Leliveld the key researcher (see: www.cfia.nl). This is becoming a more prominent element of the new research programme 2018-2023, as well as in education (a minor in Frugal Innovation is being developed).

10 Reduced inequalities

- ASCL hosts the secretariat of the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development, INCLUDE. http://includeplatform.net/. Prof. Marleen Dekker and Dr. Karin Nijenhuis play key roles. Prof. Chibuike Uche is one of the main researchers. Dr. Willem Elbers manages the 'Breaking down Barriers to exclusion' project, focusing on the inclusion of disabled children through lobbying and advocacy. See: www.ascleiden.nl/news/new-research-project-breaking-down-barriers-exclusion-building-capacity-lobby-and-advocacy

11 Sustainable cities and communities

- ASCL contributes to the Flagship Project of the International Geographical Union 'Our Sustainable Cities' (Coordination by Prof. Ton Dietz). Africa's urbanization challenge is getting more research attention in the next research programme 2018-2023. Also, LandAc (the knowledge platform on land governance issues, of which the ASCL is a partner) devotes attention to this SDG (contact person Dr Mayke Kaag).

12 Responsible consumption and production

- Changing lifestyles in Africa (and among Africa's diaspora) continues to be a major topic of Prof. Rijk van Dijk's research, with an emphasis on consumerism, conspicuous consumption, the forming of a middle class and lifestyle issues in discussions about religion and morality.

13 Climate action

- The ASCL has a long tradition of doing research about the impact of climate change in Africa, and studying the vulnerability, risks and conflicts in Africa's drylands. Dr. Marcel Rutten, Prof. Han van Dijk, Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn, Prof. Wouter van Beek and Prof. Ton Dietz played key roles. See e.g. www.ascleiden.nl/research/projects/cocoon-land-grab-and-dwindling-water-resources-reconciling-competing-claims-and

14 Life below water

- This year no research on this topic has been done at our Centre.

15 Life on land

- The ASCL focuses on land-use change, socio-economic conflicts and violence, e.g. in the CoCooN project (coord. Dr. Marcel Rutten), and the Great Lakes project chaired by Prof. Han van Dijk. See: www. ascleiden.nl/research/projects/grounding-land-governance and see: www.ascleiden.nl/research/projects/cocoon-land-grab-and-dwindling-water-resources-reconciling-competing-claims-and
- The ASCL also continued research on wildlife conservation (and related conflicts; work by Dr. Marcel Rutten and Dr. Harry Wels), and research work on sustainable forest management and conflict management (Prof. Ton Dietz). There is a link with the work of LandAc (see SDG 11; coordinated by Dr Mayke Kaag).

16 Peace and justice, strong institutions

- The CRG on 'Rethinking contemporary African history and historiography' (as well as the AEGIS CRG on History, both chaired by Dr Klaas van Walraven) works on these issues: www.ascleiden.nl/research/ projects/rethinking-contemporary-african-history-and-historiography
- ASCL Thematic Map: A follow-up overview of no-go areas and fragile states in 2017 (an update version of the 2014 No-go areas map): www.ascleiden.nl/publications/no-go-areas-africa-march-2017
- Recent ASCL Community Country meetings focused on political and economic developments in Angola (in May) and Kenya (in October), with country dossiers prepared. See: www.ascleiden.nl/content/community-country-meetings
- A number of papers were published on politics (elections) and political culture in Ethiopia by Prof. J. Abbink, and political life and institutions featured strongly in the many chapters of the Africa Yearbook (co-edited by J. Abbink).

17 Partnerships for the goals

- ASCL research programme topic and Collaborative Group 'Africa in the World', chaired by Dr. Mayke Kaag (also as an AEGIS CRG connecting European African Studies Centres). www.ascleiden.nl/research/ projects/africa-world-rethinking-africas-global-connections
- The ASCL continues to feature as a network hub, connecting the Netherlands and Africa as well as the knowledge sector with diplomacy/policy, business, and civil society in North and South.
- The ASCL works together with ECDPM: www.ecdpm.org, and is a member of AEGIS (www.aegis-eu.org).
- In Leiden, the ASCL is partner of LeidenGlobal (www.leidenglobal.org), and continues building the partnership for African Studies within Leiden University: LeidenASA (www.ascleiden.nl/content/leiden-asa).


MADE IN CHINA

GUESTS AT THE ASCL IN 2017

Visiting fellows

In 2017, all visiting fellows were financed from the LeidenASA fund.



Samson A. Bezabeh is a Research Fellow at the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR). He was previously a post-doctoral researcher at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris, and has been affiliated with the University of Bergen, the University of Exeter and Addis Ababa University. His research interests include diaspora studies, state-society interaction, colonialism, religion (Islam and Orthodox Christianity) as well as issues of citizenship, ethnicity and class in Africa. During his fellowship, he focused on the compilation of his book project on the geopolitics of the Red Sea and Horn of Africa.



Rantimi Jays Julius-Adeoye is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Redeemer's University (RUN), Nigeria. He studied for his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Theatre Arts at University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and obtained his PhD from Leiden University. Prior to joining RUN, he was a Lecturer in film at Lagos State University School of Communication (LASUSOC), Lagos, Nigeria. While at ASCL, his work focused on the representation of the Nigerian-Biafran civil war in literature from Nigeria as a way of historical documentation.



Walter Gam Nkwi holds a PhD in Social History/Social Anthropology from the Leiden University. Before embarking on his PhD studies, he read African and Cameroonian history at undergraduate and post-graduate levels at the University of Buea. He is teaching Social and Labour History at the Department of History, University of Buea, Cameroon. Dr. Nkwi has a passion for the history of communication technology, migration, social, indigenous conflict management, pre-cultural history and global labour historical issues of Africa. During his three months stay, he will focus on a manuscript on the history of communication; a biographical manuscript on Henry Akiambom Mbain, (an archivist of great repute who singlehandedly ran the Buea National Archives between 1998 and 2008 when it was abandoned by the government); a biographical article with Professor Mirjam de Bruijn and Vera Bakker and a publication on the Postal Workers Strike of West Cameroon in global history (with Dr. Stefano Belluci).



Harriet Mpairwe is a clinician and epidemiologist based at the MRC/UVRI Uganda Research Unit in Entebbe, Uganda. Her post-doctoral research is on the risk factors associated with asthma among children in Uganda, with emphasis on chronic immune-modulating infections such as worms and malaria. She obtained her Master's degree (Epidemiology) and PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2005 and 2011, respectively. During her fellowship, she focused on the development of a project on M-Health.



David Ratner has a PhD in sociology from the Ben Gurion University in Israel. His dissertation focused on Israeli adolescents of Ethiopian descent and the way they construct their identities based on musical tastes.
His current research focuses on the subject of historical memory among Ethiopians in the diaspora, with an emphasis on memories of the revolutionary period in Ethiopia (the 70s and the 80s). So far, he has conducted interviews with former members of various political and paramilitary groups that operated in that period, and who now reside in Israel.
During his stay at the African Studies Centre Leiden, David plans to conduct interviews with Ethiopians who are former political activists who now reside in Europe.



Djimet Seli is enseignant-chercheur, Université de N'Djamena Tchad.
Travaux de recherches actuelles:
Rapport de force entre Etat et compagnies de téléphonie mobile au Tchad
Identification des obstacles à la demande d'accès aux services de vaccination chez les populations nomades au Sud du Tchad.
Faisabilité et viabilité de l'approche de santé 'One Health' dans les services de vaccinations au Tchad
Les facteurs de l'insécurité et de l'extrémisme violent dans les régions de l'Ouest du Tchad



Mamoudou Sy is a professor of History and Geography at the Académie de Thiès (Senegal). He has a PhD in History from the Université Cheikh Anta Diop (2004). During his fellowship he focused on the social history of labor in Africa.



Kylie Thomas holds a PhD from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and an MA from the University of British Columbia, Canada. Her research is on violence during and after apartheid, photography and resistance, and queer and anti-racist activism in South Africa.

Self-financed visiting fellows



Duncan Money is a historian of Central and Southern Africa whose main research interests are mining, labour, migration and Zambia. He is presently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the International Studies Group at the University of the Free State, South Africa and was awarded his PhD in 2016 from the University of Oxford for his thesis on a social history of white migrants on the Zambian Copperbelt.

LeidenASA Research Leave

In 2017, the following Leiden University frequented the ASCL in the framework of their LeidenASA research leave:



Carolien Jacobs is Assistant Professor at the Van Vollenhoven Institute. She has a background in International Development (MSc, Wageningen University) and in Legal Anthropology (PhD Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology/Wageningen University). She is interested in interdisciplinary research. Her research interests are in the fields of law, governance and international development, especially in Africa and in conflict-affected countries. While at the ASCL, Carolien Jacobs will spend her time on transforming the findings of her research on justice for displaced people in DRC into a book. She will also use her time for developing a funding proposal to further explore this topic in different regions in Africa.



Ksenia Robbe is an Assistant professor at Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society (LUCAS). Ksenia's main area of research is South African cultural production. During her research leave, she will focus on the politics of remembering the 1980-90s transitions in Southern Africa in practices of literature, theatre and visual art which inquire into the erasures that characterize present-day national narratives.



Sabine Luning is lecturer in Economic Anthropology at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology of Leiden University. Her research focuses on mining and corporate social responsibility. Currently, she is doing research on economic anthropology, in particular the booming business of goldmining in West Africa.



After graduating from UCU in 2004, **David Ehrhardt** went on to graduate studies (MPhil 2007, DPhil 2011) and post-graduate research in International Development at the University of Oxford. His research has mainly focused on urban Nigeria, with some comparative work on the Netherlands, and the themes of violent conflict, Islam and interfaith relations, non-state political authorities and citizenship. The topic of his research leave was 'Public service delivery and hybrid governance in Africa'.



Felix K. Ameka is a Reader (UHD) at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL). He is a socio-cultural cognitive linguistics primarily interested in language use in social interaction. During his research leave (which continues for part of 2018), he will be designing research projects and developing proposals for using language and linguistic practices as socio-cultural tools in understanding and addressing inequality in various spheres of life.



PHD RESEARCH

PhD Theses Defended in 2017

ASCL staff (co-) supervised about 70 PhD students based both at the ASCL and at different universities in the Netherlands and Africa in 2017.
The following PhD students defended their theses in 2017 (only ASCL promotors are mentioned):

Souleymane Adoum
Communication et Violences au Tchad. Le cas du Moyen-Chari et du Guera (1900-2010)
4 July 2017 at Leiden University
Promoter: Mirjam de Bruijn

Karin van Bemmel
Nodding syndrome in Northern Uganda. Conceptualizations of an Illness-in-the-Making
7 September 2017 at Ghent University
Promoter: Rijk van Dijk

Jonna Both
Conflict legacies: Understanding youth's post-peace agreement practices in Yumbe, north-western Uganda
21 June 2017 at the University of Amsterdam
Promoter: Mirjam de Bruijn

Aenne Post
Existence Versus Extinction. Human-hippo conflicts in Lake Victoria Area, Kenya
31 October 2017 at the University of Amsterdam
Promoter: Ton Dietz

Senzokuhle Doreen Setume
Cohabitation in Botswana: Challenging methodological nuptialism in anthropology
14 December 2017 at Leiden University
Promoters: Mirjam de Bruijn and Rijk van Dijk

Cohabitation in Botswana: Challenging methodological nuptialism in Anthropology

I successfully defended my thesis on 14 December 2017. The thesis argued that despite the current reality that cohabitation is on the rise, and, in fact has surpassed marriage, in Botswana, it is still treated as a deviant relationship. In many countries, like Botswana, cohabiting relationships are still not official and legally provided for. This leads to complications, especially for women and children in the event the relationship comes to an end, either through death or separation. This work interrogated how scholars have been studying relationships. The approach that has been adopted by most scholars is to take marriage as a starting point for understanding other marital statuses: single parenthood, homosexuality, cohabitation, etc. In this work, I refer to this approach as methodological nuptialism.

A 14-month (in total) ethnographic fieldwork using focus group discussions (FGD), in-depth interviews and participant observations in two wards in Molepolole revealed that that cohabiting unions are not homogenous. Differences are mainly due to parental involvement, or lack of it, in the process of creating such a cohabiting relationship. Contrary to some literature, the formation of cohabiting relationships does not always exclude parents. The study further reveals that the formation of cohabiting unions demonstrates a paradox regarding the authority of parents and their children as each exercises their agency against the structural expectation that everybody must marry. Reasons for cohabitation vary; however, the desire to raise children together cuts across all relationships. In general, a child is born to the couple before they decide to stay together. Couples cohabit before marriage with the full knowledge that their relationships are not legally provided for and aware of the social consequences of such unions, which are never recognized as marriage. This also applies to cohabiting relationship in which parents have been involved.



Senzokuhle Doreen Setume receives her PhD certificate

Cohabitation is a reality in Botswana, irrespective of whether the parents, church and society acknowledge it or not. If the country continues to lack a political and social will to address cohabitation and provide legal protection for cohabiting couples, women and children will continue to suffer in the event that the relationship collapses. Marriage as a standard of what ought to be has been proven to be on the decline and no longer the only way that families are created. Therefore, there is need for a legal framework to be truly reflective of the ground reality as there are more Batswana who are cohabiting than those who are married.

Doreen Setume

Conflict legacies: Understanding youth's post-peace agreement practices in Yumbe, north-western Uganda at the University of Amsterdam

Supervised by Prof. Ria Reis (UvA/ LUMC) and Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn (ASCL/ UL)

This dissertation, which studies the legacies of decades of conflict and their impact on Uganda's younger generation, opens with an image of the ruins left in the landscape of Yumbe District since 1979. Armed conflict was prevalent in Yumbe, especially after President Idi Amin, who originated from this part of Uganda, was ousted in 1979. The study examines how young people between 20 to 35 years old, who themselves grew up in conflict, engage with this particular past and with the peace that was signed in 2002. The ruins and narratives of conflict are an important reference point for the younger generation, who sometimes pose proudly in front of dilapidated buildings, taking photographs of themselves and their family members. How do these young people relate to the history of the region? And what does this practice of posing tell us about the role of conflict legacies in their lives?

The study of people's practices in the present can shed light on whether a real break is experienced in the social-political domain between the past and the present: a past marked by violent conflict and marginality, and a present that is officially peaceful after the peace agreement, which included a commitment to undoing the region's marginality and that was meant to definitively end the region's recurring rebellions.



PhD Defence Jonna Both. Courtesy: Merten Boekelo

The results of this research, which focuses on young people's daily practice and biographical narratives, lay bare intricate dynamics that untangle how some legacies of conflict operate in present-day Yumbe's social, economic and political fabric. For example, the practice of using *khat* reveals that its use is deeply linked to past conflicts. Young people use *khat* to forget painful memories and escape dire economic family situations, to maintain peaceful social relations and to 'stay in one place'. The latter expression refers to and is a reaction to the 'roaming around' of rebels and thieves in the past.

Practices of khat-use, but also mobility and identification practices are understood to have strong linkages with past experiences. This leads to the conclusion that, on the experiential level and on the level of social relations, the legacies of conflict still play an influential role in everyday life in Yumbe, more than ten years after the peace agreement was signed.

Jonna Both


urtesy:
BRANCH

TEACHING AT THE ASCL

As an interfaculty institute within Leiden University, the ASCL is actively involved in teaching at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. The ASCL initiated and was already a major partner in the Research Master's programme in African Studies (that was re-evaluated in 2016 and reaccredited in 2017) and the ASCL accepted co-responsibility for the Master's programme in African Studies, which started with the 2015-2016 cohort. Both programmes fall under the Faculty of Humanities. In 2016, the ASCL also accepted co-responsibility for two courses at the Leiden University College in The Hague and there have been many teaching and supervision inputs in International Studies (also in The Hague), anthropology, the honours programme and others. In addition, ASCL researchers contributed to teaching activities elsewhere, most prominently at the University of Konstanz in Germany. Together with ICLON, a programme was designed to train ASCL researchers as teachers (the BKO trajectory, which officially started in May 2017). The BKO training of ASCL researchers has continued successfully, with all teaching portfolios to be submitted for assessment in July 2018. To enable more systematic quality care and organizational alignment, the ASCL appointed Dr. Karin Nijenhuis as teaching coordinator at the ASCL, from 2017 onwards. Dr. Mayke Kaag functions as director of teaching within the ASCL's Executive Board, and is responsible for liaising with the University Administration and the Faculty of Humanities on all issues dealing with teaching. The ASCL will have its own PhD academic programme, with students enrolled with the ASCL professors.

RESEARCH MASTER IN AFRICAN STUDIES 2017-2018



Master students African Studies, cohort 2017

The Research Master in African Studies is a two-year MA programme of the ASCL at Leiden University. In 2017, four students of the programme obtained their diploma: Fiona Dragstra, Isabella Vannucchi, Miriam Siun and Miriam Ocadiz Arriaga. Miriam Siun and Miriam Ocadiz Arriaga deserve a special mention as they obtained their degree with distinction. The titles of the theses are listed below. These and other ResMA African Studies theses are accessible via the Leiden Repository.

During the summer, five second-year students started their six months' fieldwork in Africa (South Africa, Senegal, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and Ghana) with three others students leaving on fieldwork early 2018 (Senegal, Tanzania, Morocco/Egypt).

In September, seven first-year ResMA African Studies students arrived and started their course work at the ASCL. Among these is Joan Nformi from Cameroon, one of 53 international students who won the Leiden University Excellence Scholarships (*LexS*) of 2017/18. One student joined the programme halfway through the academic year, in February 2018.

2017 also saw some changes in ResMa staffing. In February, ResMA coordinator of studies Azeb Amha was succeeded by Karin Nijenhuis (study advisor) and Else van Dijk (educational coordinator). ResMA chair Han van Dijk was succeeded by Mayke Kaag in September.

Research Master Theses Completed in 2017

Fiona Dragstra
Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose? Understanding how and why new ICTs played a role in Burkina Faso's recent journey to socio-political change

Isabella Vannucchi
Our Great Friend The Mountain Gorilla

Miriam Siun
"The Market is Free!" Understanding gender and ethnicity in the marketplace in Lagos

Miriam Ocadiz Arriaga
(E)motion of Saudade: The Embodiment of Solidarity in the Cuban Medical Cooperation in Mozambique

In addition to the ASCL being involved in formal teaching, many researchers and the library are also involved in training and contributions to capacity development, both in the Netherlands and in Africa (e.g. the EPE project, see later). The most important training activities took place with the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As well as giving many informal talks and advice, the ASC has a training arrangement with the Directorate for Sub-Sahara Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Training for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DAF

Jan Abbink continued his coordinating/facilitating of a trajectory of knowledge acquisition on Africa by young staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, consisting of a one-year trajectory of readings and consultations with a country expert (suggested by the coordinator) on the country or region that the Ministry employees are working in or on. The trajectory includes the provision of literature and alerting participants to ASCL resources such as the Country Portals, the lectures in the Research Master African Studies, the Abstracts service, the Africa Yearbook chapters, and a general consultation of the ASCL Library (with the help of Edith de Roos) and its other (digital) resources. The trajectory is designed to deepen the country knowledge of Ministry staff as well as enlarge their (and our) network, and it leads to fruitful dialogues. It is rounded off with a final meeting where the candidates report on their activities, either orally or in written form.

Invisible desires?

The sounds of music and chatter from neighbouring rooftops slowly fade as the night falls. After a round of highs and lows of the past football season, we call it a day. It is early September, so it is still very hot day and night. I share the bed with three other girls. The small fan is located at the other end of the room, the breeze barely reaches us. As a result, I cannot sleep. Zahia, who is lying next to me, had told me before going to sleep: 'Loes, I want you to lie facing that direction [not hers], and don't turn around until tomorrow morning.' I had not understood why she said this, and I had not given it a second thought. As the night proceeds, and Zahia and Oumy think that everyone has fallen asleep, they start making love.

The Senegalese value of *sutura* prescribes discretion, modesty and privacy, not least with regards to issues of sexuality. You ought to hide someone else's misbehaviour, as well as avoiding open discussions about sexuality with elders, or about homosexuality in general. *Sutura* protects people from being publicly shamed, and it often means silent compliance. What does this mean if you want to research a topic that is mediated by the value of *sutura*? The combination of *sutura* and the criminalisation of homosexuality ('unnatural acts' are punishable with 1-5 years imprisonment), makes it invisible to those who do not know how and where to look, as well as to those who are not a part of ''this life'' (as my interlocutors called it). ''This life'' in fact connotes a vibrant network of persons and as the story above shows, neither *sutura* nor societal hostility towards homosexuality prevents people from enacting their same-sex desires, albeit discreetly. My research revolved around the question how women in urban Senegal navigate their same-sex intimacies. Ethnography makes it possible for the seemingly invisible to become visible, and it did as I found my way to ''this life'' through a women's football team in Dakar. The moment I shook the hand of the team captain, I knew that I had entered ''this life''; I had looked in the right place. It appeared that the unspokenness of same-sex intimacies did not at all obstruct me from conducting research. When you know where and how to look, invisible desires are in fact fairly visible.

Loes Oudenhuijsen



Yacine watches her teammates playing the last football match of the season. Alassane Djigo stadium, Pikine, Dakar

SPECIAL PROJECTS

INCLUDE: Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development

INCLUDE promotes evidence-based policymaking for inclusive development in Africa. To that end, it supports research and the exchange of knowledge focusing on three themes: productive employment, social protection and strategic actors. It is one of five Knowledge Platforms established by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2012 to promote research for policy. The African Studies Centre Leiden hosts the Secretariat of INCLUDE, which is a consortium with the African Economic Research Consortium and The Broker.

Most of INCLUDE's research groups published their interim findings in 2017. These results were, among other things, taken up in the African Policy Dialogues (APDs) that were organized throughout the year. The APDs are an initiative of INCLUDE's Platform members in several of the focus countries. They bring together researchers and policymakers with the aim of encouraging the use of knowledge and research findings in policymaking in African countries. A few examples of the issues the APDs address are: women's entrepreneurship and social protection in Uganda; youth employment in Ghana; and employment creation in agriculture in Kenya. The APDs drew the attention of many stakeholders, including African policymakers and politicians.
One of the highlights of 2017 was the conference 'Boosting youth employment in Africa: What works and why?', organized by INCLUDE and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 30 May in The Hague. Private sector engagement, skills development and the heterogeneity of African youth were emphasized during the conference. Young African entrepreneurs were invited to share their experiences. They made clear that youth need to be more directly involved in social and political dialogues on youth employment.



Akinyinka Akinyoade interviewing Yakubu Debiro, founder of Debiro Agrochemicals and Farms Nig. Ltd., during the roundtable INCLUDE and AERC organized on 'Strategic actors for productive employment' in Arusha, Tanzania, on 1 December

In late October, INCLUDE participated in the Africa Talks Jobs dialogue in Addis Ababa, a side-event to the 5th AU-EU Summit. Throughout the meeting, the urgency of not only skills development, but also creating employment opportunities to harness the demographic dividend and 'make youth the winning team', was highlighted and the message that youth need to go 'from earning to learning' and 'from job seekers to job creators' was stressed.
On 1 December, INCLUDE and the African Economic Research Consortium hosted a Roundtable on 'Strategic actors for productive employ-

ment' in Arusha, Tanzania. Following on from the May conference, the roundtable focused on how productive employment policies can be best designed and implemented, and which actors have the strategic capacity to stimulate this process. The roundtable generated a lively discussion between INCLUDE platform members and stakeholders from the private sector, governments, research institutions and civil society organizations in Tanzania, Kenya and Nigeria.

Also in 2017, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NWO-WOTRO, and INCLUDE joined forces for the research programme 'New roles of CSOs for inclusive development' (the 'Assumptions Programme'). The Assumptions Programme investigates the assumptions, solutions and problems underlying the government's civil society policy framework 'Dialogue & Dissent'. Six research groups are to investigate the position of CSOs around three core themes: CSOs and civic engagement; CSOs and the aid chain; and CSOs in an enabling environment. Four projects will be conducted in Africa (three in Kenya, one in Ethiopia), one in Ukraine and one in India. To create a common understanding of the set-up, goals and expectations, a fruitful inception workshop was organized on 15 December.

More on INCLUDE: www.includeplatform.net. Follow INCLUDE on twitter: @INCLUDEplatform or on Facebook: @IncludePlatform

INCLUDE conference: Boosting Youth Employment: what works and why?

INCLUDE and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the conference 'Boosting youth employment in Africa: What works and why?' on 30 May in The Hague. Some 140 experts from governments, the private sector, NGOs and knowledge institutes in Europe and Africa attended the conference. They agreed that agriculture offers the best promise for job creation, but that there is no single way to boost youth employment: a country-specific diagnosis and approach are needed, as well as continuous knowledge sharing on what works and why.



Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for International Trade and Development Cooperation, explains that 18 million jobs need to be created annually until 2035 to absorb all young entrants to the labour market in Africa

In her opening speech, Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for International Trade and Development Cooperation, said that the shift to agriculture should be stimulated and called upon the private sector to help rural Africa move forward. Off-farm labour, like agro-processing, can be an additional driver for employment. According to Ploumen, 18 million jobs need to be created annually until 2035 to absorb all young entrants to the labour market.

Louise Fox (USAID) emphasized that although education levels in Africa have risen, many youth lack the basic skills to improve their job prospects. Moreover, focusing on education and skills may increase the workforce and, thereby, redistribute incomes, but it will not increase the demand for young workers as such. For the youth employment challenge to be really addressed, new employment opportunities must be created.

Ginette Nzau Muteta (African Development Bank) added that effective coordination is essential: a lot of employment policies and programmes exist at various levels, but little systematic cooperation takes place. Moreover, many knowledge gaps need to be closed, particularly in relation to national data on job quality and quantity. These data can help to tailor policies on youth employment to country-specific needs.

During the conference, the heterogeneity of African youth was also stressed. Research from the Mastercard Foundation has shown that African youth often have 'mixed livelihoods', in which agricultural production is combined with non-agricultural services or production.



Young African entrepreneurs give their views on environmental sustainability at the INCLUDE conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, May 2017

A group of eight young African entrepreneurs, ranging from small-scale farmers to social entrepreneurs promoting environmental sustainability, were invited to share their views and experiences. They made clear that youth need to be more directly involved in social and political dialogues on youth employment.

Prudence Ngwenya-Sigwane (African Union Commission) was applauded for urging the young participants of the conference to find ways to hold their governments accountable for the promises they have made.

Fenneken Veldkamp

LIBRARY, DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Figures and Trends in 2017

	2016	2017
Number of visitors	3,038	3,250
Loans	4,052	3,614
Requests for information		
by phone / in the library	719	558
by email	1,521	1,677
New acquisitions	3,512	2,903
Items catalogued (including gifts)	3,076	3,289
Abstracts (ASA Online)	1,540	1,098
Subscriptions to ASA Online mailing list	1,274	1,304
Titles in ASCL Library catalogue	198,116	201,405
Searches in ASCL Library catalogue	207,448	211,592
Use of ASCL link in ASCL Library catalogue	13,071	12,579
Titles in Connecting-Africa	61,640	66,346
Connecting-Africa (unique visitors)	51,930	129,602
ASCL website: unique visitors	172,924	168,369
ASCL website: visited pages (excluding affiliated websites & robots)	393,738	387,203
AfricaBib (unique visitors excl. robots)	282,119	336,940
ASCL Repository (downloads)	349,755	470,731

Figures from 2017 were in some cases less than expected. This was because most library automation processes (used for acquisition, abstracts) could not be used for several weeks, as the new library system was implemented from 15 November 2017.

Four highlights from the ASCL Library in 2017

- a book acquisition trip to Burkina Faso brought 400 books to Leiden;
- new digital content on Africa was made available (both in the Leiden collection and in Wikimedia Commons);
- the archival collections of F.D. Holleman, J.F. Holleman and P.J. Idenburg were opened up;
- the new library system led to increased usage of the ASCL collection.

Collection development, acquisitions and cataloguing

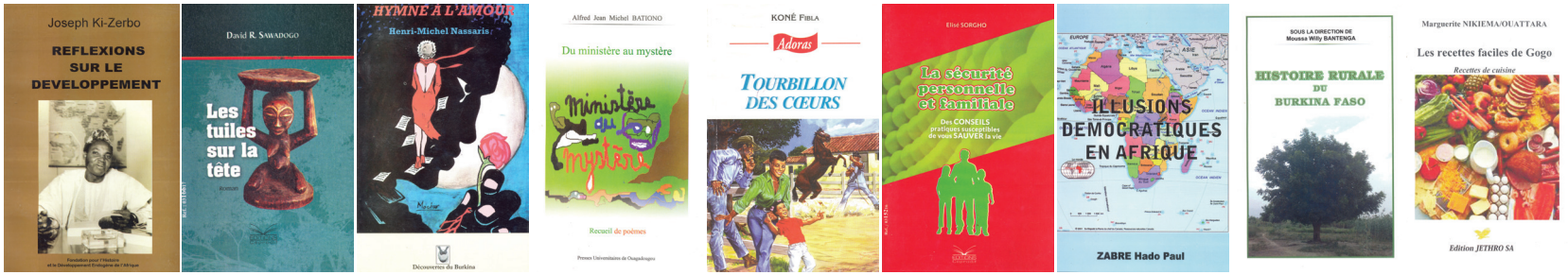
Trip to Burkina Faso brings 400 books to Leiden

In November 2017, ASCL Library collection specialist Gerard van de Bruinhorst visited the 14th edition of the *Foire internationale du livre de Ouagadougou* (FILO) in Burkina Faso. Over 400 publications were selected and shipped to the library for an average of slightly less than 11 euros per item (including shipping and additional costs of food, transport and accommodation).

This is a cost effective way of collection development and a valuable supplement to the 258 items from Burkina Faso already present in the library. Key subjects were (not surprisingly) fiction, religion, history/culture and politics.

One of the goals of the ASCL Library is to have a large collection of books *from* Africa, and, as a result, have access to societal and intellectual capital from Africa. Acquisition trips like this one help to achieve that goal.

This acquisition trip was funded by the Leiden African Studies Assembly (LeidenASA).



New Library System & Increased Usage

The library system of the African Studies Centre Leiden was integrated into the library system of Leiden University at the end of 2017. This effected the ASCL Online Catalogue and the lending, acquisition and cataloguing system – all transferred from OCLC LBS to ExLibris ALMA & Primo. The transition of the old library system was planned and executed in close cooperation with Leiden University Libraries and with OCLC. All book titles, loans and acquisitions were transferred, and all titles were made visible to patrons via the Leiden catalogue. The African Studies Centre collection is visible both in the general Leiden catalogue and in a separate sub-catalogue, http://catalgogue.leidenuniv.nl

Leiden patrons can use their Leiden University card to request books; other patrons need a new card. Continued availability of open access publications from outside Leiden University is guaranteed.

The efforts of the staff of Leiden University Library, OCLC and the ASCL Library & Support staff were invaluable. Moving from one library system to another one is quite an effort – not to mention the replacement of several thousands of links to documents, from the ASCL website and databases. The library system was unavailable for a few week in the transition period.

Increased usage of the paper book collection of the African Studies Centre is expected thanks to a greater and more direct visibility of the collection to Leiden users, and because the books can now be delivered to seven sites at Leiden University, both in Leiden and The Hague, as of February 2018.

Gifts

The ASCL Library received several interesting gifts in 2017:

- Kenneth Post (1935-2017): 15 boxes with books on Nigeria;
- Gerrie ter Haar (Stephen Ellis): 151 books (South Africa, Liberia, Madagascar);
- Mega van Rooijen: 60 books (East Africa);
- Dick Jaeger (Zambia, geography);
- Fred van der Kraaij (development, economy);
- Jan Jansen (div. Africa);
- Jan van Butselaar (novels);
- Annelien Bouland (comic books);

Spotlight on the collection

In the course of 2017, several *Library highlights* on the ASCL website drew attention to new books and films in the library. Some examples:

- *La Pesadilla de Obi* (Obi's Nightmare) by cartoonist Ramón Esono Ebalé (Equatorial Guinea)
- *The Anyuak and the Ethnographer* (a "publication nightmare" of Conradin Pemer's ethnographic fieldwork reports among the Sudanese Anyuak);
- Deon Meyer (South African author of the gift book for the Dutch Crime & Thriller Book Weeks ('Spannende Boeken Weken'), June 2017)
- *Homegoing* (historical fiction novel by Yaa Gyasi Ghana)





- *Turtle 1*: building a car in Kumasi (Ghana) entirely from reused or hand-made car parts;
- Nigerian civil servants' personal memoirs: several (auto)biographical documents about working in the Nigerian civil service.

Information services, indexing & abstracting

The Leiden **Alert Service** on African Studies (LASA) had 320 subscribers by the end of 2017. Subscribers to the alert service receive updates whenever new publications on a certain country or topic are published.

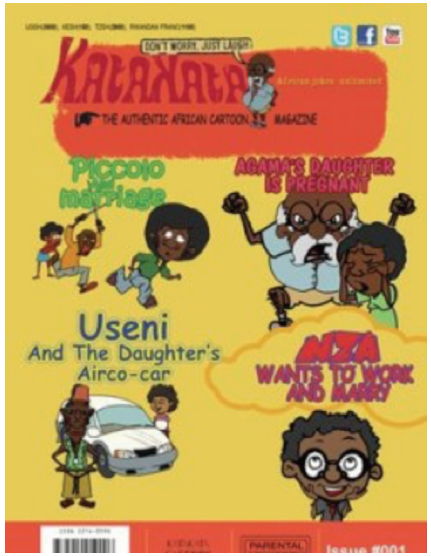
3289 books were processed in 2017, including 512 e-docs (open access) and 833 gifts.

1098 articles were covered for *ASA Online*, an additional 372 articles were catalogued and 22 new titles of Africana journals were added to the ASCL's online catalogue (many with full text), as were 42 new DVDs of African films. The acquisitions list is published weekly.

Web dossiers

Web dossiers group information on a current topic and make it available in context. Every web dossier has an introduction, written by a specialist, links to the descriptions of books and journal articles in the catalogue and provides a list of annotated links to electronic resources and relevant websites. www.ascleiden.nl/content/web-dossiers

In 2017, six web dossiers were produced:



- African comic strips and cartoons (January) about "comic strips as societal watchdogs"
- Urban planning and urban architecture in Africa (February), with the seminar on 'The Beeker Method: Planning and Working on the Redevelopment of the African City';
- Education for life (May), on the occasion of the conference 'Education for Life in Africa', organized by the Netherlands Association for Africa Studies;
- The Nigerian-Biafran War (May) (the Nigerian Civil War 1967-1970, 50 years ago);
- Ton Dietz (August), on the occasion of the retirement of Ton Dietz as director of the ASC Leiden;
- Afrikaans Literature (September), to coincide with the Week of the Afrikaans Novel (29 September to 8 October 2017);

Kenya Coast Bibliography Updated



ASC Leiden hosts several websites and portals with Open Access information. One of these websites is the Kenya Coast Bibliography. In 2017, new additions were made. The Kenya Coast Bibliography now contains more than 2,200 records. The Bibliography has references to 1050 journal articles, 300 book titles and other publications such as book sections, etc. More than 160 titles have been added since the previous update in February 2016.

The Bibliography is part of the Kenya Coast Portal, a service provided by the African Studies Centre Leiden to students, researchers, development workers, government officials and others with an interest in the Kenya Coast. In addition to a bibliography, the Portal provides topical reviews, tables with statistical information and open-access publications.

The Kenya Coast is a region with distinct geographical, economic and social characteristics. It has a long history of intercontinental trade and cultural exchange with other communities along the East African coast as well as with the Middle East and South Asia. Due to its cultural diversity and varied history, the Coast has attracted the attention of many researchers over the years. ASCL Professor Jan Hoorweg has done extensive research on the Kenya Coast and is editor of the Kenya Coast Handbook, the Kenya Coast Portal and the Proceedings of the series of Coastal Ecology Conferences.

The Kenya Coast Portal incorporates academic disciplines from the social sciences and humanities. Bibliographic entries concern mainly, but not exclusively, anthropology, history, geography and the environment. The Kenya Coast Bibliography is accessible through the Kenya Coast Portal website as well as the AfricaBib database.

www.ascleiden.nl/kenya-coast
www.africabib.org/kenya.htm

New Digital Content, Open Access & Wikimedia



- The African Studies Centre favours **Open Access**. The Leiden Repository holds 1607 publications from the ASCL. These publications were downloaded 470, 000 times in 2017.

- 15 books from the AEGIS series were made available Open Access in 2017. The AEGIS Series (published by Brill) provides a platform for the publication of works drawn from the lively and expanding community of scholars with interests in Africa and its Diaspora. Fifteen (out of 18) books were made available via Open Access on the occasion of the ECAS conference in Basel, including *Collective Mobilisations in Africa / Mobilisations collectives en Afrique* (2015). See www.aegis-eu.org/aegis-series-brill-open-access

- In 2017, 512 e-docs were added to the open electronic book collection of ASC Leiden. These included 30 books by Coen Beeker on architecture in Africa.

- Wikipedian Hans Muller uploaded 200 photographs made by Africa researchers to Wikimedia Commons in 2017: part of the Dogon collection of Wouter van Beek, African postal stamps and the Robben Island collection of Aart Rietveld. These photographs are now freely available for anyone to use.

- The ASCL Library bought three new databases containing information on Africa (African Newspapers (1835-1925), Rand Daily Mail (SA, 1902-1985) and History and Culture (1,300 fully catalogued and searchable books, pamphlets, almanacs, broadsides and ephemera). The three databases are accessible from within all Leiden University IP-ranges.



Professional relations

- The 7th European Conference on African Studies that took place in Basel from 28 June until 2 July 2017 was a huge success, with more than 200 panels and up to 1600 participants. Some 15 panels had input from Leiden, two of which from the ASCL Library. Ursula Oberst talked about increasing and measuring research impact: tools and strategies, in Panel 115, 'Social Sciences Research Institutions in Post-independence Africa as subjects of research'. Jos Damen, together with Stephanie Kitchen from the International African Institute (London), was convenor of Panel 129, 'Why is research from Africa invisible?' Speakers included Walter Bgoya (of Mkuki na Nyota Publishers), Pier Luigi Rossi (IRD) and Janet Remmington (Taylor & Francis Publ.). The panel was very well-attended.
- Archival descriptions were of made of three archival collections at ASC Leiden
  - The archival papers of Johan 'Hans' Frederik Holleman (1915-2001) at the ASC Library were described. Hans Holleman was a Dutch and South African professor, ethnologist and legal scholar. He is best known for his research on the indigenous legal systems of Southern Africa, his academic network in South Africa and as second director of ASC Leiden.
  - Part of the archival collection of his father, Frederik David Holleman, is also in Leiden. F.D. Holleman was also a legal scholar. Finally, an archival description was made of the collection of P.J. Idenburg (see box).
  - The descriptions produced by Hans Muller are available on the website of the ASCL Library. Jos Damen wrote an article about the legacy of Hans Holleman. This article, '"His name will inseparably be connected to the African Studies Centre": The legacy & archives of Hans Holleman, second director of the ASC Leiden', was published in the Festschrift for Ton Dietz, *The Face of Africa*.
- Heleen Smits, ASCL library information specialist, defended her PhD thesis 'A grammar of Lumun, a Kordofanian language of Sudan', on 21 September 2017 at Leiden University. Her promotors were Prof. Maarten Kossmann and Prof. Maarten Mous (see photo above by Hans Splinter). She completed her PhD thesis in addition to her work at the ASCL Library. Her research was in cooperation with the Department of Linguistics of the University of Khartoum, where she had previously given a presentation on the Lumun language.
- ASCL Library staff gave several information sessions and guided tours in the library for small and large groups, including master students of History and honours students from Leiden, students from Radboud University Nijmegen and students from the Haagse Hogeschool.
- Post-graduate courses in South Africa
  The head of the ASCL Library was again involved in the EPE project of six European and six South African Universities (Enhancing Post-Graduate Environments, EU-funded), in which he gave presentations on Open Access, impact and valorization at Stellenbosch University and UWC Cape Town in 2017.
- Edith de Roos made country dossiers with relevant recent (online) literature for the country meetings at the ASCL on Angola (May 2017) and Kenya (September 2017).

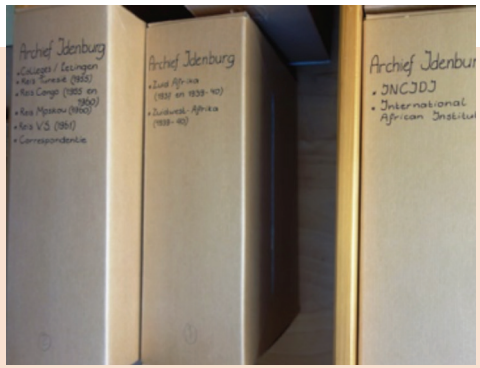
The origin of 'African Studies' at Leiden University: The archives of P.J. Idenburg made accessible

The library of the African Studies Centre Leiden houses a dozen scholarly archives in its collection. One of these archives is particularly interesting because the papers belonged to legal scholar Petrus Johannes Idenburg, one of the founders of the African Studies Centre.

Idenburg (1898-1989), born in Rotterdam, was a jurist specialized in Constitutional Law. He graduated in Law from the University of Amsterdam in 1920 and continued his studies at the London School of Economics. When he returned to the Netherlands he became secretary to the mayor of Amsterdam in 1922 and secretary of the Board of Curators of the University of Amsterdam. In the 1930s, he moved to Leiden University to do the same job: legal and administrative tasks within the university. Idenburg resigned as a secretary of the Curators of Leiden University in June 1942 (during the German occupation) and was restored in his function in 1945.

When the Netherlands were looking for new markets after WWII, Idenburg saw opportunities in Africa. As a Board member of various Dutch-South African associations, he had travelled to Africa and was aware of the potential of the continent. Together with a banker from Rotterdam (Karel Paul van der Mandele) and a law professor from Leiden (Frederik Mari, Baron van Asbeck) he founded the African Studies Centre in Leiden, which he led as a Director from 1947 to 1963. In the first decade, the Centre was a documentation centre, which functioned as a library and published practical reports on African countries.





From 1947, Idenburg taught African Studies at Leiden University. From 1963 to 1968, he was a special lector in Constitutional Law of Africa. He was a member of the Dutch Advisory Council for Development Co-operation for many years. Idenburg's memoires, privately published in 1987 (*Herinneringen van mr. P.J. Idenburg*), give a striking insight into university matters in the Netherlands from 1925 to 1960. Idenburg also regularly tells about his visits to African countries such as Ghana, South Africa and Namibia (then called South West Africa).

The P.J. Idenburg archival collection comprises four boxes containing correspondence, article manuscripts and reprints, lecture notes, and miscellanea. Of special interest are the material on the Mandates Commission South West Africa (1937-1940), papers on the Bukavu Conference (1955), notes about trips to Moscow and Washington (1960-1961) and material on INCIDI, Institut International des Civilisations Différentes (Brussels).

The archival description, produced by Hans Muller in 2017, can be found on the ASCL website.



Korea, Bordeaux and Tanzania: Librarians in African Studies meet in Basel

The 11th meeting of European Librarians in African Studies was held in Basel on 28 June 2017, the day before the 7th European Conference on African Studies started. The ELIAS meeting was organized by Susanne Hubler-Baier of Basler Afrika Bibliographien, together with colleagues from Basel University Library.

European information specialists were not the only ones present at ELIAS: Dr. Yongyoon Park from the Korea-Africa Centre in Seoul gave a presentation about this new Korean think thank, and the new African Studies Librarian from Michigan State University, Jessica Achberger, was a lively attendant of ELIAS.

David Tréfàs and Alice Spinnler from UB Basel kicked off with a presentation about searching through several information silos simultaneously in the Basel Afrikaportal, which is currently under construction and looks to be an interesting showcase.

Reto Ulrich spoke about one of the specialties of Basler Afrika Bibliographien, the Namibia Digital Collection. Jos Damen and Ursula Oberst of ASC Leiden gave presentations on metrics and altmetrics, in which they compared the research output and (usage of) collections of several African Studies centres in Europe and Africa.

Mattias Åkesson from the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala, Sweden, made clear how a societal task (work for unemployed people) could be combined with digitizing 40 boxes of materials from the African liberation movement, in cooperation with the Tanzania Heritage Archives. Magali Meunier from LAM Bordeaux told the audience about the new building of the Library of Les Afriques dans le Monde, with well over 55,000 books in open stacks in new reading rooms.

After lunch, there was a visit to the interesting exhibition Stolen Moments – Namibian Music History Untold at Basel Afrika Bibliographien: a nice combination of new art, old recordings and untold musical histories from Africa. The day concluded with a dinner at an entertaining Ethiopian restaurant at the Markthalle in Basel.



Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Switzerland

EVENTS AND EXTERNAL CONTACTS

ASCL Community

The ASCL Community continued to grow steadily throughout 2017 and once again proved itself to be an invaluable instrument of knowledge and exchange. In 2017, country meetings were organized for Angola and Kenya. In both meetings, presentations were given by PhD candidates, from the respective focus countries.

Community members provided us with information on their new publications and the events that they were organizing. Community members with matching research interests were brought into contact with each other. Community members with expertise not available at the ASCL were contacted for media interviews and other public performances. These are just some examples of the workings of this network.

Seminars and Special events

In 2017, the ASCL organized more than 30 seminars, book launches, film screenings and panel discussions. In 2018, the number of seminars will drastically be increased as a result of the new policy that allows all six ASCL professors to invite their favourite speaker. These monthly, high-quality seminars will be the core of the ASCL events, supplemented with a small number of book launches, lunch seminars, etc., organized within the framework of the CRGs.

2017 seminar topics were: Women's land rights (speaker: Catherine Gatundu, Action Aid International); Novels of genocide in Rwanda



Coen Beeker, the Dutch urban planner who did urban redevelopment projects in Africa, sitting next to Yolande Lingané (Burkina Faso) and his wife Martine Bakker

(speaker: Olivier Nyirubugara, The Hague University of Applied Science); and Transitional justice and reconciliation in post-colonial Africa (speaker: Ruth Murambadoro, University of Pretoria).

One of the most remarkable seminars was 'The Beeker method. Planning and working on the redevelopment of the African city'. This event was organized together with African Architecture Matters to celebrate Coen Beeker and his work. Beeker is a Dutch urban planner who worked in Africa between 1978 and 2010. He focused primarily on urban redevelopment projects in Ethiopia, Tunis, Sudan and Burkina Faso, most notably on the modernization process of Ouagadougou. Mr Beeker was presented with a book, in which former co-workers and contemporary urban planners and scholars reflect on Beeker's work. A web dossier on urban planning and urban architecture in Africa was created by the ASCL library to coincide with this seminar. www.ascleiden.nl/content/webdossiers/urban-planning-and-urban-architecture-africa Web dossiers consist of a selection of titles – both books and articles – from the collection of the ASCL Library and annotated links to electronic resources and relevant websites. Titles are linked

directly to the corresponding records in the online catalogue, which provides abstracts and lending information.



Simon Witbooi performs a rap during his seminar

Another well-attended seminar was ‘God praat Afrikaans’ by Simon Witbooi aka Hemelbesem. He is a television and radio personality, actor, author, speaker and performer/artist, whose main focus is building bridges in Afrikaans. Afrikaans is currently much disputed in South Africa and intentionally marginalized, predominantly because of its history. In this seminar, Simon Witbooi performed a rap and proved that the language is alive and well, using excerpts from his book God Praat Afrikaans.

In addition to the ‘Thursday afternoon’ seminar series, the ASCL also organizes lunch seminars. They are mostly given by visiting fellows or junior researchers who would like to receive feedback on their project.

NVAS conference on Education for Life in Africa

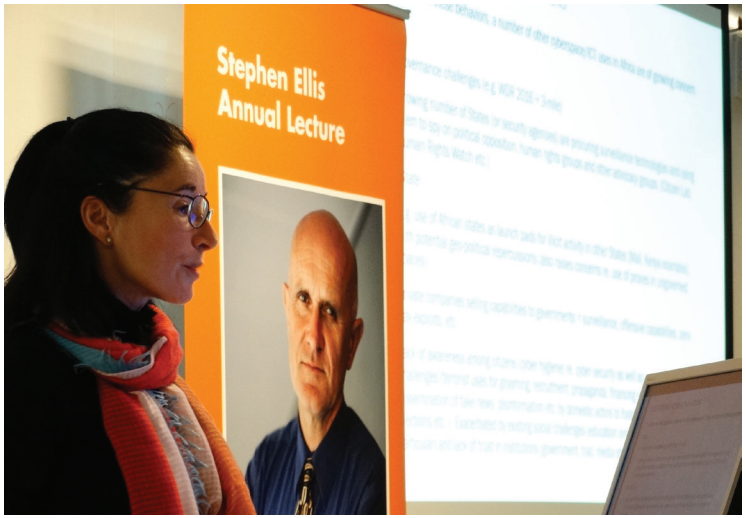
On 19 and 20 May 2017, as the Netherlands Association of African Studies (NVAS) celebrated its 20th anniversary, the two-day conference Education for Life in Africa was held.

The next decades will see a continuation of rapid population growth in Africa. Despite some decrease in fertility rates, the number of Africans will continue to rise – to as many as 4 billion by 2100. This large and young population, in gradually smaller families, can mean a demographic dividend with significant opportunities for social and economic development. But it may also lead to massive unemployment and many frustrated young people who blame their unemployment on the authorities and powers that be. Education for employability, creating an inviting business environment and high productivity employment are key to harnessing the potential demographic dividend. In quantitative terms, education in Africa has grown impressively and educational attainment is projected to rise at all levels, but the quality of education in Africa is still a major concern.



The conference was organized together with the The Hague University of Applied Science (Jos Walenkamp kindly offered the venue) and NUFFIC (Beer Schröder). Keynote lectures were given by internationally renowned speakers Goolam Mohamedbhai ('The challenges of achieving quality in engineering education in Africa') and Ingse Skattum ('Language of instruction in Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone Africa'). Panel discussions included subjects such as: gender and education; education and employability; informal education; and teacher training.

Stephen Ellis Annual Lecture



Camino Kavanagh is a specialist on information technology, sovereignty and the state. She is a member of the Global Initiative on Transnational Organised Crime

Stephen Ellis (1953-2015) was a renowned senior researcher at the African Studies Centre Leiden. He was a courageous, deeply inquisitive researcher, going further than most researchers of his generation to uncover hidden truths about Africa. He combined a great interest in how 'real politics' work and have an impact on people's lives, with a fascination for the role of religion and morality. With the Stephen Ellis Annual Lecture, the ASCL wants to honour Stephen Ellis as the great scholar he was and encourages others to work in his spirit.
In the 2017 Stephen Ellis Annual Lecture, Camino Kavanagh, Department of War Studies, Kings College London, gave a presentation entitled Making good or breaking bad. The impact of Cyberspace and ICT's in Africa. Dr Kavanagh presented an overview of, on the one hand, the benefits of cyberspace, such as greater connectivity thanks to the internet (388 million users in Africa), and, on the other hand, the challenges, e.g. uneven access to technologies, cost of security and cybercrime.

ECAS Conference

The 7th European Conference on African Studies, which took place in Basel from 28 June until 2 July 2017, was a huge success with more than 200 panels and up to 1600 participants. This year's theme was Urban Africa - Urban Africans: New Encounters of the Rural and the Urban. The Centre for African Studies Basel and the Swiss Society for African Studies did a great job organizing the conference on behalf of the Research Network of African Studies Centres in Europe AEGIS. Many ASCL researchers organized a panel, presented a paper or launched a new book. Many ASCL researchers gave a presentation; Mirjam the Bruijn gave the keynote lecture on *Digitalization and the Field of African Studies.*

Conférence ECAS-7 à Bâle (Suisse)

Ma présentation intitulée: '*Le développement inclusif vécu par les travailleurs de l'économie informelle: une étude de cas des stratégies d'adaptation des commerçants du marché Dantokpa au Bénin*' a été délivrée dans le Panel: '*Who Owns the City? Political Leverage for Informal Workers in Urban Africa*'. Cette contribution au débat général sur le développement inclusif au profit des travailleurs de l'économie informelle en Afrique, a mis en exergue l'importance des dynamiques relationnelles dans la construction du pouvoir d'action des travailleurs informels en tant qu'acteur stratégique.

L'étude de cas menée auprès des commerçants du marché Dantokpa au Bénin, révèle que dans un environnement normatif non adapté, l'existence d'organisations collectives actives représentent pour les commerçants un atout clé pour leur participation concrète aux processus de décision les concernant. Ainsi, le rôle des leaders d'organisation dans la mobilisation de divers réseaux (société civile, politique, religieux, familial) pour des alliances stratégiques permet de faire des progrès, en maintenant la logique d'inclusivité comme préoccupation centrale de l'action collective. Dans le rapport de force avec l'autorité investie du pouvoir public, il arrive souvent que les organisations adoptent des stratégies de contournement pour transgresser des règles formelles, au profit de normes pratiques, en faisant le jeu des intérêts. Pour les travailleurs informels, l'environnement extérieur représente un facteur important en ce sens qu'il offre des alternatives d'interventions aux différents acteurs de l'arène de décision. La possibilité de recours à celui-ci rend flexible leur processus de légitimation



en même temps qu'elle contraint les décideurs politiques à l'adoption de l'approche inclusive en promouvant le dialogue avec les commerçants.
Le développement inclusif reste un concept d'actualité, un paradigme déterminant dans l'optimisation de la croissance économique en Afrique. Relativement à cela, les résultats de la recherche suggèrent que les analyses portant sur la participation des travailleurs au cadre de dialogue, la protection sociale et l'emploi décent ne soient pas les seuls axes d'appréciation des performances. Ce qui rejoint les appels récurrents de réexaminer les interventions «développementistes» en tenant compte des logiques locales pour mieux valoriser les acquis.
«Increasing Political Leverage of Informal and Formal Workers» Organisations for Inclusive Development», un recherche sur les acteurs stratégiques pour le développement inclusif dans une perspective comparative au Bénin et au Ghana.

Kassim Assouma

ASCL Africa Thesis Award



Adriaan Steyn receives the Africa Thesis Award 2017 from the chair of the jury, Yves van Leynseele

The winner of the Africa Thesis Award 2017 was Adriaan Steyn, with his thesis *'A new laager for a "new" South Africa: Afrikaans film and the imagined boundaries of Afrikanerdom'.* Steyn shows that Afrikaans-language media and cultural commodities, like film, are mostly tailored to and consumed by white Afrikaans-speakers. He asks whether a 'distinct' Afrikaner identity was first forged within the cultural sphere, through cultural rituals and through the consumption of Afrikaans media forms, and what kind of subjectivities are currently being produced by the Afrikaans culture industry. Adriaan Steyn completed an MA in Social Anthropology at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Stellenbosch University (South Africa) in June 2016. The prize was presented to Adriaan at the LeidenASA Annual Meeting on 7 December 2017.

ASCL in the Media and Press Contacts

ASCL researchers were frequently requested for interviews by Dutch radio and television in 2017. A few examples:

Television

ASCL senior researcher Jan Abbink was interviewed by *Nieuwsuur* about Eritrea and the prohibited Eritrean conference in Veldhoven (13 April). Director Jan-Bart Gewald was invited by the television programme EenVandaag to give his view on the 'plaasmoorde' (farm murders) in South Africa (14 November).



Jan Abbink interviewed by Nieuwsuur about Eritrea and the prohibited Eritrean conference in Veldhoven



Mirjam de Bruijn delivers the Carl Schlettwein Lecture entitled 'Digitalisation and the field of African studies' as one of the keynote-speakers at ECAS-7 in Basel.

Radio

The following researchers appeared on the radio: Jan-Bart Gewald was interviewed about the state of affairs in Africa (Radio 1); Klaas van Walraven about the situation in Gambia (Radio 1); Mirjam de Bruijn on protests in Cameroon and the internet shutdown (Radio 1); Marcel Rutten about drought in Eastern Africa and on how to best donate money to fight the drought (Radio 1); Ineke van Kessel about President Zuma (VPRO's OVT); Klaas van Walraven about his recent book on the Sawaba movement in Niger (RFI); Han van Dijk about a new military mission in Sahel region (BNR); Marcel Rutten about upcoming elections in Kenya (VPRO and BNR); Ton Dietz about his seven years as ASCL director (Radio 1, Met het Oog op Morgen and Science071); Jan Abbink about ethnic violence in Ethiopia (Radio 1); Mirjam de Bruijn about independence protests in Anglophone regions of Cameroon (Radio 1); Jan-Bart Gewald about Zimbabwe and Robert Mugabe (OVT); and Ton Dietz about the AU-EU summit in Abidjan (Radio 1).

Daily newspapers

Ineke van Kessel and Harry Wels were interviewed by the daily paper *De Volkskrant* about Zuma's cabinet reshuffle; Jan Abbink commented on the African Economic Outlook (*Algemeen Dagblad*); Marleen Dekker explained her vision on the effect of cash transfers (*NRC*); Fantu Cheru was interviewed about the economy of South Africa (*Financieele Dagblad*); Ton Dietz gave an interview on the occasion of his retirement (*NRC International*); Akinyinka Akinyoade about African migration (*Trouw*); Ton Dietz on African studies (*Leidsch Dagblad*); Wouter van Beek about Droughts International The Netherlands–Africa (*De Volkskrant*); Ton Dietz about migration and the EC proposal to resettle 50,000 refugees (*Leidsch Dagblad* and *De Volkskrant*), and an opinion article on European migration policy (*Reformatorisch Dagblad*); Jan Abbink was quoted regarding ethnic conflicts in Ethiopia (*Washington Post*); and Margot Leegwater was quoted in relation to Rwanda's offer to give refuge to African migrants (*De Volkskrant*).

The ASCL received the most media requests following the military takeover in Zimbabwe.

A complete list of interviews in 2017 can be found in the last chapter of this Annual Report 'Researchers in the media'.

Tycho van der Hoog interviewed in the framework of the 'The Maand van de Geschiedenis' with live audience, broadcasted by Radio 1 about monuments in Southern Africa built by North Koreans. Photo: Rachelle Stoffels







Exhibitions

Exhibitions of photographs and paintings are on display in the ASCL's corridors and in the Library. Once again, the diverse art attracted much attention and comments from staff, students, academics and visitors to the Pieter de la Court Building. Three artists exhibited their work in 2017. Moreover, Ton Dietz exhibited a selection of his African stamp collection.

Artists	Exhibition title	The exhibits	Country of origin	Dates
Anna Kurtycz & RUDEK	'Neither black nor white revisited'	Studio Kurtycz developed projects in collaboration with local people, including artists, e.g. on the theme of uniformity ('Girls in uniform'). The projects take as their starting point the idea that art is meaningful to society as much as society is a great source of inspiration for artists.	Ghana and Benin	9 January to 11 May
Karin Voogd	Lamu Interiors	Everybody is building on Lamu, an island on the East coast of Kenya. Karin Voogd's paintings feature, among others, self-built houses, strange heaps of chalk, trees growing inside houses, the stairs and pillars of old Swahili houses, and bachelor huts that look like tree-houses.	Kenya	12 May to 27 August










Ton Dietz	Early postal services in East Africa	Postage stamps are miniature communication tools, which also have a political and aesthetic message and a strong flavour of 'identity'. While postage stamps have been in use in the world since 1840 (in Great Britain), it took until 1890 before the first postage stamps were issued along the East Coast of Africa.	East Africa	28 August to 31 October
Karin Voogd	Book covers for a library of the arts in Lamu, Kenya	Karin Voogd draws covers of books that are on her wish list for an new art library called *Maktaba ya Sanaa*, to be established in Lamu, Kenya, a city renowned for its festivals and that is on UNESCO's World Heritage list.	Kenya	18 September to 31 October
Roel Burgler	School? Yes please! Education in Guinea-Bissau	Roel Burgler made this photo reportage in cooperation with SOS Children's Villages. This NGO believes that children who have lost or are in threat of losing their parents should, as much as possible, be taken care of within their own community. It is one of the organizations in Guinea-Bissau working to create better access to education and vocational training, the key to a better future.	Guinea-Bissau	1 November to 31 January (2018)





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The following members of staff left the ASC in 2017

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

(in € '000)	2016	2017
Income		
Total contribution Leiden University	2,954	2,902
Of which 2,625 from the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences		
Projects for third parties	1,922	1,770
Other income (publications, etc.)	210	168
Total	**5,086**	**4,840**
Expenditures		
Personnel	3,118	3,313
Institutional costs	1,573	1,438
Inventory depreciation	7	8
Total	**4,698**	**4,759**

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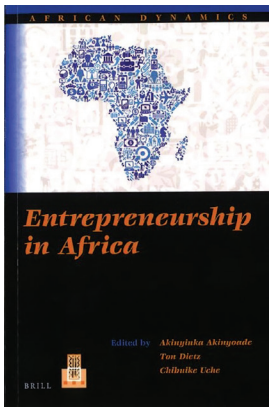
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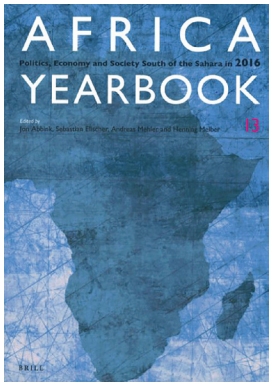
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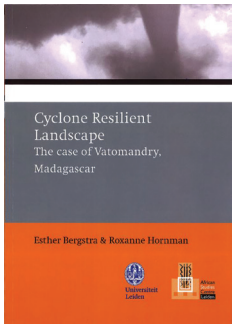


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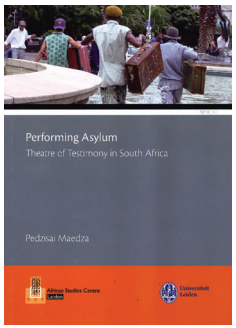
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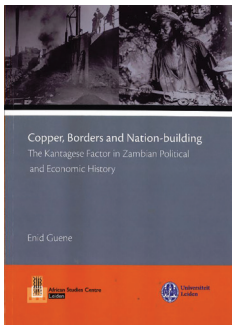
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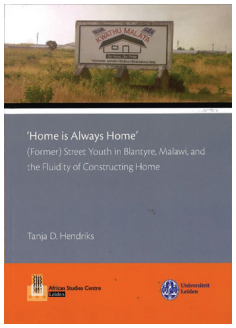
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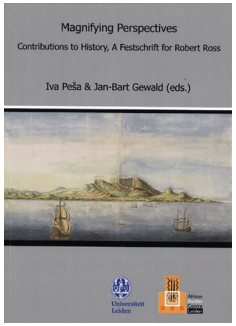
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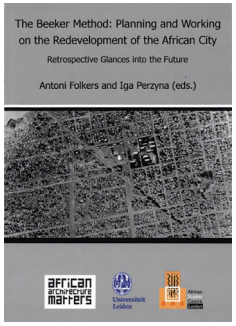
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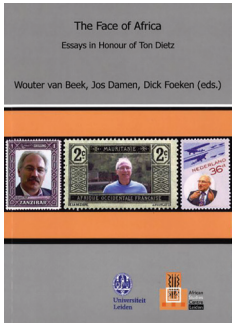
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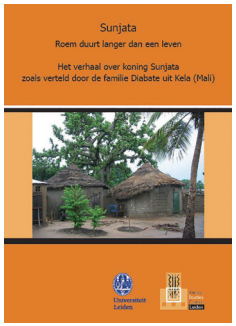


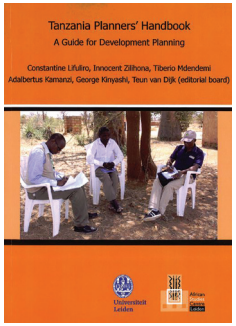
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19 December
Booklaunch 'Magnifying Perspectives. Contributions to History, a Festschrift for Robert Ross'
Wayne Dooling

3 January
Jan-Bart Gewald interviewed on Radio 1 about the state of affairs in Africa



Jan-Bart Gewald being interviewed by Eric Corton for the NOS radio show 'Met het oog op morgen'

19 January
Klaas van Walraven interviewed on Radio 1 'Met het oog op morgen' about the situation in the Gambia

27 January
Article Chibuike Uche on the prospects for Micro-Leasing in NABC Magazine

31 January
Mirjam de Bruijn on Radio 1 about protests in Cameroon after internet shutdown

10 February
Mirjam de Bruijn interviewed on radio about the protests in Cameroon

14 February
Marcel Rutten on Radio 1 Bureau Buitenland (VPRO) about drought in Eastern Africa

16 February
Article in Mare about former ASC researcher Klaas de Jonge's involvement with ANC attack in 1983 with quotes from Ton Dietz, Matthijs van Leeuwen & Mayke Kaag

16 February
Special issue of Vice Versa on land rights

17 February
Marcel Rutten on Radio 1 about how to best donate money to fight the drought in Kenya

6 March
Interview Marleen Dekker in OneWorld about employment creation in Africa

9 March
Ton Dietz interviewed by Algemeen Dagblad about the famine in several African countries

5 April
Ineke van Kessel and Harry Wels interviewed about Zuma's cabinet reshuffle interviewed by *De Volkskrant*

6 April
Interview in Mare with Prof. Chibuike Uche about Nigeria

9 April
Interview Ineke van Kessel about President Zuma in VPRO's OVT

13 April
Jan Abbink in Nieuwsuur about Eritrea and the prohibited Eritrean conference in Veldhoven

22 April
Wouter van Beek in De Volkskrant about ethics codes for researchers of indigenous people

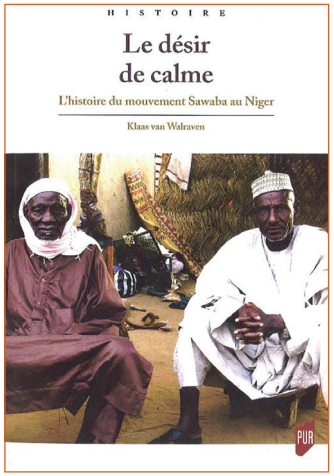
23 May
Jan Abbink comments on African Economic Outlook in Algemeen Dagblad

31 May
Marleen Dekker interviewed by NRC about the effect of cash transfers

8 June
Agnieszka Kazimierczuk interviewed by Vice Versa about Lake Turkana Wind Power project Kenya

11 June
Fantu Cheru interviewed by journal Financieel Dagblad about the economy of South Africa

14 June
Ton Dietz interviewed by De Groene Amsterdammer about sustainable cocoa production in Ghana



17 June
Klaas van Walraven interviewed by Radio France Internationale about his new book on the Sawaba movement in Niger 'Le désir de calme'

20 June
Ton Dietz interviewed by Kijk magazine about the decolonization of Africa

30 June
Paolo de Mas in NRC about the arrest of Moroccan-Dutch former politician Saïd C.

3 July
Han van Dijk interviewed on BNR Radio about new military mission in Sahel region

7 July
Marcel Rutten interviewed by VPRO radio about upcoming elections in Kenya

20 July
Farewell interview with Ton Dietz included in NRC Internationaal

24 July
Akinyinka Akinyoade interviewed by Trouw about African migration

31 July
Ton Dietz interviewed by Leidsch Dagblad on African studies

2 August
Wouter van Beek interviewed by De Volkskrant about Droughts International The Netherlands–Africa

8 August
Marcel Rutten interviewed by BNR Radio about elections in Kenya

9 August
Marcel Rutten interviewed by BNR Radio about the Kenyan elections

10 August
Marcel Rutten interviewed by TRT World about Kenya elections

17 August
Ton Dietz interviewed by Knack.be about Africa's population growth and migration

21 August
Interview Ton Dietz in Leidsch Dagblad about migration

26 August
Interview Ton Dietz in De Volkskrant: 'Migratie is een gegeven, doe er je voordeel mee'

4 September
Ton Dietz interviewed on Radio 1 about his seven years as ASCL director

17 September
Interview with Klaas van Walraven on Libération blog about his study of the Sawaba movement

21 September
Ton Dietz interviewed by Mare about the expected growth of African migration

24 September
Ton Dietz interviewed interviewed on migration by radio show Met het Oog op Morgen

25 September
Article by Ton Dietz in OneWorld: 'Een ontdekkingstocht naar de Afrikaanse migratie: En toen was ik ineens migratiespecialist'

27 September
Ton Dietz in De Volkskrant about the EC proposal to resettle 50,000 refugees

28 September
Tycho van der Hoog interviewed in Mare about North Korean monuments in Southern Africa

1 October
Tycho van der Hoog on Radio 1 about monuments in Southern Africa built by North Koreans

4 October
Tycho van der Hoog in South African newspaper Die Burger about North Korean monuments

5 October
Jan Abbink on Radio 1 about ethnic violence in Ethiopia

7 October
Ton Dietz interviewed by De Tijd about African migration

10 October
Mirjam de Bruijn on Radio 1 about independence protests in Anglophone regions of Cameroon

11 October
Ton Dietz interviewed by radio show Science071



Ton Dietz at local radio station Sleutelstad FM

21 October
Jan Abbink quoted in the Washington Post on ethnic conflicts in Ethiopia

26 October
Jan Abbink interviewed by World Politics Review about political developments in Ethiopia

7 November
Opinion article Ton Dietz in Reformatorisch Dagblad on European migration policy

14 November
Jan-Bart Gewald interviewed by EenVandaag about ‘plaasmoorde’ in South Africa

15, 17 & 19 November
Interviews Jan-Bart Gewald about military takeover in Zimbabwe. De Volkskrant, RTL, BNR Radio, Nieuwsuur, EenVandaag, nu.nl & OVT Radio

29 November
Ton Dietz interviewed by Radio 1 about the AU-EU summit in Abidjan

30 November
Margot Leegwater in De Volkskrant about Rwanda’s offer to give refuge to African migrants

15 December
Harry Wels interviewed by De Standaard about the leadership succession in the ANC

18 December
Tycho van der Hoog interviewed about North Korean monuments in Southern Africa by Academic Stories

28 December
Merel van ‘t Wout interviewed by Berlingske about online scamming in Northern Ghana



Klaas van Walraven presents his book ‘Le désir de calme’ at ECAS-7.

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Cover photo:
Jollof rice in James Town, Ghana, by Mirena Radulova



This is my favourite photo of James Town, Accra, Ghana, taken during my Bachelor placement. A Ga woman has just finished selling a big pot of Jollof rice on the streets of James Town. Behind her is the place where all the coal is stored in this district. Women from the community gather here early in the morning to cook large quantities of local street food. I captured the woman on the move, just about to wash all the tomato cans she had used to prepare her dish.

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