

A woman with a warm smile is the central figure, wearing a vibrant red zip-up jacket over a black turtleneck and a red and white headscarf. She is seated on a brown leather chair, with her hands resting on her lap. The background is a rich, multi-colored abstract painting with bold, expressive brushstrokes in shades of yellow, green, red, and blue. To the right, a metal grid structure is visible against the wall. The overall atmosphere is one of cultural vibrancy and positivity.

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## In Memoriam Gerrit Grootenhuis (1930-2019)

The African Studies Centre Leiden is sad to report that Gerrit Grootenhuis died on 18 April 2019. Grootenhuis led the African Studies Centre as general secretary from 1969 to 1990.

Gerrit Willem Grootenhuis was born in Ommen on 11 July 1930. He studied anthropology in Utrecht, and worked as a Dutch colonial official in what was then the Netherlands Indies and New Guinea. From 1962 to 1967 he worked at the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) in Amsterdam. He published two books: one on the Wege movement in New Guinea, and one about an agricultural project in Suriname.

Grootenhuis will be remembered for his managerial qualities rather than for his research and publications. He steered the African Studies Centre through a difficult period, in which the societal upheaval of the 1960s was also felt in scientific institutions. The African Studies Centre had been scientifically professionalized by his predecessor, Prof. Hans Holleman. But Holleman had difficulty with the new spirit of democratization that had reached Leiden, and retreated to the security of his academic work.



Grootenhuis came to Leiden in June 1967, as the more practical second man (general secretary) to director Holleman. He travelled to Africa in 1967, and wrote a report on social-medical research in East Africa in 1968. After Holleman left the African Studies Centre as director, Grootenhuis took over as general secretary (“cum director”, as the ASC Annual Report for 1969 put it).

With Grootenhuis the ASC entered a new period, in which research became paramount. This was in complete accord with what Grootenhuis wanted, in which the organization was arranged in such a manner that the scientific leadership of the institute

was placed in the hands of the researchers at the ASC. Grootenhuis was able to read the sign of the times. He was a kind and helpful man, who steered the African Studies Centre through two volatile decades. When he retired in December 1990, he received the book *Eten met Gerrit*, a book about eating and drinking experiences of Dutch africanists. Our thoughts are with his children and grandchildren.



## PREFACE

2018 was the third full year that the African Studies Centre Leiden functioned as an interfaculty institute within Leiden University, the hiccoughs, misunderstandings and faltering steps of all fresh and occasionally shy relationships are coming to an end, and slowly but surely the different ways of doing similar things has become ever more uniform and stable. Three years on, the African Studies Centre is pleased with its place within Leiden University and proud to be directly involved in the research, documentation and teaching of the university. Thankfully, our position as an interfaculty institute within the university has not entailed a decline in our ability to serve the public and the Africanist community in the Netherlands and far beyond. Instead, the use of our digital and analogue facilities has increased tremendously and our setting within the university as an institute that is directly involved with the community beyond academia has become the norm and an example to others.



*Dr. Lidewyde Berckmoes*

Raia was appointed as Assistant Professor in African Literature in a joint position with the Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society

2018 was a year in which there were many new appointments to our staff, a number of which underscore our new position as a research and teaching institute within the university. Three new researchers were recruited to our staff: Dr. Lidewyde Berckmoes was appointed as Assistant Professor dealing with Regional conflict in contemporary Africa; Dr. Abdourahmane Idrissa was appointed as Assistant Professor dealing with Islam in Africa; and Dr. Annachiara



*Dr. Abdourahmane Idrissa*

from strength to strength. Within the context of LeidenASA, a series of seminars, workshops, sabbaticals and visiting fellow scholarships were realized. LeidenASA has been gearing up for Africa Year 2020 and further developing links with Delft University and Erasmus University in Rotterdam. The role of the ASCL as a founder member of AEGIS (African Studies in Europe), the research network of European studies centres dealing with Africa, continued. Within AEGIS, the African Stud-



*Dr. Annachiara Raia*

(LUCAS). In the course of 2018, two PhD positions for four years of research and a dissertation were advertised and filled in the first half of 2019.

Throughout the year, the ASCL has continued to play a central role within Leiden and beyond with regard to African Studies. LeidenASA, which seeks to draw together all academics with a PhD working in Africa at Leiden University, continued to grow all academics with a PhD working in Africa at Leiden University, continued to grow from strength to strength. Within the context of LeidenASA, a series of seminars, workshops, sabbaticals and visiting fellow scholarships were realized. LeidenASA has been gearing up for Africa Year 2020 and further developing links with Delft University and Erasmus University in Rotterdam. The role of the ASCL as a founder member of AEGIS (African Studies in Europe), the research network of European studies centres dealing with Africa, continued. Within AEGIS, the African Studies Centre Leiden and the Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh continued developing closer ties. As such, staff from CAS visited the ASCL, and vice versa. The two centres have discussed joint teaching and research initiatives. It is in this context that student and staff exchanges are being facilitated and joint research initiatives in the form of Leiden Edinburgh Research Groups established.



The library of the African Studies Centre has seen major transformations in the past year. Partly as a result of asbestos sanitation operations, the physical space occupied by the library has been reduced, with approximately a third of the collection transferred to storage in depot, from where it can be accessed within an hour of having been ordered during library hours. Thankfully, this reduction in physical space has in no way impacted on the library services; indeed, the number of books loaned from our library has continued to increase exponentially.

In the course of 2018, a large number of junior researchers were appointed to the staff of the ASCL to work on drafting research funding proposals in conjunction with senior ASCL researchers. Although these proposals did not appear to be successful in terms of funding,

the appointment of young academics to the centre served in no small manner to rejuvenate and enliven the ASCL. In the course of 2018, following extensive consultation, the five-year research programme of the ASCL was drafted and submitted for ratification.



Currently, the future looks bright, our integration into the university as an interfaculty institute is continuing smoothly and, if all goes well, 2019 will see the further expansion of the centre and its staff.

*Jan-Bart Gewald, May 2019*

## 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](http://www.ascleiden.nl).

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

**367,676 page views**

**151,860 users**

**570,708 downloads Open Access publications ASCL**

**280,829 unique visitors AfricaBib**

**92,192 unique visitors Connecting-Africa**

In addition, there were:

**6,857 Facebook likes**

**6,767 Twitter followers**



*The ASCL 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) is an interfaculty institute of the Leiden University specializing in research, information, and documentation services on Africa. It fulfils a key educational role by running a Research Master's programme in African Studies and by supporting a one-year Master's in African Studies at Leiden University. It also contributes to two minors dealing with African Studies.

The ASCL's prominence among European (and global) African studies institutions is undisputed and it maintains its place as the prime national knowledge centre on Africa in the Netherlands and as a global hub of expertise and advice on matters relating to Africa for a variety of actors in the world of policymaking, the media, the business community, and NGOs. The ASCL's library and documentation resources, including extensive research-oriented collections, (digital) information services, and web-based platforms, play a pivotal role in this regard.

In the past year, the ASCL continued to lead the Leiden African Studies Assembly (LeidenASA), which is both an institutional expression of and a tool for integrating African Studies throughout Leiden University via networking, inviting visiting scholars, and academic events.

Research and publishing on Africa remained central to the ASCL's mission, predominantly in the social sciences and the humanities. In 2018, a new research programme was inaugurated, the overarching text of which appeared on the ASCL website in early 2019. Its title is: *'Strident Africa: Societal and Environmental Change in the Context of 30 Centuries of History'*. The four general domains of research identified in the new programme are:

- Politics and Security
- Society and Culture
- Economy
- Historical Context

These four classic dimensions indicate the broad domains of future research, although almost all current projects also have clear interdisciplinary aspects.

Most ASCL research was carried out in the framework of the ASCL's seven 'Collaborative Research Groups' (CRGs), which are linked to or derived from the four domains above. An overview of the CRGs is given below. In addition, the six now active ASCL professorial Chairs (two of them also located within the UL History Department) are focal points for the Centre's research thematics. The six Chairs are: African History, Governance and Politics in Africa, Inclusive Development in Africa, Citizenship and Identities in Africa, Religion in Contemporary Africa and its Diaspora, and Governance of Finance and Integrity in Africa (the 'Stephen Ellis Chair'). One Chair (Resources, Demography and Law in Africa) is to be inaugurated in the future.

As in previous years, many of the ASCL research activities were externally funded on the basis of external research proposal applications, several of which were acquired during 2018 (e.g. from WOTRO, WCDO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MFO). Although submitting such applications impacts upon the research and writing time of researchers, it remains a goal of the ASCL to pursue such efforts within reasonable bounds.

## 10 Political Breakthrough in Ethiopia? Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Reformist Agenda

In April 2018, unexpected political events occurred in Ethiopia: the rise to power of Dr. Abiy Ahmed, a reformist Prime Minister with an entirely new political voice and a team of staunch supporters within the ruling party EPRDF. As a member of the ODP faction of the party (previously called the OPDO), he was chosen after an internal election and with an eye to addressing major problems in the country. The ruling party chose a new course and elected Abiy Ahmed Ali as leader following three years of violent protests and contestation challenging the incumbent EPRDF regime, which was marked by authoritarian rule and saw thousands of people killed and arrested as well as massive destruction of business and other property. His election indicated a major power shift within the ruling party. In the past year, he has shown himself to be an energetic and charismatic PM. His acceptance speech was seen as unprecedented in its responsiveness to the concerns of Ethiopians, as a move towards openness in political and economic affairs, and as reconnecting to key Ethiopian religious-cultural values. It is no exaggeration to say that his first public appearance evoked joy and positive emotion not only among MPs, but also among the wider public. Subsequent appearances and actions created similar hopes and expectations. In his first year as PM Abiy Ahmed Ali has: overseen the release of all political prisoners, journalists, and activists imprisoned in previous years (among them Prof. Merera Gudina, who was a visiting fellow at ASCL); invited Ethiopian diaspora communities and previously outlawed opposition groups based abroad to return and reconnect; eased restrictions on civil society, rights groups, and the media; and begun a process of revision of repressive laws. As a result, the political space in the country



*PM Abiy Ahmed giving his inaugural speech at the Federal Parliament, April 2, 2018*

has shown significant broadening. In the domain of foreign relations, PM Abiy also struck the new tone: he has opened up to Eritrea, accepting the contested 2002 border decision of the Permanent Court of Arbitration; reset relations with Somalia and Djibouti; and visited Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Sudan, the UAE, and many other countries. Relations with donor countries and the World Bank have also been reconsidered and the PM has received a lot of support from these circles. His leadership has clearly increased the stature of Ethiopia in the sub-region and in Africa.



Nevertheless, as much as the new changes created a sense of hope and confidence in the country, Ethiopia – the second-most populated country in Africa with over 105 million people – has deep underlying problems and is not easy to govern; there are persistent economic concerns (e.g. youth unemployment), ethnic tensions, and worries about the nature of the future political process, with elections expected in 2020. There are also serious concerns about internal displacements as a result of massive intercommunal conflicts over the past three years. There is internal division in the ruling EPRDF coalition that remains unsolved. The political landscape is also beset by ‘extreme ethno-nationalists’ on various sides, who fail to see the positive historical opportunity that has presented itself, pose maximalist demands, and operate in irresponsible ways, locked in perceptions of the past and increasing the volatility of the political transition. Amidst all this, the economy is a crucial dynamic and there is urgent need to reinvigorate economic growth, address socio-economic inequality and social injustice, and to meet the concerns of marginal groups as well as of efficient political and administrative representation.

These challenges are addressed as part of our research on political history and change in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa. Questions considered include how the ‘reform package’ of PM Abiy and his team will unfold, what its implementation strategies are, and how the Ethiopian people will engage with this agenda, both on the local and regional levels. The conceptualization and sustainability of the enthusiastically received reform agenda requires ongoing investigations. Such research might also contribute to the positive changes in what is one of the largest and most important countries in Africa.

*Yinebeb Nigatu & Jon Abbink*

The Researchers’ Assembly (RA) continues to be an important forum for exchange of ideas and project proposal drafts among ASCL researchers. The RA facilitates free discussion on issues of content, practical matters, and institutional and financial regulations. It was chaired by Prof. Jon Abbink. In 2018, the RA decided to install an ASCL Ethics Review Board, which assesses new research projects and proposals on ethical issues in the context of the new European privacy law (impacting if not complicating research practice).

While many researchers at the ASCL continued writing chapters for the annual publication *Africa Yearbook*, a decision was taken to terminate the Centre’s organizational and editorial role in this publication as of 2019. Jon Abbink, co-editor of the last three volumes (12-14), will continue as author of two chapters.

A further substantial development was the emerging research and exchange partnership with the Centre for African Studies of The University of Edinburgh, UK. Two organizational meetings were held in Leiden and Edinburgh, and four Leiden-Edinburgh Research Groups (LERGs) were formed. This venture was gaining momentum towards



- 12 the end of the year. ASCL staff will also be prominent at the upcoming ECAS (European Conference of African Studies), to be held in Edinburgh in June 2019.



*The Centre of African Studies of the University of Edinburgh visited the ASC Leiden in June.*

In addition to many publications in books and journals (with many more in progress and submitted to publishers), ASCL researchers also regularly wrote blogs related to their research projects; these are available on the ASCL website ([www.ascleiden.nl/content/ascl-africanist-blog](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/ascl-africanist-blog)).

The ASCL also hosted a substantial number of (visiting) PhD scholars, who are part of the Centre's research profile (for past and present PhD students, see: [www.ascleiden.nl/content/phd-research](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/phd-research)).

Below is a summary of the main themes, insights, and output of the research conducted under the four general headings of the new research programme 2018-2022. Each section also mentions three representative publications.

## 1 Politics and Security

Several researchers have been refocusing attention to political processes and governance underlying the rapid changes in Africa. 'Politics' and 'security' were interpreted in the broad sense, i.e. following what local societies and political actors see as such, and relating to ongoing discussions on human security. Rapid demographic changes in Africa, as well as environmental challenges and climate change processes, underlie new forms of political competition. Attention once again focused on processes of political competition, decision-making, socio-political movements, and formations of alternative power, in both formal as well as informal settings, and in conditions of societal upheaval and conflict, such as in Central Africa (contested regimes in Chad, Cameroon, and CAR), in West Africa, with a spate of violent conflicts between herder peoples and farmer peoples, radical Islamist groups, also involving international actors, and in Northeast Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan). They were the scene of spectacular political changes as well as a tenacious conflict dynamic – remarkably, often in conditions of economic growth and innovative business practices. Attention to the relations between religion and politics is also a key point. Both senior researchers and PhD students carried out projects on the above countries, examining challenges of instability (CAR, Sahel) as well as political openings, such as in Ethiopia. Issues of resource control and environmental governance were seen



as crucial to both the development of stable polities and the emergence of conflict, whereby non-African actors play an active and often problematic role. Several publications came out on conflict and politics in Central Africa and the Sahel, by Mirjam de Bruijn, Jonna Both, and Catherina Wilson. Mirjam de Bruijn's edited book *Biographies de la Radicalisation* falls in the same category.

Research on politics and security was rekindled at the ASCL this year following a lacuna of several years, and the founding of a CRG on Politics, Governance and Law was part of this, as was the appointment of two new researchers working mainly in the intersection of politics, conflict studies, and youth studies (Lidewyde Berckmoes and Abdourahmane Idrissa). Lidewyde Berckmoes co-published a chapter on methodological issues relating to the intergenerational transmission of antisocial behaviour in Burundi and Rwanda.

A new, externally funded project on governance in Ethiopia was acquired by Jon Abbink, assisted by PhD student Yinebeb Tessema. It will devote major attention to policy issues and PhD research on aspects of political reform and public management, including the analysis of ideas and practices of 'good governance'. The book *The Environmental Crunch in Africa*, edited by J. Abbink focused on public policy around environmental issues in Africa.

Mirjam de Bruijn (who holds a joint appointment with ASCL and the UL History Dept.) published on conflict, youth action, and crumbling state orders in Central Africa, while PhD student Rosine Tchatchoua published a paper on local land governance in Burundi, a heavily conflict-ridden country due to, among other things, institutional weaknesses and tenure insecurity.

### Key publications

- Abbink, J., ed., *The Environmental Crunch in Africa. Growth Narratives vs. Local Realities*. New York – Basingstoke: Palgrave-Macmillan, xvii, 324 pp. (<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-77131-1>)
- De Bruijn, M., ed., *Biographies de la Radicalisation, Des Messages Cachés du Changement Social*. Bamenda (Cameroon): Langaa RCPIG, 312 pp.
- Abbink, J., Melber, H., Mehler, A. & V. Odetula, eds, *Africa Yearbook. Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2018*. Leiden – Boston: Brill Academic Publishers.

## 2 Society and Culture

Africa's socio-cultural and religious dynamics remain high on the agenda and pose many problems of interpretation. Apart from the proverbial cultural richness of the continent and the dynamics of the emerging middle classes that connect to global flows, there are major processes of inequality, migration, and displacement to address. Migration processes of a (non-) voluntary nature have a major impact on African societies and their economic and socio-cultural patterns. Cultural and religious registers are often used – e.g. by youths – to express 'political' protest and to voice contestation vis-à-vis conservative ruling elites of a political and religious nature. While ethnicity,



14 broadly seen as a ‘culture interpretation of group descent’, is much less dominant as an autonomous register for territorial and political action in Africa than a generation ago, and also functions among many groups as a collective identity or a source of cultural pride, it is often easily instrumentalized in competition (for instance, electoral) and conflict, a process often fuelled by diaspora communities and supported by ICT and social media platforms. Many nations struggle with issues of social cohesion and national identity, as evident in frequent movements for ethno-cultural autonomy or even secession. Artistic performance has become a major idiom of political and cultural critique as well.

Papers and chapters were written on religious culture (Jon Abbink, Gerard van de Bruinhorst), on education in Africa as a field in which flows of investment, ideas, and people influenced connections between Africans and the rest of the world (Mayke Kaag), and on youth culture (Mirjam de Bruijn and several PhD students). In its book series the ASCL also published a new book on *Education for Life* (eds Anneke Breedveld & Jan Jansen) and based on a conference of the Netherlands Society for African Studies (NVAS). Willem Elbers and his team produced a number of papers for a wider audience in the framework of the project ‘Breaking down barriers to exclusion: Building capacity for lobby and advocacy for children with disabilities’. Issues of human-animal relations in an interdisciplinary perspective were discussed in an innovative way in the volume co-edited by Jan-Bart Gewald and Harry Wels on nature conservation in Southern Africa. The challenges of migration in and from Africa were discussed by Ton Dietz in publications for a wider audience and in an academic paper, linking it to climate change. In the domain of cultural studies, Azeb Amha pursued her En-

dangered Languages Documentation Programme (SOAS) project and built a public database on linguistic and material culture items from Southern Ethiopian society. She was also managing co-editor of the *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*.

### Key publications

- Van de Bruinhorst, G., 2018, Translocality, texts and discourses: Ritual transformations of Islamic sacrifices in Tanzania. In: Francesca Declich, ed., *Translocal Connections across the Indian Ocean: Swahili Speaking Networks on the Move*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 132-159.
- Gewald, J.B., Spierenburg, M. & H. Wels, eds, 2018, *Nature Conservation in Southern Africa. Morality and Marginality: Towards Sentient Conservation?* Leiden – Boston: Brill (African Dynamics vol. 16).
- Kaag, M., 2018. Linking-in through education? Exploring the educational question in Africa from the perspective of flows and (dis)connections *Sustainability* 10(2), 496 (doi:10.3390/su10020496).

## 3 Economy

‘Economy’, in the wider sense, also implies the domains of food (in) security, development issues, and urban and demographic studies, all studied by ASCL staff. Much of the work is also set in contexts of climatic and geographical change as well as the challenging environmental dynamics of Africa. Productive relations and export economy activities also expanded, with plans and initiatives to develop a more diversified and labour-intensive industrial economy. The agricultural sector diminished relative to other sectors (services, industry) but not in absolute numbers, and despite challenges of land scarcity, soil quality loss, and climate variability or change, agrarian economies



did not go into rapid decline. Growing urban market demand for food items and rural products kept production going, and Africa was still a major target of global agrarian investments, commercial agricultural enterprise, and large-scale land acquisitions (e.g. for plantations). Large-scale ‘green economy’ initiatives were also seen, e.g. in Kenya. FDI in Africa grew and, in addition the extractive industries, more international and local production factories and enterprises emerged. A larger middle-class population fuelled consumptive demands and services.

Research under the economics cluster also comprised work on business histories (by Chibuike Uche and Akinyinka Akinyoade) with the aim to better understand the state of Africa’s entrepreneurship, on physical/material resource use, urban services, labour markets, state development projects, and on Africa’s global linkages via donor country programmes and investors. Contributions to the volume edited by Jon Abbink on environmental predicaments in Africa also addressed economic issues and underlined global challenges affecting Africa

and state elites’ views on ‘development at all cost’ that prevailed in most African countries. The productive conditions of African economies in the longer term appeared gradually undermined by neglect of environmental care, with forested areas and biodiversity rapidly declining – with some exceptions, e.g. in some recovering semi-arid parts of West Africa, where local people in precarious Sahel countries took their own ‘mitigation’ initiatives, unsupported by state authorities and trying to adapt to environmental threats, changing rainfall patterns, and soil loss.

Research work was published on African entrepreneurship (by Chibuike Uche and Akinyinka Akinyoade), on urban service provision (Ton Dietz), productive employment and social protection (Marleen Dekker), and on sustainability, infrastructure development, and resettlement (in Beira City, a paper co-authored by Mayke Kaag). Prof. Chibuike Uche and junior researcher Agnieszka Kazimierczuk published a working paper on (Dutch) multinational companies and productive employment in the Kenyan flower sector.

16 The INCLUDE Knowledge Platform secretariat (located at the ASCL, headed by Marleen Dekker) conducted multiple activities and projects focused on researching and discussing issues of economic development, entrepreneurial activity, well-being, female empowerment and (youth) employment in Africa. Under its auspices, many briefing papers, synthesis papers, opinion pieces were produced by global and Dutch partner researchers and associates under the Platform, often directly communicated to policymakers. Two were synthesis reports by Marleen Dekker et al., on productive employment (<https://includeplatform.net/downloads/synthesis-productive-employment/>) and on social protection (<https://includeplatform.net/downloads/synthesis-social-protection/>). Several INCLUDE conferences/workshops were organized, e.g. in Kampala on ‘Social protection for inclusive growth in Africa’, and ‘From research to practice: inclusive development for future prospects in Africa’ at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), and a workshop in Leiden on Inclusive Development.

Akinyinka Akinyoade and Ton Dietz also produced consultancy and technical reports for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dutch embassies.

### Key publications

Asa, S.S. and A. Akinyoade. 2018. Assessment of factors influencing acquisition and deployment of technical facilities in maternal healthcare delivery in Osun State, Nigeria. *Ife Research Publications in Geography* 16(1): 111-122.

Dietz, T. (2018). Online representation of sustainable city initiatives in Africa: how inclusive? In: *Special Issue: African Cities and the Development Conundrum* (Carole Ammann & Till Förster, eds). *International Development Policy - Revue Internationale de Politique de Développement*, 10(10): 139-161.

Uche, C., with A. Akinyoade, 2018, Development built on crony capitalism? The case of Dangote. *Business History* 60(6): 833-858.

## 4 Historical Context

African history is a subject in its own right at the ASCL as well as a general context interwoven with most of the Centre’s research work. Aspects of (pre-)colonial African history were addressed in the ongoing work by Klaas van Walraven on former French Equatorial Africa. A new chapter of African history was highlighted by Tycho van der Hoog in his work on North Korean forced labour in Africa.

The various regional and country chapters in the *Africa Yearbook 14* (co-edited by J. Abbink) naturally devoted attention to contemporary history. Africa’s economic and political dynamics is however reshaping its history, with a rapid demographic increase, continuing migration dynamics both within and out of the continent, and political volatility. The externally funded project ‘Society and Change in Northern Ghana’, coordinated by Dr. Michel Doortmont and carried out by various PhD researchers and local counterparts in Ghana, explored the deep history of northern Ghana and its relevance for contemporary societal problems and development challenges. Ongoing work within the CRG Rethinking African history concerned itself with biographical forms of historical inquiry and an edited volume on this subject is currently in preparation.

### Key publications

Doortmont, M.R., with H.-P. Klijnsma, and M. Prüst, eds 2018, *Northern Ghana Life: If God Breaks Your Leg, He Will Teach You How to Limp*. Groningen: Noorderlicht.



- Gewald, J-B. 2018, Brothers in arms: Baboon-human interactions, a Southern African perspective, in: Gewalt, J.B., Spierenburg, M. & H. Wels, eds, 2018, *Nature Conservation in Southern Africa. Morality and Marginality: Towards Sentient Conservation?* Leiden – Boston: Brill, pp. 48-66.
- Van der Hoog, T.A., 2018, Uncovering North Korean forced labour in Africa: Towards a research framework, in: R.E. Breuker and I.B.H.L. van Gardingen, eds, *People for Profit: North Korean Forced Labour on a Global Scale*. Leiden, LeidenAsiaCentre, pp. 53-69.

The ongoing ASCL research activities are organized into individual research projects and much of the ASCL'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. Within the ASCL, research is conducted in collaborative research groups (CRGs), which bring together several ASCL researchers working on related issues and themes.

### **Collaborative Research Groups**

ASCL research is largely conducted within the rubric of such collaborative research groups. They each comprise between four to seven ASCL researchers, support staff, various affiliated members, and a member of the ASCL Library & Documentation staff. In 2018, during the process of finalizing the new overarching ASCL research programme, five new CRGs were formed and three older ones were dissolved. Some have existed for two to three years, others for a longer period. In alphabetical order, the CRGs active in 2018 were:

### **Africa in the World: Rethinking Africa's Global Connections (2012-present)**

(Convener: Mayke Kaag)

This group has existed for several years and continues to examine Africa's changing global linkages in an increasingly multipolar world, in which actors such as the BRIC countries (China, India, Russia, Brazil), Turkey, and the Gulf states have become key players, with other Asian countries also entering the fray. The aim of the CRG is to place the current dynamics of intensified global engagement in a sociological and historical context as well as to examine and reflect upon African perspectives on these processes and on the agency of Africans. Major interests are economic development, educational issues, investment patterns, market chains, and relations forged via political, religious, and cultural-educational networks and initiatives.



## 18 **Collaboration and Contestation in Words: Dialogues and Disputes in African Social Realities (new)**

*(Convener: Rijk van Dijk)*

This new group wants to investigate how the written or the spoken word leads to ‘collaboration’ and ‘contestation’ in areas of African social life in contexts of cooperation or competition and strife. Social movements can mobilize people to come together and organize themselves to attain specific common objectives, but can also foster contestation against structures of power, perceived inequality, or (human) rights infringements. Movements that express politically or religiously charged antagonisms in the pursuit of particular (fundamentalist, extremist, exclusionary) identities often rely on particular forms of speech that produce collaboration amongst them. It is highly relevant in African societies today to understand the interrelationship between specific discourses, polemics, dialogues, and disputes through which both collaboration and/or contestation across or between groups emerges, and how these forms/genres are expressed in the media, the public domain, and in specific texts. These worded repertoires of cooperation and dispute are at the heart of this CRG’s attention and are studied from different disciplinary perspectives. The CRG met various times and organized a first seminar with guest speakers on 26 October.

### **Governance, Entrepreneurship, and Inclusive Development**

*(Convener: Marleen Dekker)*

This new CRG is linked to the professorial chair on Inclusive Development (Marleen Dekker) and addresses the context of Africa’s gradual economic emergence and its being seen increasingly as a potential market among economic actors from the continent itself and by the



rest of the world. The central objective of this CRG is to explore the interrelationship between governance, entrepreneurship, and inclusive development, with special emphasis on developing research programmes and research projects that will aid our understanding of the roles, challenges, and strategies of the different economic stakeholders and businesses operating in the emerging economic spaces on the continent. It also assesses the implications of these for (economic) ‘governance for inclusive development’. These themes are researched at the entrepreneurial level (‘business models’) and in terms of securing a conducive business environment that allows entrepreneurs to flourish in often challenging political conditions

### **Pioneering Futures of Health and Well-being: Actors, Technologies, and Social Engineering**

*(Convener: Mirjam de Bruijn)*

Partly continuing an established research interest at the ASCL, this new CRG aims to pioneer in research on topics like m-health, insurances, and other appearing fields that combine new technologies and actors in the field of healthcare and well-being. This responds to new

developments in Africa (and elsewhere) in the domain of healthcare (e.g. e-healthcare solutions), which change the healthcare delivery, usage, and accessibility landscape, despite the challenges and health provision standards remaining low and unevenly distributed. This CRG follows an ‘actor healthcare in context’ approach and looks in particular into the social, cultural, economic, and political aspects of healthcare and its societal and policy contexts. The CRG brings together staff members from the ASCL, Leiden University, and several African institutes. For a 2018 blog related to this group, see: [www.ascleiden.nl/content/ascl-blogs/health-and-well-being-dying-institutions-and-new-solutions](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/ascl-blogs/health-and-well-being-dying-institutions-and-new-solutions).

### **Politics, Governance, and Law in Africa**

*(Convener: Jon Abbink)*

As another new CRG, this group addresses classical themes of politics in Africa in the wide sense: conceptions and practices of power, governance routines, and the reproduction of power structures and claims to power. The subject of African politics is reinvigorated by contemporary forms of youth politics and contestation across the continent, including armed revolt, and by novel cultural protests and radical religion-based struggles, often in violent form. The research interest is not only in elections, parties, political institutions, law frameworks, or local socio-political and administrative structures, but also in (in)formal networks, trust communities, legal pluralism, and cultural politics.

The CRG intends to address changing patterns of political culture in Africa so as to assess the expression of ‘the political’ and the way people act on their values and frame political preferences and goals. Our assumption is that power and politics play out on various levels, from



state to local community and across social classes and ethno-regional groups, and combine in various registers, both institutionally and culturally. This CRG explores the interactive processes that shape African political and governance patterns and socio-cultural formations that issue from the political communication, competition of interests, various legal structures, and from the norms and ideas of ‘group’ and ‘self’. A concern is to take into account the historicity, long-term trends, and wider contexts of governance and contestation. Comparative theoretical appraisal is part of this venture, integrating African case studies into research and debates on global political structures and dynamics. For a blog related to this CRG, see: [www.ascleiden.nl/content/ascl-blogs/jan-abbink/governance-africa-more-political-and-economic-management](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/ascl-blogs/jan-abbink/governance-africa-more-political-and-economic-management).



20 This CRG held several meetings, some with guest speakers, and on 14 December organized an ASCL ‘country meeting’ on the rapid political changes in Ethiopia.

### **Rethinking Contemporary African History and Historiography (2012-present)**

(Convener: Klaas van Walraven)

This well-established CRG entered its seventh year, bringing together those broadly interested in questions of history and historiography in Africa. In 2018, it served as a forum for the presentation of ongoing research by ASCL researchers and for the exchange of ideas via guest speakers, often PhD students, from the Netherlands and abroad. In its debates, members tackled historical, historiographical, and methodological questions in the widest sense of the term: new research questions, archival source collections, historicizing approaches in other disciplines, and new approaches in historiography, but also hosted substantive presentations by external guest speaker, visiting scholars, and PhD students.

### **Trans-species Perspectives on African Studies (new)**

(Convener: Harry Wels)

The new CRG takes an original tack on relations between human-animal and other species in Africa, both as conceptualized in local African societies/cultures and in academic research and perhaps policy. Research in this CRG revisits a longer tradition of research in evolutionary anthropology, ethology, conservation studies, and cultural history in renewing attention for the specific apprehension of ‘nature’ in Africa from various perspectives, and questions the strict boundaries between the human species and other species, as we know from



research that species often have co-evolved. Writing African history needs to include the (re)study of the relations between humans, animals, and other species as they evolved over time, an effort that may lead to very different perspectives on socio-historical development. A first product from within this group was the fascinating book *Trans-species Perspectives on African Studies*. The CRG also organized several events, among them the well-attended public lecture by Prof. Sandra Swart, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

### **ASCL and Edinburgh’s CAS**

A new and promising development in 2017 was the start of academic collaboration with the Centre for African Studies at University of Edinburgh and the ASCL. Exchange of staff (academic and library) and of PhD students is planned. In this context, four collaborative groups were proposed: the LERGS, or Leiden Edinburgh Research Groups: 1. ‘Questions of trust and accountability: moralizing discourses across the secular-religious divide’; 2. ‘Inequalities on the move: Student inequality and career aspirations in biomedical education’; 3. African history in the context of thirty centuries’; and 4. ‘Nature and numbers in climate change in Africa’. Work within these groups will result in joint seminars and lectures as well as future publications. This collab-

orative arrangement has found support at the highest level of both Leiden and Edinburgh Universities and will also lead to the appointment of jointly supervised PhD candidates.

### Individual Research Projects

Most of the ASCL's research activities are done within the confines of the above CRGs, but many researchers also continued with their individual research projects, often in collaboration with colleagues from outside the ASCL and in the framework of externally funded projects. Researchers' individual, independent research has always been the hallmark of the ASCL, allowing for original research 'out of the box'. It remains a key principle of the ASCL's research programme, although it is clearly connected to work done in the CRGs; indeed, such individual interests are shared and have formed the basis for several new CRGs (see above).

The development of a new research programme for the period 2018-2023 was finalized and this programme will maintain its independent research lines in African studies. The ASCL will continue to fulfil a knowledge hub function regarding Dutch contributions to several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) respective to Africa. A library website entry dedicated to the SDGs was established, several (revised) Info-sheets were published, and the Secretariat of the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development continues to be located at the ASCL (see above).

Various other ASCL contributions were also made to specific topics relevant to the SDGs during the 2012-2017 research period and will continue in the coming years.

## The African Studies Centre Leiden and the Sustainable Development Goals

We present some ASCL contributions in the past year to the thematic of the 17 SDGs, including examples of relevant collaborative research group activities (some less active than others) and publications. NB: For a listing of *pre-2019 contributions* of ASCL research on the SDGs, please see the 2016 Annual Report (<https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl/handle/1887/49908>) and the 2017 Annual Report (<https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl/handle/1887/64704>).

### 1 No poverty

Several ASCL and ASCL-associated (PhD) researchers contributed or collaborated on seminars, blogs, and briefing papers to the INCLUDE Knowledge Platform website (<https://includeplatform.net/>) on various issues regarding economic growth, poverty, employment, and inclusiveness policies. Mirjam de Bruijn and Jonna Both published an academic paper on social behaviour in conditions of hardship and conflict in Africa.

### 2 Zero hunger

On this subject the INCLUDE Platform provided many relevant contributions via papers, briefings, and workshop/conference gatherings (<https://includeplatform.net/>). Issues of food (in) security were also discussed in the 2018 book, *The Environmental Crunch in Africa*, edited by Prof. Jon Abbink.

## 22 Conference 'Destination Africa: Contemporary Africa as a Global Meeting Point'

On 22 March 2018, the National Museum of Ethnology in Leiden was the venue for the International conference 'Destination Africa: Contemporary Africa as a Global Meeting Point'. While the museum boasts collections of Asia, Oceania, North America, South America, and Africa, it is noteworthy that, in this set-up, Europe is the fascinating black hole, invisible yet omnipresent. A closer look reveals all kinds of connections between the different sections and their collections, invisible threads weaving relations and telling stories of discovery, of exchange and trade, war and peace, of astonishment and unexpected familiarity, of copying and innovation.



*Dr. Mayke Kaag, chair of the AEGIS CRG 'Africa in the World'.  
Photo: Stefan Schmid*

In this way, the Africa collection testifies to the basic idea of the conference, namely that Africa has long been a global meeting point. This can be read in what is displayed, but also in what could not be displayed (for instance, some African art objects have been so popular amongst collectors that they were subject to extensive theft or shady business and, consequently, very little is left).

What the collection shows is how global encounters on African soil have led to war and exploitation, but also to cultural exchange, craft, and innovation.



*Some participants at the Destination Africa conference.  
Photo: Stefan Schmid*





*Dr. Joshua Maiyo, VU University Amsterdam.  
Photo: Stefan Schmid*

The Africa collection also reveals the ways in which people in Africa received and viewed those who came to them, for instance in the images of missionaries and officials made by artists in the Congo.

It illustrates how Africans have seized business opportunities by making objects for newly arrived clients, such as the beautiful wooden services perfectly copied from bone china services popular in Western Europe in the 17th century. Among more recent examples are the Dogon masks made from tins, produced for the many tourists coming from Europe and North America, and increasingly also from Asia.

These are just a few examples of how 'Destination Africa' and Africa's global connections come to the fore in the museum.

During the two-day conference, we discussed similar and other economic, political, social, and cultural encounters and related questions. The presentations focused on a wide variety of actors (Chinese businesses, East and West German expatriate staff, Rastafari) and fields of encounter (dance, enterprises, student homes). We talked about old actors and new actors engaging with Africa, but it became clear that the distinctions are not clear-cut: is post-Soviet bloc Hungary a new or an old partner in Africa? Are Indian educators recruited by commercial firms 'new' or do they belong to the 'old'? The papers suggested that other categories than nations and nationalities are more appropriate to capture the dynamics of what/who is new and what/who is old, for instance: neo-liberal business models in education, young diasporic professionals returning to Africa.

All papers nuanced the common view that Africa and Africans are victims of a rush towards Africa, by underlining African agency in many ways and by pointing to layered and sometimes inverted power asymmetries.

For those who want to learn more: keep an eye on the ASCL website for announcements on the edited volume *Destination Africa: Contemporary Africa as a Global Meeting Point* to be published in 2019.

*Mayke Kaag*

### 24 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. This research is underpinned by the new Pioneering Futures of Health and Well-Being CRG and, in addition to the work by Prof. Rijk van Dijk, also in ongoing work by associate researcher Dr. Karin van Bommel and new staff researcher Dr. Lidewyde Berckmoes. The ASCL continues to be involved in work about health insurance and resilience studies, e.g. by Prof. Marleen Dekker, and in studies on African population groups with disabilities, as in the project coordinated by Dr. Willem Elbers.

### 4 Quality education

Dr. Mayke Kaag published a paper on education in Africa from the perspective of 'flows and (dis) connections'. The ASCL partnership in the consortium for 'Enhancing Postgraduate Environments', an EU-funded project coordinated by the VU University in Amsterdam and Rhodes University in South Africa, ended in 2018.

### 5 Gender equality

The ASCL does research about gender relations in households, e.g. in work by Prof. Marleen Dekker, Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn, and by Dr. Lidewyde Berckmoes in conflict conditions. Attention for gender issues is an integrated part of many research projects at the ASCL.

### 6 Clean water and sanitation

ASCL continued a formal linkage to the VIA Water Knowledge Platform.

### 7 Affordable and clean energy

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

### 8 Decent work and economic growth

Many activities in the Netherlands and abroad in Africa under the INCLUDE Platform (coordinated by Prof. Marleen Dekker) addressed these themes (see above).

The newly acquired external project 'Strengthening the Reform Agenda in Ethiopia' (Prof. Jon Abbink; Yinebeb Nigatu MA) is largely devoted to these thematics, with substantial input from local partners.



## 9 Industry, innovation, and infrastructure

The ASCL is a partner in the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus (LDE) Centre for Frugal Innovations, with Dr. André Leliveld as the key researcher (see: <http://www.cfia.nl>). This theme is prominent in the new research programme 2018-2023 as well as in education (under the LDE Minor on Frugal Innovation). Prof. Chibuiké Uche was involved in an INCLUDE-related project on ‘Dutch Multinational Businesses, Dutch Government and the Promotion of Productive Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa’. One output (with Agnieszka Kazimierczuk) was the Briefing Paper on the Dutch flower sector in Kenya ([https://includeplatform.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Uche\\_kazimierczuk\\_policy\\_brief\\_flower\\_sector\\_2017-1.pdf](https://includeplatform.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Uche_kazimierczuk_policy_brief_flower_sector_2017-1.pdf))

## 10 Reduced inequalities

Dr. Willem Elbers led the project ‘Breaking down Barriers to exclusion’ focusing on the inclusion of disabled children through lobby and advocacy ([www.ascleiden.nl/news/new-research-project-breaking-down-barriers-exclusion-building-capacity-lobby-and-advocacy](http://www.ascleiden.nl/news/new-research-project-breaking-down-barriers-exclusion-building-capacity-lobby-and-advocacy)), with the participation of junior researcher Emma Frobisher and postdoc researcher Emmanuel Kumi. They produced various papers and briefings on the project results. As host of the INCLUDE Secretariat (see above) (<http://includeplatform.net/>), the ASCL enabled Prof. Marleen Dekker and Dr. Karin Nijenhuis to play key roles and support research on inequality and inclusiveness.

## 11 Sustainable cities and communities

The ASCL remained a partner to LandAC (the knowledge platform on land governance issues), which also devotes attention to this SDG; the contact person is Dr. Mayke Kaag, who took part in the LandAC Summer School at Utrecht University in July.

## 12 Responsible consumption and production

Who decides on what ‘responsible consumption and production’ is, is open for discussion, but some work done at the ASCL considered such normative issues. Furthermore, ‘changing lifestyles in Africa’ (and among Africa’s diaspora) is still a major topic of research by Prof. Rijk van Dijk in Southern Africa, 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

In the ASCL’s long tradition of doing research about the impact of climate change in Africa and studying the vulnerabilities, risks, and conflicts in Africa’s drylands, Dr. Marcel Rutten, Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn, and Prof. Wouter van Beek played key roles. Prof. Ton Dietz remains active in this domain, e.g. via a link with the work by Dr. Mirjam Ros on landscape and forest governance (at UvA) and in his advisory role in the Cologne-Bonn project ‘Future Rural Africa’, see: <https://www.crc228.de/>. Several research initiatives under the CoCOON programme (via Dr. Marcel Rutten) continued (<http://www.ascleiden.nl/research/projects/cocoon-land-grab-and-dwindling-water-resources-reconciling-competing-claims-and>).



26 A chapter in the edited volume of Prof. Jon Abbink (*The Environmental Crunch in Africa*) discussed various issues related to climate change and environmental impacts.

### 15 Life on land<sup>1</sup>

The ASCL 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, while it is also on the agenda of the CRG on Politics, Governance, and Law, as well as in several externally funded projects (e.g. 'Strengthening the Reform Agenda in Ethiopia').

Recent ASCL Community Country meetings focused on political and economic developments in Zimbabwe in March, on the problems of the Sahel in October, and on political change in Ethiopia in December (initiated by the CRG Politics, Governance and Law in Africa) with supporting overviews of literature prepared by the library staff (see: [www.ascleiden.nl/content/community-country-meetings](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/community-country-meetings)).

Some papers were published on and political life, security, and institutions featured strongly in the chapters of the Africa Yearbook 14 (co-edited and co-written by Jon Abbink).

### 17 Partnerships for the goals

This was done via the ASCL research programme topic and CRG 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](http://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. In addition, it maintains a liaison with ECDPM (Maastricht; [www.ecdpm.org](http://www.ecdpm.org)), and is a prominent (founding) member of the AEGIS network ([www.aegis-eu.org](http://www.aegis-eu.org)).

In Leiden, the ASCL is partner of LeidenGlobal ([www.leidenglobal.org](http://www.leidenglobal.org)), and continued building the partnership for African Studies within Leiden University: LeidenASA ([www.ascleiden.nl/content/leiden-asa](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/leiden-asa)), a programme under the auspices of the ASCL a programme that will end after 2019.

In various externally funded research projects there is substantial collaboration with local counterparts in Africa, both in academia and the policy world.

<sup>1</sup> Current lack of ASCL expertise means that, to date, there are no ASCL contributions to report on SDG 14, 'Life below water'.

## GUESTS AT THE ASCL

### Visiting fellows

In 2018, all visiting fellows were financed from the LeidenASA fund.



**Joseph Zidi** est docteur en histoire et civilisations africaines de l'université Marien Ngouabi au Congo Brazzaville. Ses travaux portent sur la civilisation kongo. Depuis trois ans, il se spécialise sur la traite négrière en Afrique centrale, notamment les questions liées à l'onomastique servile, au rôle de la femme et le rapport entre histoire et patrimoine matériel et immatériel de

l'esclavage et de la traite négrière. Les travaux en cours explorent deux axes majeurs : le premier s'intéresse à la gestion des lieux de mémoire de la traite négrière dans les villes de Brazzaville et Kinshasa dans une perspective comparative. Le deuxième examine les mesures juridiques mises en place pour garantir l'abolition de l'esclavage dans les colonies françaises en Afrique Equatoriale française (1918-1939).



**Pedro Pombo** has been a Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology at IIT Gandhinagar (India) since 2015 and will join Goa University (India) at the end of 2018. In 2015, he received his PhD in Anthropology from ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon (Portugal) with an ethnographic exploration of space, belonging, local history, and personal archives in Southern Mozambique.

He was awarded an ASC-IIAS fellowship with the project 'African Topographies in India: (In)visible Heritages, Circulations, and Contemporary Art'. This project draws on ongoing research and aims to locate

the contemporary presence of Africa in India within a chronological and geographical map, establishing a dialogue between the (in)visible legacies of the past and the contemporary Afro-Asian fluxes, through a cartography overlapping visual and material cultures, migration fluxes, and critical art projects.



**Luca Puddu** is adjunct fellow at the University of Cagliari and Director of Research for the Horn of Africa at CEMISS. His research interests focus on the process of state-building in Ethiopia in the second half of the twentieth century. His research project at the ASCL investigates the relationship between multinational firms, international organizations, and European governments in imperial Ethiopia between 1960 and 1975.



**Titus Ogalo Pacho** is Lecturer in the Department of Educational Foundations at St. Augustine University of Tanzania. He holds a PhD in Educational Science from the University of Hamburg. His research is interdisciplinary in nature and analyses the role of innovative approaches in improving the quality and effectiveness of educational process. His fellowship focused on 'global citizenship education in the context of higher education in Tanzania and the Netherlands'.



**Ongaye Oda Orkaydo** received his PhD in Linguistics from Leiden University in 2013. He is a full-time academic staff member at Dilla University, Ethiopia.

He has published three books: *A Grammar of Konso* (2013), *A Grammar of K'abeena* (2014), and *A Grammar of Silt'e* (2017). He has also

(co-)published several articles and carried out research activities on T'ambaro and Gedeo languages.



**Jean Bruno Ngouflo** est Anthropologue et Enseignant-Chercheur à la Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines de l' Université de Bangui. Il est auteur d'une thèse de doctorat d'anthropologie portant sur 'Apprentissages et transmission des savoir-faire dans une entreprise nationale de production d'électricité: Energie Centrafricaine (ENERCA)' soutenue le

16 Décembre 2011 à Aix Marseille Université (France).

Dans le cadre du projet 'Being Young in Times of Duress in the Central African Republic' un projet d'Unicef-Pays-Bas et le Centre d'Etudes Africaines de l'Université de Leiden, il a réalisé une recherche sur la question de la position de la jeunesse dans les conflits armés en République Centrafricaine.



**Ivor Miller**, a cultural historian specializing in the African Diaspora in the Caribbean and the Americas, is a non-resident Fellow of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University (2016-2018). He is also a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Calabar (2012-present). Current research interests

are the pre-colonial formation of the Ekpe (leopard) society in West Africa, as well as issues of gender in initiation societies in the African Diaspora.



**Morie Kaneko** has been conducting anthropological research on the cultural transmission of techniques of body and technological innovation among women potters in Ethiopia. She received her PhD from the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University. Her research interests are the formation of African local knowledge in a global context

by focusing on the process of creating objects, such as producing craftworks, processing agricultural products, creating souvenirs, and even generating waste, as the outcome of person-environment transactions. Her project at the ASCL was 'Trash and Value: The Materiality of Discarding and Keeping Objects in Africa'. She focuses on the circulation and valuation of crops, handicraft objects, and industrial products in Ethiopia.



**Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe** is a political scientist and senior lecturer at the Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffe, Israel (School of Government and Society). Her current research is on Pokot (Kenya) community-based organizations – continuity and change. As a LeidenASA visiting fellow, she focused on completing the literature and historical research, planning her

next field trip, and investigating the connections of urban-rural civil society in the Pokot case.



**Abel Ezeoha** holds parallel faculty positions in the Department of Economics and the Department of Banking & Finance at Ebonyi State University, Nigeria.

In his fellowship, Ezeoha collaborated with Dr. David Ehrhardt and Prof. Chibuikwe Uche in a study on the trade-off between the risks and the benefits of the whistle-blowing policy

recently adopted as part of the Nigerian government's war against corruption.

### Visiting PhD candidates

In 2018, all visiting PhD candidates were financed from the LeidenASA fund.

**Mercy Adzo Klugah** is a PhD candidate at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana. She holds a Bachelor of Education in Arts and a Master's of Philosophy in Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics



from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Her research interest is 'Language Use in Specific Domains: Language and Healthcare, Language History and Culture'. She is currently working on her PhD, 'People, Places and Identities: A Study of Asogli Ewe Landscape', which explores Asogli traditional knowledge about landscape and its management as a contribu-

tion to the growing body of knowledge about cross-cultural variations in traditional environmental knowledge and management.



**Modibo Galy Cissé** fréquenta simultanément l'école coranique et classique jusqu'en 1996, date à laquelle il partit pour Bamako, capitale du Mali, afin de poursuivre ses études. Il y obtint le baccalauréat en 1999, la maîtrise en Sociologie quatre années plus tard et, en 2013, un DEA en Anthropologie du changement social et du développement. Assistant

de recherche dans le projet « Anthropologie de l'Eau » (2009-2010), Modibo a mené beaucoup d'études et participé à plusieurs formations dont une à la prestigieuse Columbia University (USA) en 2011. D'octobre 2013 à nos jours, Modibo est enseignant vacataire à la Faculté des Sciences Humaines et des Sciences de l'Education (FSHSE) d'une université publique de Bamako. Etudiant en PhD à l'Université de Leiden, Modibo travaille sur la question sécuritaire (conflit lié au terrorisme-djihadisme) dans le Delta Central du fleuve Niger au Mali. Il a publié quelques articles et produit des rapports sur la base de ses recherches.





**Joseph Mangarella** is a PhD candidate working on oil-bearing communities in Gabon and Ghana, where he uses ethnography to compare the relative impact of local governance on long-term social and political anomie. His research interests include resource extraction and governance in equatorial Africa. Joseph is also a regular contributor to the *Africa*

*Yearbook* (Brill), including a chapter on Equatorial Guinea. Joseph holds an MA in International Relations (Summa Cum Laude) from the American Graduate School in Paris, and a BA in Political Science from Earlham College (Indiana, USA). He has also held teaching positions at the Université de Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2), INSEEC-Paris, and the University of Regensburg (Germany).

### Self-financed visitors



**Rachel Sharaby** is Head of the Sociology and Anthropology Department at the Ashkelon Academic College. She is an editor of the journal *Hagira (Israel Journal of Immigration)*. Her studies discuss immigration, intercultural encounters and syncretism, tradition and modernity, ethnic identity, ceremonies, and celebrations.



**Mohammed Dejen Assen** has a PhD Degree in Federalism and Governance Studies from Addis Ababa University (2016). Currently, he is an Assistant Professor at Addis Ababa University. His research interests include: the interaction between law and religion, religion and human rights, federalism, minority rights, secularism, politics and governance in Africa, ethnicity

and identity politics in Ethiopia.

### Resident LeidenASA research leave fellow



**Ingrid Samset** is an Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Leiden University College The Hague, Leiden University. A political scientist by training, Samset received her PhD from the University of Bergen. Her research addresses dynamics of security, justice and political reform in transition from violent conflict and/or authoritarian rule. She

has conducted field research in Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sri Lanka.

### Non-resident LeidenASA research leave fellow



**Meike de Goede** has a PhD in International Relations from the University of St Andrews (2012). Her research focused on the late colonial and early post-colonial period in French Equatorial Africa, in particular the history of the rapport between the late colonial and early post-colonial state and the Matsouanist movement, a politico-religious movement

founded on the ideas of André Matsoua (1899-1943), a prominent Congolese resistance leader.

### Non-resident IIAS-ASCL fellow



**Daniel Mekonnen** is the Director of the Eritrean Law Society (ELS). Among other things, he was Judge of the Central Provincial Court in Eritrea, and has also served as a Senior Legal Advisor and Research Professor at the Oslo-based International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI).

### My career progression following an ASCL Fellowship



The period of my ASCL fellowship in 2001 has been instrumental to my academic growth. Coming shortly after my PhD studies, the fellowship was like a postdoc for me. The ASCL has always been a vibrant and robust academic hub and while there I drank from the intellectual fountains of such renowned scholars as the late Stephen Ellis, Wim van Binsbergen, Piet Konings, and Rijk van Dijk, amongst others. They were always available and

willing to share their vast knowledge and experience in African studies. As a young scholar, I could not get enough from them. The ASC library was also hugely influential and a vital resource. I spent countless hours in that incredible repository of publications on Africa and African studies. The fellowship has been invaluable to my career development as it enabled me to build capacity and learn from the best.

Subsequently, my career has taken a rapid upward swing. I became a full professor of sociology and African development in 2006 at the University of Nigeria. I have served as Head of Department (2013-2016); Director of Education Innovation (2014-2016); Chair, University of Nigeria Senate Committee on Publications (2015-2016); Chair, Special Committee on Handbooks and Literature (2014-2016). I have also consulted for a number of multilateral development agencies, especially on HIV/AIDS and Sexuality in Nigeria.

In addition to the ASCL, I have also benefited from fellowships and visiting scholar positions in the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, and

the US. All these experiences have heralded a considerable publication track record, including articles in reputable journals and as (co-)author of over ten books, the most recent being *Religion, Occult and Youth Conflict in the Niger Delta of Nigeria* (Langaa, 2017); *The Boko Haram Insurgence in Nigeria: Perspectives from Within* (Palgrave, 2018); *From Biafra to the Niger Delta Conflict: Memory, Ethnicity and the State in Nigeria* (Lexington, 2019).

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ASCL Visiting Fellow 2001

## PHD RESEARCH

### PhD Theses Defended in 2018

ASCL staff (co-) supervised about 70 PhD students based both at the ASCL and at different universities in the Netherlands and Africa in 2018.

The following PhD students defended their theses in 2018 (only ASCL promotors are mentioned):

#### Joshua Maiyo

*Transnational Land Deals, Agrarian Change and Land Governance in Central Uganda*

8 February at VU University Amsterdam

Promoter: Jon Abbink

#### Doreen Kobusingye

*Land in Post-Conflict Situations. War Decentralization, Land Governance and State Formation in Northern Uganda*

30 April at Wageningen University

Promoter: Han van Dijk

#### Rodgers Lubilo

*Enactment of 'Community' in Community Based Natural Resources Management in Zambezi Region, Namibia*

8 May at Wageningen University

Promoter: Han van Dijk

#### Claudia de Carvalho

*Women Who Run With The Wolves. Online Stories and Roles of Spanish-Speaking Jihadist Women*

19 June at Tilburg University

Promoter: Wouter van Beek

#### Thijs den Hertog

*'We Have Come Out of One Place: It is Called Omega': An Ethnographic Study on the Role of Context in Understanding Mental Suffering among the !Xun and Khwe of South Africa*

5 July at the University of Amsterdam

Co-promoter: Harry Wels

## Land in Post-Conflict Situations: War, Decentralization, Land Governance, and State Formation in Northern Uganda

This thesis analyses how the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)/National Resistance Movement (NRM) war impacted on the way land is governed in post-conflict Northern Uganda, and how post-conflict land governance and its reform take shape, notably decentralization, and how this impacts the legitimacy and authority of local institutions and the resolution of land disputes. The 20-year civil war in northern Uganda did not just reshuffle access and occupation of land, but transformed practices of land governance in the Acholi region. War significantly accelerated social and political change and in the diffi-



*Focus group discussion with youth in Apaa village, Pabbo sub-county, Amuru district, Northern Uganda. The youth in this area played an important role in resisting eviction from their land.*

cult transition from war to peace, land disputes and tenure insecurity posed a serious threat to the stability of Northern Uganda. To deal with this, the NRM government initiated a series of reforms of land governance, including decentralization of land services. This study was undertaken through an ethnographic approach, including participant observation, focus group discussions, interviews and document analysis.



*Doreen Kobusingye at the festive ending of her PhD defence*

The study highlights how particularly male youths gained responsibility for land governance. This shift in power fuels struggles for authority over land governance between the youth and the elders. Land and its governance are a critical element in dealing with the LRA legacy. Indeed, the findings evidence that land governance reform is an important venue for state formation. Land governance reform in Uganda amounts to the contested re-establishment of the state. The state uses post-conflict land governance reform as a tool of regaining control over and asserting authority in post-conflict areas that were previously outside its control. The study repeatedly shows that violence – both by the state and by local people – has become an important means through which land governance changes, while land reform also instigates new violence.

*Doreen Nancy Kobusingye*

*Supervised by Prof. Han Van Dijk and Dr. Mathijs Van Leeuwen*



## 34 Transnational Land Deals, Agrarian Change, and Land Governance in Central Uganda

The global food and financial crises dating back to 2008 are widely understood to have generated an exponential rise in foreign commercial interest in, and acquisitions of arable land in developing countries, particularly in Africa. The rationale for this research was partly premised on the high level of public attention for what came to be known as the global land-grab. Associated global debates initially drew on anecdotal media reports concerning potentially adverse socio-political and environmental consequences. However, empirical evidence regarding the actual characteristics, processes, and effects of transnational land deals at the local level remained scant. Some of the glaring gaps that persisted during the start of this research included questions regarding whether the phenomenon was more hype than reality: Under what circumstances and in what ways did these land deals occur? What were their characteristics and how did they unfold at the local level? Who were the principle actors involved and what were their roles and motivations? Ultimately, what were the effects of these land deals? This research adds to the growing body of knowledge on the multi-dimensional complexity of process and location-specific dynamics of transnational land deals.

Based on multi-sited empirical ethnographic research spanning a period of five years, the thesis examines historical and contemporary trajectories of socio-political relations about land in Central Uganda. It argues that transnational land deals are embedded within the *longue durée* of ethno-political social formations and post-colonial state building, contemporary patterns of decentralized (land) gov-



*Josh Maiyo conducting an interview with a resident affected by Chinese land acquisition in Nakaseke district, central Uganda.*

ernance, and developmentalist processes of agrarian modernization. Using a comparative interdisciplinary study of Chinese-, Norwegian-, and Indian-owned farms in Nakaseke District in Central Uganda, this research explores the role of contextual socio-economic factors such as conflict, poverty and vulnerability, the political economy of state-society relations and elite use of discourses of legitimation for land control, and the role of patronage in stakeholder relations that shape process of inclusion and exclusion that (re)produce unequal distribution of the outcomes of land deals at the local level.

Juxtaposed between dominant discourses depicting transnational land deals as defining a new era of increased foreign direct investment (FDI) in Africa's hitherto neglected agriculture sector, and those that critique the power of transnational capital in the globalization of local commons through adverse incorporation and dispossession, it presents a detailed empirical basis upon which to explore critical discourses, understand everyday practices, and question broader policy choices about the possibilities and differentiated effects of contemporary land reforms, agrarian change and rural development in Central Uganda.

*Josh Maiyo  
Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam*

## TEACHING AT THE ASCL

As an interfaculty institute within Leiden University, the ASCL is actively involved in teaching at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels.

The ASCL hosts the Research Master's programme in African Studies and carries extensive co-responsibility for the Master's programme in African Studies.

2018 saw the successful start of the joint Leiden-Delft-Erasmus (LDE) minor 'Frugal Innovation for Sustainable Global Development', coordinated by ASCL researcher André Leliveld. Another LDE minor 'African Dynamics' is in preparation and will be launched in September 2019. All aforementioned programmes and minors fall under the Faculty of Humanities.

In addition, ASCL staff teaches at the Leiden University College in The Hague and in other programmes of Leiden University. ASCL researchers also contributed to teaching activities elsewhere in Europe (e.g. Ton Dietz in Bonn and Cologne) and in Africa (e.g. Azeb Amha at the University of Rabat, Mirjam de Bruijn at the University of N'Djamena and Rijk van Dijk at the University of Botswana).

In 2018, all ASCL core researchers (except one) received their BKO (Basic Teaching Qualification). The ASCL will have its own Graduate Programme, with PhD students enrolled with the ASCL professors.

## RESEARCH MASTER IN AFRICAN STUDIES 2018-2019

The Research Master's in African Studies is a two-year MA programme of the ASCL at Leiden University. In September 2018, the following students of the programme obtained their diploma: Samia Benhayyou, Amelie van den Brink, Rob Hogenboom, Marjolein de Leeuw, Njeri Mwaura, Loes Oudenhuijsen and Bert van Pinxteren. In February 2019, the diploma was presented to three more students: Mahlet Ayele Beyecha, Juul Kwaks and Colm Wittenberg.

Marjolein de Leeuw and Loes Oudenhuijsen deserve a special mention as they obtained their degree with distinction. Their and other ResMA African Studies theses are accessible via the [Leiden Repository](#).

In early 2018, three second-year students left for fieldwork in Senegal, Tanzania, and Morocco. During the summer, five other second-year students started their six months' fieldwork in Africa (Namibia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Mauritius, Tanzania).

In September, four enthusiastic first-year ResMA African Studies students arrived and started their course work at the ASCL.

### Research Master's Theses Completed in 2018

#### Samia Benhayyou

*Here no king. There no king. Perceptions of Return among Undocumented Nigerians in the Netherlands and Returnees in Nigeria*

#### Mahlet Ayele Beyecha

*The Rastafari in Ethiopia: Challenges and paradoxes of belonging*

36 **Amélie van den Brink**

*Together yet Fragmented: A comparative case study of the women and disability movements' collective identity formation and maintenance in Sierra Leone*

**Rob Hogenboom**

*'Enough is enough' – The charismatic revolution of a Senegalese hip hop movement*

**Njeri Mwaura**

*Identity & Return Migration: The Kenyan case*

**Marjolein de Leeuw**

*Every Bird Flies with Its Own Wings: A history of professional pilots in Tanzanian aviation (1917-2017)*

**Loes Oudenhuijsen**

*"You Have to Know How to Play, Otherwise They Will Catch You": Young women and the navigation of same-sex intimacies in contemporary urban Senegal*

**Bert van Pinxteren**

*African Identities: A new perspective*

**Training for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DAF**

The agreement of the ASCL with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to coordinate a 'knowledge trajectory' for new Ministry staff and selected Embassy personnel was renewed this year and was led by Prof. Jon Abbink. He gave the participants an initial overview of key issues and sources on the African countries and themes they would be working in/on and suggested country experts to contact for this one-year trajectory of readings and consultations. The trajectory includes the provision of literature and alerting participants to ASCL resources such as the Country Portal, the Library Alert service, lectures in the Research Master's African Studies, the ASCL Community network, the *Africa Yearbook*, and an introduction to the ASCL Library and its (digital) resources, provided by LDI's Edith de Roos.

The trajectory is designed to open additional knowledge resources for and deepen the country knowledge of Ministry staff, as well as to enlarge their (and our) network. The trajectory concludes with a final meeting where the candidates report on their activities, either orally or in written form.

## Every Bird Flies with Its Own Wings: A history of professional pilots in Tanzanian aviation (1917-2017)

One day before submitting the final version of my Research Master's thesis in July 2018, I watched via a livestream the festive delivery and reception of state-owned Air Tanzania's new Boeing 787 Dreamliner at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam. Excited as a child in a candy store, President John Magufuli sat down in the cockpit, both his hands on the stick, while talking to the captain in charge about the contempt that some people, referred to as *wazungu* by the captain, felt for Tanzanians. But, "we can do anything...and we are bringing a second one!", exclaimed an ardent President.

As the above and my thesis illustrates, the Tanzanian aviation industry is a highly political and volatile one, and so is its history. Aviation has always attracted my attention, but a Tanzanian news article about unemployment amongst Tanzanian pilots sparked my research interest. This unemployment seemed in stark contrast with reports of severe shortages of pilots worldwide. I decided to explore the history of aviation in Tanzania and more specifically, how the position of pro-



The festive arrival of Air Tanzania's Boeing Dreamliner in Tanzania, in: BBC Swahili (08-07-2018).



'Don't just paint it and then blame God when there's an accident', Cartoon by Nathan Mpangala, Tanzanian cartoonist and journalist (18-09-2011). The cartoon addresses the various half-hearted attempts of the government to revive the national airline.

fessional pilots might have shifted over time. During my six months fieldwork, but also in the period after, I spoke to Tanzanian and foreign pilots, engineers, state-owned and private airline managers and government officials about how the aviation industry in Tanzania had been developing and what kind of challenges and opportunities they had encountered.

I was especially interested in how Tanzanian pilots had been dealing with changing work and working conditions brought on by developments on a local and global level, but also how the Tanzanian government and airlines were dealing with issues of highly skilled labour. By tracking the development of aviation as well as the professional pilots in Tanzania over time, I gained insights into how a(n) (elite) group of workers, possibly perceived as a labour aristocracy, was affected by and tried to cope with processes of deprofessionalization, for example by organizing (or *not* organizing) into associations.

Marjolein de Leeuw





## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### The ASCL and the LDE Centre for Frugal Innovation in Africa

The ASCL is one of the constitutional partners of the Centre for Frugal Innovation in Africa (CFIA), which was established in 2013 as part of the strategic alliance between Leiden University, Delft University of Technology and Erasmus University Rotterdam. In 2018, the ASCL played a prominent role in CFIA's activities through delegating ASCL researcher Dr. André Leliveld for 0.8 fte and facilitating CFIA's cooperation with researchers from Africa through ASCL's extensive networks and partnerships with universities and research institutes in Africa. ASCL Director Jan-Bart Gewald is member of CFIA's Steering Committee.



*In October 2018, the students of the LDE minor received a guided tour at Tomatoworld, an agricultural greenhouse, in the Westland region of the Netherlands.*

In 2018, the ASCL – on behalf of CFIA – became responsible for the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Minor ‘Frugal Innovation for Sustainable Global Development’. Dr. André Leliveld is the academic coordinator of this minor, supported by Maaïke Westra at the ASCL and support staff at CFIA. In the minor lecturers from the three LDE universities contribute expertise on frugal innovation from their respective disciplines. Participating students have the opportunity to work with students from other universities and disciplines, allowing them to step outside of their mono-disciplinary frame of reference. Apart from gaining theoretical knowledge during academic modules, students have the unique opportunity to go abroad for an internship. The minor there-with combines theory, practice and societal engagement.



*The World Horti Center, the global knowledge and innovation center for international greenhouse horticulture, provided lots of information for the LDE minor students, in preparation for their fieldwork.*



*Lotte van der Jagt, Danielle Termote and Jinyoung Sung (not on the photo) did their internship at Agrilab Cambodia/Light for the World.*

In September 2018, 27 students started with this minor. Their disciplinary backgrounds ranged from aerospace to African cultures and languages, from mathematics to economics and business administration. The minor started with a kick-off week full of lectures and a workshop to introduce students to the concept of frugal innovation. This week was followed by three courses: on Frugal Innovation and Technology, Frugal Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Frugal Innovation for Development, which students followed in Delft, The Hague/Rotterdam and Leiden respectively. In the courses theory was combined with practice through a pressure cooker, a game, laboratory settings and excursions. The courses were followed by a 'bootcamp', which was held at PLNT at Leiden University. Between mid-November 2018 and January 2019 students, went abroad for group-based internships in Cambodia, Ghana, Uganda, Surinam, and Curacao. The acquired

knowledge and skills could be applied in real life contexts and projects such as frugal weather stations, a frugal MRI scanner, frugal innovations for disabled people, frugal innovation in farm business models, sustainable frugal transport, frugal biofuel cells, etc.

The ASCL and CFIA also collaborated in the field of research. Co-funded by ASCL and CFIA Ms. Sara Kleine Vennekate worked as a junior researcher to develop ideas and the contours for a collaborative research project on e-health in Africa, in which ASCL Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn, Dr. André Leliveld, and colleagues from the Leiden University Medical Centre and Delft University of technology are involved. In addition, Dr. Harrison Essam Awuh was hired to explore the possibility for a research project around the idea of 'Doughnut Economics' in collaboration with ASCL professor Marleen Dekker, Dr. André Leliveld, Prof. Marja Spierenburg (Radboud University Nijmegen) and Prof. Peter Knorringa (ISS/EUR/CFIA). Further, with ASCL Prof. Marleen Dekker, Dr. Sara Grobbelaar (Stellenbosch University), and Ms. Simone Reinders a small research project on frugal health innovation systems has been submitted for funding to the UK based Wellcome Trust. These research initiatives have led to inspiring ideas and concrete research ideas and output, which will be followed up in 2019.

## 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.

2018 was a ‘harvesting’ year for INCLUDE. The various research projects, conducted within the NWO-WOTRO ‘Research for Inclusive Development in Sub-Saharan Africa’ framework, finalized their research in 2018, the results of which were published in the synthesis report *Inclusive development in Africa*. The African Policy Dialogues (APDs), an initiative of INCLUDE’s Platform members in several of the focus countries, also continued their activities. The APDs bring together researchers and policymakers with the aim of encouraging the use of knowledge and research findings in policymaking in African countries. Examples of the issues they address are: youth employment in the extractives industry in Mozambique, productive employment in the rice value chain in Nigeria, and social protection in Kenya. The APDs drew the attention of many stakeholders – including African policymakers and politicians – and were able to organize a dialogue on a national scale in Ghana on youth employment.

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One of the highlights of 2018 was the conference ‘Social protection for inclusive growth in Africa’, organized in June by INCLUDE and the Economic Policy Research Centre in Uganda. Evaluations show positive impacts of social protection programmes on key development indicators such as food security, health and employment rates. To explore how policymakers can best improve their investments in social protection, the key questions discussed at the conference were: what type of programmes work, where, for whom, and at what costs.

Another main event was the conference organized in November by INCLUDE with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development: ‘From Research to Practice: Inclusive Development for Future Prospects in Africa’. This conference covered inclusive development in its full form, while various social and economic issues were canvassed, such as productivity in the agricultural sector, investments in infrastructure, employment for youth and women, cash transfers, education, and maternal health. The researchers from the various INCLUDE research projects discussed their main findings with representatives of the MFA and INCLUDE platform members. And magazine *Vice Versa* (focusing on global cooperation) presented a special issue devoted entirely to inclusive development in Africa.

Also in 2018, INCLUDE promoted knowledge brokering in the context of 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 investigating the position of civil society organizations around three core themes: CSOs and civic engagement; CSOs



42 and the aid chain; and CSOs in an enabling environment. The research produced by the projects in the first year was shared in workshops organized by INCLUDE and on the website, and is already contributing to the evidence base of the policy framework Dialogue & Dissent and the support of CSOs by the Ministry.

INCLUDE initiated new partnerships with the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to work on Boosting Decent Employment for Africa's Youth – an initiative that supports action-oriented research. More on INCLUDE: [www.includeplatform.net](http://www.includeplatform.net). Follow INCLUDE on twitter: @INCLUDEplatform or on Facebook: @IncludePlatform

### Enabling Rules for Advocacy in Kenya

The aid chain is generally understood as the chain of funding that flows from North to South (from institutional donors to international and then local civil society organizations. How this aid chain is organized (its institutional design) shapes the way development work is undertaken. The research project 'Catalysing Development: Towards Enabling Rules for Advocacy in Kenya' examines the relationship between the aid chain and local advocacy in the global South. The research team is led by Willem Elbers (ASCL), Lau Schulpen (Radboud University), and Paul Kamau (University of Nairobi). Other team-members include post-docs Emmanuel Kumi and Tara Saharan, and junior researcher Emma Frobisher.

The study defines the aid chain as the institutionalized network of actors who, in their capacity as donor, recipient or both, seek to achieve



Emma Frobisher with her informants of the Disability Advocacy project.

certain (advocacy) goals. Moreover, it conceptualizes the institutional design of aid chains as consisting of interrelated ‘rules’ that regulate, for example, inclusion (i.e. who is in and who is out), roles and responsibilities, decision-making, and information sharing.

Based on research in Kenya, the study investigates how the institutional design of the aid chain influences local advocacy. It examines three advocacy programmes: a HIVOS programme on worker conditions in the horticulture sector, a programme of CREAM on gender-based violence a programme of UDPK on the rights of women with disabilities.



*The learning event in Nairobi*

Amongst other things, the study reaches the following conclusions. First, it finds that that power dynamics play a prominent role in aid chains. The exercise of power in aid chains occurs mostly in an indirect manner through the rules that are set during the design phase of advocacy programmes. Donors and INGOs wishing to address (some of the) unequal power dynamics within the aid chain should ensure local CSO involvement in co-drafting these rules.

Second, the study finds that some of rules on decision-making, funding and accountability can have unintended and negative effects on the general functioning of CSOs. Those about accountability in particular are the result of inconsistencies between the Ministry’s civil society division, its accountancy department and the Embassy. Addressing these inconsistencies should be part of any strategy seeking to mitigate the negative effects of donor involvement in the aid chain.

Third, the INGOs and the Dutch embassies were found to add value to local advocacy dynamics in numerous ways. In light of current (political) realities, there seem to be more opportunities to strengthen the potentially positive aspects of the aid chain (added value of INGOs and the Ministry/Embassy), rather than to further mitigate the chain’s negative effects.

# LIBRARY, DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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## Figures and Trends in 2018

	2017	2018
Number of visitors	3250	3559
Loans	3614	6051
Requests for information by phone / in the library by email	558 1677	538 1467
New acquisitions	2903	2568
Items catalogued (including gifts)	3289	3982
Abstracts (ASA Online)	1098	449
Subscriptions to ASA Online mailing list	1304	1153
Titles in ASCL collection	201,405	203,704
Titles in Connecting-Africa	66,346	70,416
Connecting-Africa (unique visitors)	129,602	92,192
ASCL website: unique visitors ASCL website: visited pages (excluding affiliated websites & robots)	168,369 387,203	151,860 367,676
AfricaBib (unique visitors excl. robots)	336,940	280,829
ASCL Repository (downloads ASCL publications)	470,731	570,708

## Four highlights from the ASCL Library in 2018

- Two book acquisition trips, to Casablanca and Botswana, brought more than 500 books to Leiden.
- Usage of the ASCL collection was increased by almost 70%, due to inclusion of the titles of the ASCL books into the Leiden University catalogue and “direct delivery” to patrons via the university book transport system.
- The archival collection of the late Professor Stephen Ellis was donated to the ASCL.
- The Africa thesaurus of the ASCL was included in Wikidata.

## Collection development, acquisitions and cataloguing

### Cataloguing and acquisition

In 2018, 2568 books were processed via the acquisition module in the ALMA library system. 3982 books and other materials were catalogued. The volume was larger than previously, also because assistant librarians Marijke van der Lee and Machteld Oosterkamp were supported by Marijke Boter and temporary library staff member Leo van Vliet. Together with Edith de Roos and Monica Härnquist, they processed 3982 library materials, including 58 DVDs and 430 novels and poetry books.

### Trips to Botswana and Morocco bring 500 books to Leiden

One of the goals of the ASCL Library is to have a large collection of books *from* Africa, and thus have societal and intellectual capital from Africa present in Leiden. Book acquisition trips help to achieve that goal. During these trips, attendance at a book fair is combined with visits to local bookshops, universities, and other organizations.

The first acquisition trip in 2018 was to North Africa. There's no better way to boost a library's collection on **Morocco** than travelling to the annual book fair in Casablanca – the 'Salon International de l'Édition et du Livre' (SIEL). With over 700 participants from Morocco, North Africa, the Middle East, and elsewhere – publishing houses, bookshops, writers' associations, universities, NGOs, government institutions, among others – the 24th edition of the fair, from 8 to 18 February 2018, once again proved to be an excellent opportunity for finding books that, ordinarily, one does not (easily) come across.

Elvire Eijkman and Heleen Smits visited SIEL together with Marjan Nijborg of the Netherlands Institute in Morocco (NIMAR) and Tijmen Baarda, subject librarian for Middle Eastern Studies and the Islamic world at the Leiden University Libraries. Nyborg focused on bringing the NIMAR collection in Rabat up-to-date; Baarda concentrated on buying Arabic and Berber language publications for the university library; and Eijkman and Smits searched for books in Western languages for the ASCL library. Most materials at the fair were in Arabic, but with 16 per cent of the over 3,800 books and magazines published in Morocco in 2016-2017 being in French, there was more than enough for the ASCL to ponder as well.



*School children visiting the SIEL Book Fair in Casablanca*

Some examples: books on Moroccan entrepreneurship in Africa, inheritance rights of Moroccan women, politics in Morocco and *Histoire du Maroc*. The majority of the books were in French.

The second book acquisition trip in 2018 was bound for **Botswana**. Gerard van de Bruinhorst went to the Book Festival in Gaborone and also visited Palapye, Francistown, and Maun. The trip was successful, with ca. 300 books acquired for the Leiden collection. These books included books on law, statistics, literature (Nsunguli Mbo), nature conservation (incl. about human-elephant tensions), diamonds, and missing copies of the *Lonaka* journal. An ongoing trend is that many authors do not have the ambition to publish with established publishing houses and instead make use of self-publishing (services). Though the book industry in Botswana is heavily influenced by South Africa, the content of many books reflects the country's own peculiarities. Cooperation with Leiden University department of African languages paid off: some 40 titles in Setswana and Kalanga were bought – the latter all globally unique copies in libraries. The acquisition trips in 2018 were partly funded by the Leiden African Studies Assembly (Leiden ASA). For shipping of the books from Morocco the generous assistance of Leiden professor Léon Buskens, director of the NIMAR, was instrumental.





## Gifts

As always, the ASCL Library also received many gifts in 2018. Books were donated by:

- Bill Kinsey (>60 books, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Malawi)
- Mike McCall (>50 books, Tanzania, development)
- Jacqueline Langeslag (newspapers, Eritrea, Ethiopia)
- Raoul Snelder (several boxes)
- Martin Custer (>60 books, Tanzania, Zanzibar)
- Roelof Neeteson (>10 books, Okavango, The Gambia, water)
- Tom Hoogervorst (languages, Islam, foreign policy)
- Fred Zaal (Nigeria, Liberia, Uganda, SWAPO)
- and several gifts from Jan Jansen, Yiping Chen, Sakky Jojo, and others

## Spotlights on the collection

In the course of 2018, several *Library highlights* on the ASCL website paid attention to new books and films in the library. Some examples:

- *Manger L'Autre*, a novel by Mauritian writer Ananda Devi
- *Arts and fashion: wax and Tingatinga* (on African textiles)
- *Sorry you've been troubled* (reviews by Nigerian writer Omoseye Bolaji)
- *Les deux visages d'une femme bamiléké. The two faces of a bamiléké woman* (a film by Rosine Mbakam from Cameroon).

## 70% Increased Usage of the ASCL Book Collection

In 2018, the number of loans of books from the ASCL collection rose from 3614 to 6051. This almost 70% increase was the effect of two decisions. First, was the integration of the ASCL library system into the library system of Leiden University at the end of 2017. The African Studies Centre collection is visible both in the general Leiden catalogue and in a separate sub-catalogue, <http://catalogue.leidenuniv.nl>. This visibility has not diminished usage by non-Leiden patrons, but has drastically increased usage by patrons from Leiden University.

The second reason for the spectacular rise of the number of book loans was the “home delivery” service that the ASCL Library introduced in February 2018. All Leiden students and faculty can now have requested books delivered to 7 Leiden University library sites in both Leiden and The Hague.

At the end of the year, the ASCL Library was closed from 24 December to 4 January 2019 due to a temporary three-month relocation to the neighbouring Library of Social Sciences as a result of an asbestos removal operation. In December, 30,000 books from the ASCL collection were also temporarily placed in the Leiden University Library, because the refurbished premises were less spacious.



### Present from a patron: six short films about the ASCL library

The ASCL Library is always keen on receiving gifts. Mostly, these gifts are books, to be included in the Library collection. In 2018, the Library got a very unusual and pleasant gift. Research Master student Mahlet Beyecha gave the library six short films, in which she interviewed several people about their experience of the ASCL Library. Researchers, students, and visiting fellows expressed their gratitude for what they saw as the assets of the ASCL Library: the rare books from Africa, Open Access, the friendly staff, the expansive collection, and the pleasant atmosphere in the library. The Library will have to live up to these expectations!



All 6 short films can be seen at the ASCL's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/user/AfricanStudiesCentre](http://www.youtube.com/user/AfricanStudiesCentre)

### Information services, indexing, and abstracting

The Leiden **Alert Service** on African Studies (LASA) had 302 subscribers by the end of 2018. When subscribing to the alert service people receive updates whenever new publications on a certain country or topic are published.

Library staff assisted with the SEO report on Migration, Education, and Development (with Ton Dietz). The annex *Databases, additional information and a selected bibliography* is available open access at <http://hdl.handle.net/1887/67742>

### Open Access and New Digital Content

- The African Studies Centre favours **Open Access**. The Leiden Repository holds more than 1600 ASCL publications, which were downloaded 570,708 times (incl. bots) in 2018. The ASCL's publications are among the most frequently downloaded publications in the Leiden repository
- In 2018, the ASCL Library bought the database Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Daily Report 1941-1996. This database contains a fully searchable digital edition of the United States principal record of political and historical open source intelligence. The original mission of the FBIS was to monitor, record, transcribe, and translate intercepted radio broadcasts from foreign governments, official news services, and clandestine broadcasts from occupied territories. Accordingly, it provides a wealth of information from all countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

## 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](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/web-dossiers)

In 2018, five web dossiers were produced:

- Prosperity in Africa (November 2018)
- Wildlife conservation in Southern Africa (June) (to mark the publication of the book *Nature Conservation in Southern Africa. Morality and Marginality: Towards sentient conservation*)
- Equatorial Guinea (June) (to mark the 50th anniversary of Equatorial Guinea's independence)
- Heritage on the move (May) (to coincide with the Leiden Global Annual Lecture)
- Destination Africa (February) (on the occasion of the international conference 'Destination Africa', organized by the ASCL's and AEGIS collaborative research group Africa in the World, in Leiden)

## Professional Relations

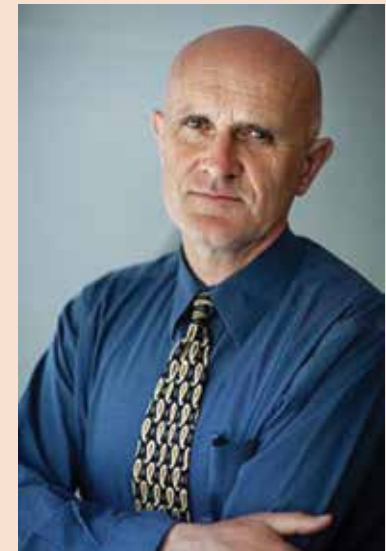
- Wikidata is the new information gold. Wikidata merges all information on any subject into one database ([www.wikidata.org](http://www.wikidata.org)). This database holds information on persons, books, universities, journal articles, but also on paintings, ships and



## Stephen Ellis Archive donated to ASCL Library

Stephen Ellis (1953-2015) was one of ASCL's most prolific researchers. As former director, senior researcher, and Amsterdam professor, Ellis played a key role in helping to understand Africa. His interests were broad, ranging from religion to politics in Africa, from crime to art, and from war to diamonds. He was interested in Madagascar and South Africa, Nigeria and Ghana – and even after studying Africa for 40 years he was curious about new developments in the continent, as shown by the (40 pages!) bibliography of his publications, <http://hdl.handle.net/1887/67223>

The scholarly archive of Stephen Ellis is a fascinating treasure trove of unpublished books and articles, interviews and diaries, letters and emails. The ASCL was delighted when his widow, Professor Gerrie ter Haar, decided to donate the 15-meter-long archives of Professor Ellis to the ASCL. Library assistant Tycho van der Hoog worked on an archival description of the Ellis archive in 2018 (expected to be published in 2019).



Stephen Ellis

songs. One could describe it as a catalogue of all things known. Africa is underrepresented in all Wikimedia projects. To help closing this knowledge gap, the ASC Library decided to share the ASCL's Africa thesaurus, a structured vocabulary of more than 12,500 English terms in the field of African studies, with Wikidata. The thesaurus was included into Wikidata in May 2018, under Property P5198 <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Property:P5198>

By integrating its thesaurus in Wikidata the ASC Library has also provided the technical basis for linking its catalogue to other institutions and for broadening and further enhancing its library services and products.

- Library staff members took several courses and visited conferences: VOGIN/InformatieProfessional, ALMA and Europeana Tech (with a session on Wikidata as universal library thesaurus).
- When the African Studies Centre became part of Leiden University in 2016, all teaching staff was required to obtain a University Teaching Qualification (BKO). In December 2018, three library staff members (Gerard van de Bruinhorst, Heleen Smits and Jos Damen) were among the ASCL staff members that received this BKO qualification.
- Jos Damen was involved in the EPE project of six European and six South African Universities (Enhancing Post-Graduate Environments, EU-funded), and visited two meetings in South Africa in March, at the University of Fort Hare & at Rhodes University.

- Edith de Roos made country dossiers with relevant recent (online) literature for the country meetings at the ASCL in 2018 on Zimbabwe (March) and Ethiopia (December).
- Jos Damen gave a talk about 'Copyright & Anne Frank' at the GLAM Wiki meeting in Tel Aviv (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums & Wikimedia), 3-5 November.

### The Way Forward

- A visit of the complete staff of the library of the Nordic Africa Institute (Uppsala) to the ASCL Library on 30 August was a welcome and stimulating way of exchanging ideas on the information society in general and the course of Africa libraries in particular.
- A new *Policy Plan for the ASCL Library 2018-2022* was discussed with library staff and the Board of the ASCL in 2018.
- The library landscape is rapidly changing. Staff of the ASCL Library took the initiative and held a discussion about the road ahead for the ASCL Library. Library staff discussed information and library issues in November 2018, under guidance of former head of the library Elli de Rijk. Two interesting sessions kicked-off the project *Redesigning the ASCL Library*, to be continued in 2019.



## Digital Sources for African History & Wikidata: ELIAS 12 in Vienna



*African and Middle Eastern Studies Library, Vienna University Library*

Librarians and archivists in African Studies met in Vienna during the 12th Annual Meeting of ELIAS, European Librarians in African Studies, on 1 June. Information specialists from the United Kingdom, France, Sweden, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, and Switzerland gathered to exchange news on collections, websites, and other new developments in their field. The organization of the 12th ELIAS meeting was done by Birgit Athumani Hango from the Library of African Studies in Vienna, together with the ELIAS Working Group

Marion Wallace, Lead Curator of the African Collections at the British Library, gave a stunning virtual tour around Africa collections in Europe. She highlighted new digital collections useful for researchers on Africa: from the well-known Endangered Archives Programme, European & Gallica to more hidden treasures like Archives Portal Europe,

Counting Colonial Populations, Nigerian Nostalgia, and Oriental Manuscript Resource (Mauritania). Her talk resulted in the December 2018 article 'Digital Sources in Europe for African History' in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*.

Åsa Lund Moberg, Chief Librarian of the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) in Uppsala, covered quite a different subject: she demonstrated how the NAI has included the Sustainable Development Goals into the institute and its library, and how this changed their view on certain topics.



*The specialized Africa bookshop in Vienna, at Lassallestrasse 20*

Ursula Oberst from the ASCL Library showed how the Africa Thesaurus of the ASC Leiden was integrated into Wikidata, and how Leiden (and the world) could profit from this combined knowledge. Subsequently, Claudia Wirthlin from Mission 21, Basel elaborated on how Africa libraries and Agenda 2030 could be connected. Alice Spinnler from Basel University Library showed the development of the Africa Portal in Basel and how Basel was able to integrate data from other libraries (e.g. from Leiden on Namibia) into their portal. Spinnler also talked about cooperation with Namibian partners.

After these presentations, the day concluded with a tour around the Bibliothek Afrikawissenschaften und Orientalistik in Vienna and a perfect dinner at the Fuhrgassl-Huber Restaurant, with a splendid view of the Austrian mountains – and plenty of food for thought.

### ASCL Community and Country Meetings

The ASCL Community continued to grow steadily throughout 2018 and yet again showed itself to be an invaluable instrument of knowledge and exchange. In 2018, country meetings were organized for Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and the Sahel region.



*Prof. Eldred Masunungure gives his lecture 'Zimbabwe Post-military invention: Rupture or continuity?'*

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.



Modibo Galy Cissé (PhD candidate at Leiden University) speaks at the Sahel country meeting 'La question du Centre au Mali : Eclairage, défis et perspectives pour une cohabitation pacifique entre les communautés'

## 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](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/leiden-asa)



The following activities continued or started under the umbrella of LeidenASA, in 2018.

- Stimulate research collaboration within Leiden University, with Leiden Africanists granted research leave at the ASCL: Dr. Meike de Goede (Humanities), and Dr. Ingrid Samset (FGGA). The LeidenASA fund has enabled their teaching activities to be taken over by others.
- Collaborative research initiatives: *The Legacy of Charles Tilly in Research on Political Contention in African Countries* (Ingrid Samset & Ksenia Robbe).  
*Do You Belong Here? White Critters in South Africa and Kenya* (Harry Wels & Marlous van den Akker).
- Visiting fellows: Abel Ezeoha, Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe, Morie Kaneiko, Ivor Miller, Jean Bruno Ngouflo, Ongaye Oda Orkaydo, Titus

Ogalo Pacho, Luca Puddu, Pedro Sobral Pombo, and Joseph Zidi. More information on their backgrounds elsewhere in this report.

- Visiting PhD candidates: Modibo Cissé Galy, Mercy Klugah, and Joseph Mangarella. More information on their backgrounds elsewhere in this report.
- Library: book acquisition trip to Botswana.
- Support to the Ghana Field School (CA/OS).
- Contributing to the development of instructional e-resources, including video material, on international development projects (see: [www.developmentinbalance.com](http://www.developmentinbalance.com) (work in progress)).
- Development of an LDE minor African Dynamics (approved early 2019).
- Continuing support to online platform Digital Humanities.
- Support for Voice4Thought festival 'Anger in Leiden'.
- Continuing inventorization of Africanist PhD candidates worldwide.
- Organization of PhD/Postdoc meetings.
- Africa Thesis Award: Cynthia Olufade winner of the award in 2018 for her thesis *Oath Taking and the Transnationalism of Silence among Edo Female Sex Workers in Italy*.
- Annual LeidenASA meeting on 13 December 2018: Keynote speaker Amanda Hammar (Centre for African Studies, University of Copenhagen).
- Exploring collaboration with colleagues in Delft and Erasmus University Rotterdam, and in Edinburgh; and co-preparing 'Africa 2020'.

LeidenASA functions under the responsibility of the Board and Director of the ASCL. LeidenASA is coordinated by Ton Dietz, David Ehrhardt, and Maaïke Westra.



Amanda Hammar of the Centre for African Studies of the University of Copenhagen gives the keynote lecture on *Spacial and Temporal Positionalities in Knowing and Speaking 'Africa'* at the Annual LeidenASA meeting.





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## Seminars and Special events

As of January 2018, the ASCL adopted a new seminar policy: every ASCL Professor is asked to choose his/her favourite speaker. These six seminars per year are considered as the most important research seminars of the year. In addition, the ASCL Collaborative Research Groups organize other seminars within their research themes.

The six ASCL Research seminars 2018 were:

### Securing security. Thoughts on the Proliferation of 'Security' in South Africa (and Elsewhere)

Thomas Kirsch, University of Konstanz (choice Prof. Rijk van Dijk)

### Women in the 'Developmental State': Female Employment and Empowerment in Ethiopia

Lovise Aalen, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen (choice Prof. Jon Abbink)

### The Economics and Politics of Ghana's Policy Experiments, 1957-2011/2018

Gareth Austin, University of Cambridge (choice Prof. Chibuike Uche)

### Space and Time: A Long-term Perspective on Land Reform from Zimbabwe's Experience

Bill Kinsey, Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (choice Prof. Marleen Dekker)

### The Lion's Historian: Animal Histories from the South

Sandra Swart, Stellenbosch University (choice Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald)

### Pastoral associations in the face of social change in the nomadic world

Mahaman Tidjani Alou, LASDEL, Niamey (choice Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn)



Thomas Kirsch



Lovise Aalen



Gareth Austin



Bill Kinsey



Sandra Swart

56 The CRGs organized various seminars on a wide range of topics: ‘Innovation in Africa’s Financial Services: From high impact entrepreneurship to informal savings groups’ (Dana T. Redford, President and Founder of the Policy Experimentation & Evaluation Platform in Portugal); ‘Kanga: The ‘talking cloth of the Indian Ocean’ (Renu Modi, Centre for African Studies, Mumbai); ‘Business Incubation and Entrepreneurship in Egypt’ (Heba Medhat Zaki, Cairo University); and ‘Innovation for Inclusive Development and Innovation platforms in Africa’ (Sara Grobbelaar, Stellenbosch University). The seminar audience consists of people from various disciplinary backgrounds but all with an interest in Africa. Most of the audience comprise fellow academics but the ASCL also welcomes people from NGOs, government institutions, Africans living in the Netherlands, students, and others with an interest in Africa.

The visiting fellows from Africa who were invited by LeidenASA gave a lecture during their three-month stay, with themes such as: oil’s destructive peace (Joseph Mangarella), African topographies in India (Pedro Sobral Pombo), service learning in preparing students for the labour market (Titus Pacho), the symbolic mask (Ivor Miller).

To coincide with the VPRO documentary ‘Sahara’, broadcasted on television in the final months of 2018, the ASCL invited journalist Bram Vermeulen, the presenter of this series. In five episodes, he crossed the desert from West to East. Bram Vermeulen addressed a large and interested audience about this new TV travel series and about his experiences in Africa during ‘the making of’.



Bram Vermeulen presented his tv documentary series ‘Sahara’ at the ASCL.

In addition, there were also three book launches:

- The ASCL book *Entrepreneurship in Africa* (Africa Dynamics series, Brill 2017), edited by Akinyinka Akinyoade, Ton Dietz, and Chibuiké Uche, was officially launched, with presentations by Peter de Ruiter (NABC), Nicky Pouw (UvA), and Ton Dietz (ASCL).
- The ASCL organized a well-attended book launch for *Mali, een kaartenhuis. Getuigenis van een crisis* by historian and former diplomat Mirjam Tjassing. Her book describes the development in Mali from the coup d’état in 2012 and the occupation of northern Mali.
- Leonor Faber-Jonker, author of *More Than Just an Object. A material analysis of the return and retention of Namibian skulls from Germany*, gave a presentation on her book and invited Fenneke Sysling (University of Utrecht) as a second speaker.





*Former diplomat Mirjam Tjassing launched her book 'Mali, een kaartenhuis. Getuigenis van een crisis'*

### **Stephen Ellis Annual lecture**

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 2018, the lecture was given by Prof. Henrietta Moore, Director Institute for Global Prosperity and the Chair in Culture, Philosophy and Design at University College London (UCL) and a former friend of Stephen Ellis and his wife Gerrie ter Haar. A leading global thinker on prosperity, Prof. Moore challenges traditional economic models of growth arguing that to flourish communities, businesses, and govern-



*Prof. Henrietta Moore, Institute for Global Prosperity, gave the Stephen Ellis Annual lecture.*

ments must engage with diversity and work within environmental limits. In her presentation 'What is prosperity for Africa?', she questioned current ways of thinking about economic growth, prosperity, and development. How does economic growth translate into sustainable prosperity? She argues that the first step towards prosperity is to recognize the disabling effects of our current thinking about the economic models underpinning theories of development and change.

To mark this event, the ASCL Library created a web dossier 'Prosperity in Africa'.

On the occasion of the 2018 Lecture, a new edition of the Stephen Ellis Bibliography, compiled by Jos Damen, was launched.



## 58 **Conference Destination Africa**

On 22 and 23 March, the newly established Collaborative Research Group with AEGIS (the network of African Studies in Europe), Africa in the World – Rethinking Africa’s Global Connections, organized the international conference ‘Destination Africa: Africa as a contemporary global meeting point’ as its inaugural activity. During the conference, the idea of contemporary Africa as a global meeting point was explored. Important questions included the ways in which people in Africa perceive this new influx and how they navigate, negotiate, engage, and possibly struggle to strike a balance between their own interests and those of the ‘newcomers’. The conference also aimed to shed greater light on the motivations, interests, negotiation strategies, and navigating practices of those who see Africa as a destination. Fi-



*Jamie Monson, Michigan State University, gave a lecture on Global Goods.*

nally, the conference aimed to put these current global encounters on African soil in a historical perspective, which was done in a particularly captivating way by Jamie Monson, Professor of African History and Director of African Studies at Michigan State University, in her keynote lecture ‘View from the Platform: Moving Global Goods on the TAZARA Railway’.

### **Mandela’s centenary**

In the presence of His Excellencies the Ambassadors of South Africa, Nigeria, Rwanda, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia and the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities on behalf of the rector magnificus of Leiden University, Prof. Mark Rutgers, the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) was celebrated on 1 June in Leiden. Prof. Tom Lodge (University of Limerick), biographer of Nelson Mandela, gave an insightful keynote speech about the leadership of “Madiba” by looking at pictures, some of which were of enduring importance in perpetuating Mandela’s moral stature. The event was hosted by the ASCL and co-organised with the South African Embassy to the Netherlands and VU University Amsterdam.

### **NVAS study day on Climate change**

Climate change is a theme that urgently needs to be addressed. The consequences of climate change are experienced worldwide, but the African continent appears to carry the heaviest burden when it comes to adapting to climate change. To explore how climate change could be addressed in Africa, the Netherlands Association for African Studies (NVAS) organized the NVAS Africa Day 2018 entitled ‘Responding to climate change in Africa’ in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature.

During this day two key note lectures were given: one by Bart Geenen (WWF) on Fresh Water, and one by Prof. Marja Spierenburg (Radboud University) on Nature Conservation. Four panel sessions zoomed in on the following themes: *nature conservation, rural livelihoods and communities; (technological adaptation and) climate change; urban sustainability and migration.*

The NVAS Africa Day 2018 took place on 20 October 2018 at WWF Netherlands' climate-neutral head office in Zeist.

### ASCL Africa Thesis Award

Since 2003, the Africa Thesis Award invites Master's students from Dutch or African universities who graduated with distinction to submit their thesis. Every year, the ASCL receives about 30-50 theses. The winner of the Africa Thesis Award 2018 was Cynthia Aghunotse Olufade for her thesis *Oath taking and the transnationalism of silence among Edo female sex workers in Italy*. Cynthia Olufade completed an MA in African Studies (Diaspora and Transnational Studies) at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan (Nigeria) in March 2018. Her study aims to interrogate the oath taking phenomenon among Edo female sex workers in Italy, in a bid to understand how the oaths taken back home in Edo State, Nigeria, translate into an intangible aspect of the trafficking process.

The runner up was Tycho van den Hoog (Leiden University) for his thesis *North Korean monuments in southern Africa: Legitimizing party rule through the National Heroes' Acres in Zimbabwe and Namibia*. Both theses will be published in the ASCL Series African Studies Collection.



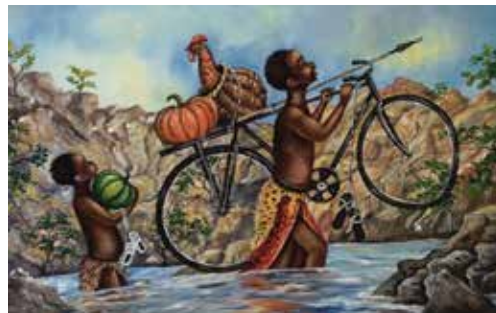
Cynthia Olufade receives the Africa Thesis Award 2018 from the chair of the jury, Yves van Leynseele

The prize was presented to Ms. Olufade at the LeidenASA Annual Meeting on 13 December at the National Museum of Ethnology in Leiden.

## Exhibitions

Exhibitions of photographs and paintings are on display in the ASCL's corridors and in the Library. Once again, the diverse art forms attracted much attention and comments from staff, students, academics, and visitors to the Pieter de la Court Building. For each exhibition the ASCL organized an opening event, during which the artist or initiator gave a talk and took the audience for a tour along the works of art.

Artists	Exhibition title	The exhibits	Country of origin	Dates
Guy Basabose	The Black Dutch project	A series of artistic portraits of inspirational Dutch men and women of African descent. It celebrates uniqueness and acknowledges the contribution of black citizens to The Netherlands' prosperous and rich culture. A collaboration between Yangambi and photographer Guy Basabose.	Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda	2 February to 31 March
Sjoerd Sijsma, Jonna Both	Young people after demobilization in Bangui	A research and documentary project, financed by UNICEF. Young people, recently disengaged from armed groups, were interviewed about their experiences of 'reintegration' and photographed.	Central African Republic	1 March to 31 May
Sapin Makengele	MBOKA'SIKA, La vision d'art	Sapin was born in Congo and settled after a brief world tour in The Netherlands. Will this new environment provide him with new sources of inspiration and new artistic visions? Will he be able to combine these with the images of his beloved Kinshasa?	Congo	9 April to 30 June







<p>Many painters</p>	<p>We are the legacy: Celebrating Nelson Mandela centenary</p>	<p>The art exhibition features portraits of 100 African legacy makers who, in their unique way, embody Nelson Mandela's three key principles: to free yourself, free others, and serve every day, and 100 artworks from across the motherland. An initiative of the UMURAGE Foundation.</p>	<p>Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Senegal, Swaziland, Togo</p>	<p>2 July to 31 October</p>
<p>Sapin Makengelle, Cindy van der Aa, Moke fils</p>	<p>La ville africaine</p>	<p>Paintings inspired by the African city. The exhibition coincides with the conference 'The future of the African city', in cooperation with African Architecture Matters on 24 January 2019.</p>	<p>Congo, Chad, Mali</p>	<p>2 November to 31 January (2019)</p>





## ASCL in the Media and Press Contacts

This year, researchers were again regularly approached for interviews on Dutch and foreign radio and television and in the (international) press, confirming the ASCL's reputation in the media landscape. A few examples:

As a recognized expert on Ethiopia, Prof. Jon Abbink is often asked to give his opinion to national and international media: The *Washington Times* had an interview with him on Ethiopia's political renewal and *NRC* and *MO\*Paper* on the country's new prime minister, Abiy Ahmed. For a selection of interviews, see below.

Prof. Ton Dietz has become a specialist on migration: he had an article in *OneWorld* 'Creating jobs will not stop migration'; he was quoted in *Elsevier Magazine* on the economy in African countries of departure and he had been interviewed on BNR Radio about migration and the German Marshall Plan for Africa.

### Radio

Prof. Jon Abbink was asked by several radio stations to give his view on current events in Africa, e.g. political prisoners in Ethiopia (Radio 1), the visit of Nigeria's President Buhari to the US (Radio 1), Ethiopian-Eritrean border issues (ABC Radio National, Sydney), Africa-China relations (NOS online), and the first female president in Ethiopia (Radio 1).

Prof. Mirjam de Bruijn was interviewed twice by the VPRO radio show 'Bureau Buitenland': on 1 May about Anglophone protests and

consequent violence in Cameroon and on 30 November together with slammer Didier Lalaye (Chad), alias Croquemort, about the first international Africa Cup of Poetry Slam. Didier Lalaye organized the contest in November 2018 in N'Djamena, Chad. Prof. de Bruijn also gave an interview to Radio 1 about radicalism, drought, and migration flows.

Prof. Ton Dietz was interviewed on migration and the German Marshall Plan for Africa (BNR Radio), and Dr. Harry Wels about the Zuma corruption trial in South Africa.

### Daily newspapers

*De Volkskrant* published (articles on the basis of) interviews with Prof. Ton Dietz (agricultural production in Africa, as compared to Asia) and Dr. Klaas van Walraven (a single African air transport market). Prof. Tom Lodge, University of Limerick and biographer of Mandela, who was in Leiden to give the keynote lecture at the 'Celebrating Mandela 100' festivities, was asked by *De Volkskrant* to elaborate on his keynote speech.

*Trouw* also published a number of interviews: the resignation of Ethiopian prime minister Hailemariam Desalegn (Prof. Jon Abbink), China constructing roads in Rwanda and Senegal (Dr. Mayke Kaag), Trump threatening Rwanda with a trade war over clothes (Prof. Ton Dietz), and democracy and violence in Burundi (Dr. Lydewyde Berckmoes). A complete list of interviews in 2018 can be found in the last chapter 'Researchers in the media' of this Annual Report.

# GOVERNING BODIES AND PERSONNEL

(on 31 December 2018)

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Prof. J.B. Gewalt

### Research staff (and their areas of specialization)

Prof. G.J. Abbink	cultural history, ethnography of food cultures, governance and development, political culture, religious discourse and politics, Horn of Africa
Dr. A. Akinyoade	demography, healthcare, education, media, Ghana, Nigeria, Mozambique, Namibia
Dr. A. Amha	loss and maintenance of linguistic and cultural diversity, language and identity, language policy and education, Ethiopia
Dr. H.E. Awuh	nature conservation (protected areas), inequalities, marginalization and exclusion, Cameroon
Prof. M.E. de Bruijn	mobility, social hierarchies, communication technology, West Africa
Prof. W.E.A. van Beek (retired)	religion, tourism, Cameroon, Mali, Southern Africa

Dr. K.L. van Bommel	conceptualizations, illness, politics, conflict, arts and medicine, film, music, East Africa	Dr. W.M.J. van Kessel (retired)	democratization, mass media, social movements, history, Ghana, South Africa
Dr. L.H. Berckmoes	conflict, children and youth, intergenerational transmission, resilience, cyclical violence, regional conflict, Burundi, Rwanda	Dr. A.H.M. Leliveld	social security, (micro) insurance, international aid, economic development, Uganda
Prof. F. Cheru	emerging powers, natural resources governance especially mining sector, South-South cooperation in agriculture and food security, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa	Dr. M.M.E.M. Rutten	land reform, water issues, pastoralism, (eco)tourism, wildlife management, democratization, higher education, migration, fair trade, Kenya, East Africa
Prof. M. Dekker	social networks, (micro) insurance, land reform, economic development, poverty reduction, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe	Prof. C.U. Uche	political economy, financial history, governance and regulation of financial institutions, foreign businesses in Africa
Prof. A.J. Dietz	LeidenASA	Dr. K. van Walraven	international relations, conflict management, rebellions, Niger, West-Africa
Prof. R.A. van Dijk	African diaspora, Pentecostalism, religion and youth, religion, sexuality and relationships in Africa, Botswana, Ghana, Malawi	<b>Project researchers</b>	
Prof. J.B. Gewald	African history, global history, technology and society, Southern Africa	K. Assouma	geography, urban dynamics, population studies, Benin
Prof. J.C. Hoorweg (retired)	ecology and economics of the East African coast, Kenya	Dr W.J. Elbers	lobbying and advocacy, disability, civil society, NGOs, Ghana, Cameroon, Sierra Leone
Dr. M.M.A. Kaag	Africa in the world, political anthropology, religion and development, migration, land issues, informal workers, West-Africa Director of the Research Masters African Studies	E.C. Frobisher	development, children and young people with disabilities, Sierra Leone, Kenya
		A. Kazimierczuk	dynamics of the institutional relationship between multinational business and their home- and host-governments and how it impacts on the ability of the multinationals to actively engage in productive

C.L.M. Krier	employment and inclusive growth in their host countries, Kenya
E. Kumi	archaeology, museology, cultural heritage, cultural heritage of the Dogon, Mali
Dr. C.T. Nijenhuis	civil society, foreign aid, sustainable development, development cooperation, Ghana, Kenya
S.N. Reinders	communication skills training, group facilitation, teaching land conflict, rural migration, Mali
Y.N. Tessema	development anthropology, inclusive development, innovation culture and social networks, Ethiopia
I.F. Wilke	democracy, security, Ethiopia
	knowledge valorization

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Prof. J.W.M. van Dijk	researcher
Dr. H. Wels	publications manager

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Dr G.C. van de Bruinhorst	information specialist
J.C.M. Damen	head of department
E.M. Eijkman	information specialist
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M. Oosterkamp	assistant librarian, publications assistant
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E.M. de Roos	assistant librarian
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H.J. Smits	information specialist
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L.J. van Vliet	assistant librarian

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M.A. de Leeuw	junior research assistant
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66	G. Petit	project manager
	W. Veerman	programmer, computer manager
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	H.K. Westra	programmer, webmaster
	M.A. Westra	LeidenASA, ASCL Community & PhDs
	M.C.A. van Winden	communication officer
	L.H.E.M. de Winter	project manager
	A.L. Yeadell-Moore	English language editor
	W.J. Zwart	publications assistant

### The following members of staff left the ASCL in 2018

M.L. van den Akker	educational and research staff member LeidenASA
S. van den Boom	student assistant LeidenASA
J.C. Both	project researcher
I.G. Butter	project manager
M.A. Ditmars	staff member education development
R.T. Heijs	student assistant
T.D. Hendriks	project researcher
J.E. van Holsteijn	project researcher
F. Krijtenburg	researcher
M.E. Leegwater	educational and research staff member
A.R. Schalk	student assistant
E. Sleurink	research assistant
M.C. Wilson Janssens	project researcher

	(in € '000)	
	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Total contribution Leiden University Of which 2,687 from the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences	3,104	2,902
Projects for third parties	1,988	1,770
Other income (publications, etc.)	227	168
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,319</b>	<b>4,840</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel	3,735	3,313
Institutional costs	1,263	1,438
Inventory depreciation	7	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>4,759</b>

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## The ASCL Africanist Blog

The African Studies Centre Leiden started an institutional blog in 2018: the [ASCL Africanist Blog](#). Bloggers react to developments in African societies, report on conferences, and write about research within the context of their CRGs.

Prof. Chibuikwe Uche, holder of the Stephen Ellis Chair for the Governance of Finance and Integrity in Africa, drew a lot of attention with his blog post '[Africa: Change can only come from the inside](#)'. It deals with the pursuit of self-interest by external actors in Africa, like the USA and China. Prof. Uche concludes that the governance and business environment in Africa must change, but that only Africans can do this.

In his post '[Conferencing in Ethiopia: no politically correct bla-bla](#)', Prof. Jan Abbink reports on the International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES) he visited in October. This conference has been organized every three years since 1959, either in Ethiopia or abroad. Prof. Abbink was impressed by the younger generation of researchers, who presented original work. He was struck to hear about the fast changes in rural Ethiopia, e.g. labour migration networks to the Middle East and Europe, cultural changes, and rapid uptake of smartphone use and ICT.

Members of the 'Pioneering Futures of Health and Well-being' CRG describe two case studies in their post [Health and well-being: Dying institutions and new solutions](#)'. The first relates to the use and understanding of material objects used in traditional healing in Dodoma,



Tanzania. The second deals with the failure in Chad to treat patients of schistosomiasis – a disease that is both curable and easily prevented. This failure is 'a symptom of the dying public healthcare system'; however, experiments with m-health, like the Dawa Mobile Health project, are reviving healthcare in Chad.

Klaas van Walraven wrote a moving post about the leader of the Sawaba movement and commander of its guerrilla army, who died on 5 October in Niger. 'Getting to know such an extraordinary personage has been one of the privileges of writing my history of the Sawaba movement', Dr. Van Walraven writes in [In Memoriam: Ousmane Dan Galadima \(1927-2018\)](#). 'I met Dan Galadima for the last time in November 2017. Visiting him in a run-down compound in a Niamey slum, I brought him the French version of my book. Emaciated and lying on a mat in circumstances that can only be described as abject poverty, he recognized me, accepted the book and mumbled something about the French - his struggle was not over yet.' Ending the post with: 'Niger has lost a remarkable son.'

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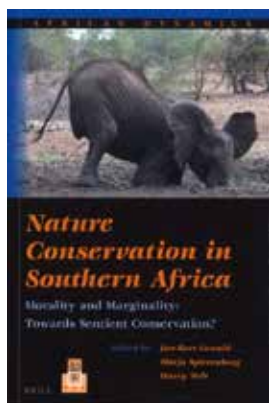
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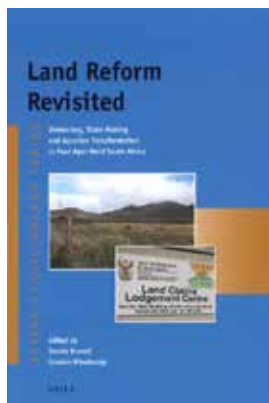


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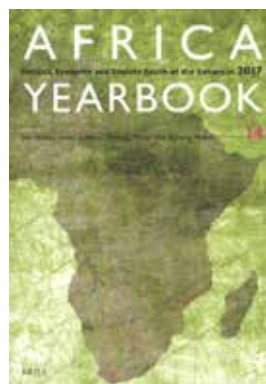


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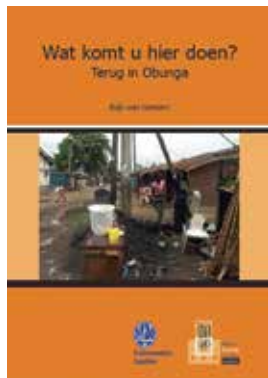
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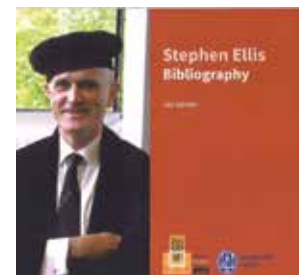
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Jan Abbink interviewed by Radio 1 about the visit of Nigerian President Buhari to the United States

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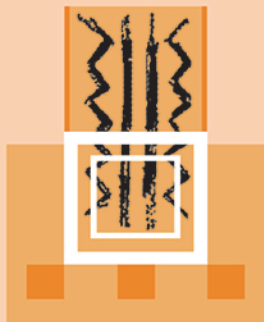
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