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## **From the Editor**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is a special 'ASA-issue' of the newsletter with a focus on the new feature: **An APCG-program at ASA listing a series of panels with papers on African politics!**

I have also included information on some exciting new opportunities and jobs. Scroll down!

Also, don't forget to print out the membership renewal form, bring it and pay your dues.

Finally, submission deadline for the last issue of the newsletter 2007:

**November 30.**

Make sure to include your news, calls and publications - we all want to know about them! And it is a great opportunity for you to enlarge the readership of your work.

Kindly,  
Staffan I. Lindberg  
Newsletter Editor

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## APCG Round Table at the 2007 ASA Annual Meeting

The African Politics Conference Group ASA Program Committee received a large number of very qualified proposals and has made its decision. We had several excellent papers and

panels to choose from. Thanks very much to all of you who sent us proposals. It was a pleasure to have so many excellent panel proposals to choose from.

### APCG Sponsored Round Table

**Title:** Fifty Years of African Politics Scholarship: A Retrospective

**Chair:** Aili Tripp (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

**Roundtable Participants:**

Ali Mazrui (Binghamton University, SUNY)  
Crawford Young (University of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Kathleen Staudt (University of Texas, El Paso)  
Goran Hyden (University of Florida)  
Edmond Keller (UCLA)

**Our APCG Business Meeting will be on Saturday morning, 8am – 9am, in the Liberty Suite 3.  
At the meeting we will be presenting our annual Best Book and Best Article awards.**

## “APCG Program” at ASA’s Annual Meeting

Below is a selection of panels at ASA with papers on politics Africa by APCG members. For the upcoming ISA and APSA next year, let us know about your panel!

**Session I: Thursday 8.15 a.m. - 10.15 a.m.**

**Vote Buying in African Elections [Empire Ballroom West]**

**Papers:** Michael Bratton (Michigan State University), "Vote Buying and Violence in Nigerian Elections"

Leonard Wantchekon (New York University), "How Effective Vote Buying Really Is: Experimental Evidence from Benin"

Pedro Vicente (Oxford University), "Is Vote Buying Effective? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Sao Tome and Principe"

**Discussant:** Macartan Humphreys (Columbia University)

**Session IV: Thursday 3.00 pm – 5.00pm.**

**(IV-L23) Citizens and Electoral Institutions [Central Park East]**

**Chair:** Staffan Lindberg, U of Florida

**Papers:**

- Peter Lewis, Johns Hopkins-SAIS, *Identity, Institutions and Democracy in Nigeria*  
Gina Lambright, George Washington U, *Voter Turnout and Local Elections in Africa*  
Devra Moehler, Cornell U and Staffan Lindberg, U of Florida, *Electoral Institutions and Political Shepherds: Effects on Citizens' Attitudes in Africa*

**Session VII: Friday, 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm**

**(VII- L9) Political Competition and Political Economy in Rural Africa [Liberty Suite 2]**

**Chair:** Catherine Boone, U of Texas-Austin

**Discussant:** Jacqueline Klopp, Columbia U.

**Papers:**

- Amy Poteete, Concordia U, *Defining Political Community and Rights to Natural Resources: Land, Minerals, and Wildlife in Botswana*  
Dwayne Woods, Purdue U, *Land and Demography: Source of Cleavage and Conflict in Contemporary Africa*  
Aaron Hale, U of Florida, *Addressing North Kivu's Real Dilemma: Land Latency and Political Space in DR-Congo's Struggle for Normalcy*  
Aurelien Mauxion, Northwestern U, *Land Tenure and Political Leadership in a Local Arena: Understanding Local Processes of Democratization in Northern Mali*  
Catherine Boone, U of Texas-Austin, *The Rwandan Genocide as a Land-Related Conflict: The Political Geography of Incentives and Mobilization*

**Session VIII - Friday 5pm-7pm**

**VIII- L10) Autochthony, Land Rights and Conflict in West and Central Africa [Madison Suite 2]**

**Chair:** Morten Bøås, Fafo

**Papers:**

- Morten Bøås, Fafo, *Whose soil? Land(less) in Lofa County and Nord Kivu*  
Peter Geschiere, U of Amsterdam, *Autochthony: Historical and Comparative Perspectives*  
Tor Benjaminsen, Norwegian U of Life Sciences, *The Tuareg rebellion in Mali (1990-96): A Question of Autochthony?*  
Stephen Jackson, SSRRC, *Congolité - Elections and the Politics of Authenticity in the DR Congo*

**(VIII- E70) Environmental Rights in Madagascar [Liberty Suite 3]**

**Chair:** Richard Marcus, California State U-Long Beach

**Papers:**

- Richard Marcus, California State U-Long Beach, *Macropolitics and Microperceptions: Is There a Possible Market Answer to Ambovombe-Androy, Madagascar's Water Woes?*  
Genese Sodikoff, Rutgers U, *Time, Work Discipline, and Industrial Conservationism*  
Jacques Pollini, Cornell U, *Slash-and-Burn Cultivation and Deforestation in Madagascar: Realities and Representations*  
Benjamin Neimark, Rutgers U, *Bio-prospecting for Space, Subjects and New Drugs in a Madagascar*

**Discussant:** Richard Schroeder, Rutgers

**Session XI: Saturday 3.00 pm – 5.00pm.**

**(XI-L152) Elections, Post Elections Governance Assessments, and Forecasts [Riverside Ballroom]**

**Chair:** Maurice Amutabi, Central Washington U

**Papers:**

- Maurice Amutabi, Central Washington U, *The Kikuyu Factor in Kenya's Politics: Implications for 2007 Elections*  
Dennis Galvan, U of Oregon, *Triumph of the Neo-Modernist: The Reelection of Wade and the Revival of Structuralism in Senegal*  
Susan Booyesen, U of the Witwatersrand, *The Policy Implications of Presidential Succession in South Africa, 2005-07*  
Ryan Sheely, Yale U, *Community Institutions and State-Building in Rural Kenya*

**Session XIII: Sunday 11:15 am-1:15 pm.**

**(XIII- L120) US Foreign Policy and Transnational Relations with Africa: New Directions?**

**Chair:** Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte

**Papers:**

- Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte, *The New African Rebels: Standing up to the United States*  
Dane Smith, American U, *Bush Administration Peace-Building in Africa*  
Theodore Vestal, Oklahoma State U, *The Lion of Judah at Camelot: US Foreign Policy towards Ethiopia as Reflected in the Second State Visit of Emperor Haile Selassie to the United States*  
Raymond Copson, Churches, Africa, and Africa Policy

## Members' News

**Staffan I. Lindberg**, Assist. Professor, University of Florida, spoke on "Institutional Constraints and Leadership in Africa, Center for African Studies, Kansas University, October 5.

**Timothy M Shaw** has assumed the position as Professor & Director-Designate, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago

**Theodore M. Vestal**, Professor of Political Science, Oklahoma State University spoke on "Ethiopian-United States Relations and Prospects" at the Ethiopia Day and Ethiopian Millennium Celebration Program in Dallas on 2 September. Over 800 participants attended.

## Recent Publications on African Politics

Bøås, Morten and Kevin C. Dunn (eds) (2007)  
*African Guerrillas: Raging Against the Machine*,  
Boulder: Lynne Rienner

Lewis, Peter 2007. *Growing Apart: Oil, Politics, and Economic Change in Indonesia and Nigeria*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press

Obadare, Ebenezer "Lamidi Adedibu ou L'etat Nigerian Entre Contraction Et Sous-Traitance"  
*Politique Africaine* no 106- juin 2007, 110- 127

Shaw, Timothy. 'Two Ugandas & a 'Liberal Peace'? Lessons from Uganda about conflict & development at the start of a new century' *Global Society* 21(4), October 2007 (with Pamela Mbabazi)

Shaw, Timothy. 'South Africa & the New Global Architecture: BRICs, CIBS , IBSA and/or BRICSAM' *Global Dialogue* (from Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa), mid-2007 (with Andrew Cooper & Agata Antiewicz)

Shaw, Timothy. 'Canada Out of Africa? Disappointments around Darfur omens for Canada's 2010 G-8 summit?' *Canadian Consortium on Human Security* 5(3), August 2007: 18-22 (with David Black)

Shaw, Timothy. 'Global and/or Regional Development at the Start of the 21st Century? China, India & (South) Africa?' *Third World Quarterly* 28(7), 2007: 1255-1270 (with Andrew Cooper & Agata Ankiewicz)

## Upcoming Conferences

**ECONOMIC POLICY IN AFRICA** (November 8-11, 2007, Dakar, Senegal) The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and the African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) are announcing their second conference on economic policy in Africa. The theme of this conference is: "Sector-led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development." Authors should submit an abstract for each paper which explicitly states how the work is related to the conference theme, identifying paper title, authors' names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers to Dr. Sylvain H. Boko, conference co-

chair (bokosh@wfu.edu), by March 15, 2007. Some partial support for travel and attendance may be available.

**SOMALI STUDIES ASSOCIATION** (Djibouti, December 13th-15th) This 10th International Congress of Somali Studies is organized in the name of Somali Studies International Association (SSIA). Papers should be sent before July 1st to [adamhoussein@yahoo.fr](mailto:adamhoussein@yahoo.fr). Please see <http://www.somalistudies.org/> for more details.

11th Conference of Africanists, on **"Africa's Development: Possibilities and Constraints"**, will be held at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, 22-24 May 2008. The section on "Political Decisionism and Statecraft in Africa", in particular, is inviting paper proposals.

**POSTCOLONIALISM AND THE 'HIT' OF THE REAL, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, MARCH 6TH-8TH, 2008. DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2007.**

How valid, in retrospect, is the founding claim of the postcolonial that it offers a different view of the real? This conference hopes to augment these addresses to the 'real' and pursue further engagement with the conditions of its possibility or impossibility. Please visit the conference at [http://www.nyupoco.com/html/conference\\_2008.html](http://www.nyupoco.com/html/conference_2008.html) for updates on program, registration and accommodation details in due course. Individual Papers: Please send abstracts of 150-200 words with the subject line, Postcolonial Conference Abstract, by December 15, 2007. E-mail Address: [pococonference2008\\_at\\_gmail.com](mailto:pococonference2008_at_gmail.com) Panel Proposals: Each panel should include 3 presenters and the name of the panel organizer. Please include full name, institutional affiliation,

title, phone number and email address with your proposal. Convenors: Professors Toral Gajarawala, Rajeswari Sunder Rajan, Jini Kim Watson, Robert JC Young (NYU).

**RELIGION IN AFRICA, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, UK, APRIL 9-10, 2008 DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 2007**

The Centre of African Studies, the University of Edinburgh and The Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research invite submissions for a conference entitled "Exploring Religious Spaces in the African State: Development and Politics from Below." This conference aims to understand the role of religion within development and politics and develop our understanding of the role and position of religious organizations and actors within more traditional conceptualizations of public action and its relationship to the state in Africa. For more information, see <http://www.cas.ed.ac.uk>

## Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships

**Ehrlich Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Florida.**

The Department of Political Science at the University of Florida is pleased to announce the Raymond and Miriam Ehrlich Eminent Scholar Chair. We invite applications from distinguished scholars in International or Comparative Politics at the rank of Full Professor to join our faculty as early as Fall 2008. The Department of Political Science currently has 35 tenured and tenure-track faculty members and 3 lecturers. Political Science faculty currently serve as Directors of the Center for African Studies and the Center for European Studies, and several faculty are affiliated with the Transnational and Global Studies Center, the Center for Latin American Studies, the Center for Jewish Studies, the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research, and the Asian Studies Program. For more information about the department, please visit <http://www.polisci.ufl.edu>. Interested applicants should submit a CV and a cover letter that describes the candidate's research agenda, teaching interests, and vision of the Chair to: Chair, Ehrlich Chair Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 234 Anderson Hall, P.O. Box 117325, Gainesville, FL 32611-7325. Application

deadline: November 16, 2007. Reference #00023140.

**Chair, Department of Africana Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

Senior level twelve-month appointment beginning July 1, 2008. Salary competitive. Applications are invited from individuals in any disciplinary tradition whose teaching and research demonstrate a commitment to Africana Studies as an interdisciplinary enterprise and whose vision of the field embraces the study of all facets of Africa and the African Diaspora. The selected candidate will need to have the ability to lead an interdisciplinary program consisting of both core and affiliated faculty, to integrate the department's faculty and programs into the mission of the college, and to work productively in the community. For more information about the position and program please visit our website: <http://www.africana.uncc.edu>. For consideration, apply online at <https://jobs.uncc.edu> with a letter of interest, vita, and the names of three referees. Screening of applications will begin 16 November 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. For more information please contact the chair of the search committee, Jurgen Buchenau, at [jbuchena@uncc.edu](mailto:jbuchena@uncc.edu).

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS: OPEN RANK PROFESSOR IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

The University of California, Davis invites applications for the position of Professor (Open rank), in African Studies, to begin July 1, 2008. Candidates should have earned Ph.D. in African Studies or a social science discipline with emphasis on Africa by June 30, 2007. We are especially interested in candidates working in areas of applied social science such as public policy and governance, law, religion, public health, immigration, development studies, and international relations. Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vita, description of research interests, a 20- to 30-page writing sample from recent research (published or under contract with a publisher), copies of syllabi and teaching evaluation summaries from 3 recent courses, and 3 letters of recommendation. Candidates should submit application packet to Professor Milmon Harrison, Chair Search Committee, African American and African Studies Program, University of California, Davis, One Shields Avenue, 2201 Hart Hall, Davis, California 95616. Review of applications begins on September 24, 2007, and will continue until the position is filled.

### **DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA**

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) invites applications to its Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program for fellowships in 2008–2009. Named in honor of the two principal founders of NED, former president Ronald Reagan and the late congressman Dante Fascell, the program enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. For further details, please visit [www.ned.org](http://www.ned.org). For instructions on how to apply, see [www.ned.org/forum/R-FApplication.pdf](http://www.ned.org/forum/R-FApplication.pdf) or visit [www.ned.org/forum/reagan-fascell.html](http://www.ned.org/forum/reagan-fascell.html). Applications for fellowships in 2008-2009 must be received no later than November 1, 2007.

### **DISSERTATION RESEARCH IN AFRICA**

The International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) program supports distinguished graduate students in the humanities and social sciences conducting dissertation research outside the United States. Seventy-five fellowships will be awarded in 2008 with funds provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The IDRF program is committed to scholarship that advances knowledge about non-U.S. cultures and societies grounded in empirical and site-specific research (involving fieldwork, research in archival or manuscript collections, or quantitative data collection). The program promotes research that is situated in a specific discipline and geographical region and is engaged with interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives. Fellowships will provide support for nine to twelve months of dissertation research. Individual awards will be approximately \$20,000. For more detailed information on application procedures and eligibility requirements, visit the IDRF website at ([www.ssrc.org/programs/idrf](http://www.ssrc.org/programs/idrf)) or contact program staff at ([idrf@ssrc.org](mailto:idrf@ssrc.org)).

### **Study Abroad program in Dakar, Senegal, July-August 2008**

The Dakar, Senegal Summer Program is a five-week opportunity for students to get to know the culture, society, politics and language of West Africa by living and studying in the most vibrant, cosmopolitan and stable city in the region. The program's four pillars include: 1) a seminar style course that features guest lectures from leading Senegalese scholars and public figures; 2) a service learning placement in a Senegalese non-governmental organization, tailored to student interests and strengths; 3) a series of field excursions to various destinations around Senegal; 4) Senegalese university students who serve as conversation partners and cultural guides for program participants (one Senegalese student for every two program participants). The program is a partnership among Indiana University Center for African Studies, the University of Oregon International Studies Program, and Senegal's main university, the Université Cheikh Anta Diop. Webpage: <http://www.uoregon.edu/~africa/dkr-smr/>

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**Best Book Award**

*Nadia Horning	Middlebury College
Makau Mutua	SUNY Buffalo
Sheldon Gellar	Indiana University

**Best Article Award**

*Jennifer Seely	SUNY Potsdam
Ngeta Kabiri	University of North Carolina Charlotte
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