Dear Colleagues:

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well and finding a bit of free time between World Cup games!! Despite the downtime afforded by the North American summer, we still have a fair amount to report regarding APCG activities.

We have continued efforts to update and improve our website (www.africanpoliticsgroup.org). Perhaps most notably, we have added a number of items to our section on scholarly resources. We now have a section on Africa-related blogs, as well as blogs provided by some of our own members. We also have added a page listing various data sources for those conducting research on African politics. Many thanks to Jeff Paller for all of his help on this.

The APCG discussion forum has been quite active over the past few months with discussions on topics such as lodging in Nairobi, sharing information on research assistants, and designing classes oriented towards human rights activism. Feel free to join the conversation(s) at: http://groups.google.com/group/discussionAPCG.

The 2010 APSA Africa Workshop will be held from July 19 – August 6, 2010 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This year’s theme is Global Perspectives on Politics and Gender. The 2010 workshop leaders include APCG members Gretchen Bauer (University of Delaware) and Ail...
Tripp (University of Wisconsin). They are working with Shireen Abdool Aziz Hassim (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) and Fenella Mukangara (University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania). More information can be found at this website: http://www.apsanet.org/~africanworkshops/content_64659.cf.

The program for the 2010 APSA meeting in Washington DC is now available online at: http://www.apsanet.org/mtgs/program_2010/. APCG will be sponsoring three excellent panels at the meeting. Details are provided in the current newsletter. Our business meeting has not yet been scheduled. We will send reminders and updates shortly before the meeting in September. Many thanks again to our APCG APSA committee of Dennis Galvan, Cedric Jourde, and Dominika Koter for their work on this.

The International Studies Association committee has chosen and submitted two panels for the March 2011 ISA convention in Montreal. We will publicize more details once these are cleared by the ISA. Many thanks to the ISA committee of Steve Burgess, Beth Whitaker and John Clark for their hard work on this.

In the near future the APCG will need to select a new Chair and Treasurer, as my and Richard Marcus’ terms will come to an end in November. If you would like to nominate someone to serve as the next Chair or Treasurer, please contact the convener of our Nominations Committee, Kate Baldwin at kab2106@columbia.edu; Nadia Horning at nhorning@middlebury.edu.

Looking forward to more interchange in the future!

Kind regards,

Peter VonDoepp
APCG Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are enjoying the summer or doing field research somewhere in Africa. Thanks to those who have taken the time to send their personal news or general information to our members.

Thanks to your efforts, I am able to release this APCG 23rd newsletter. In this issue, you will find the latest news about forthcoming APCG conferences, calls for contributions, many recent publications (thanks to Staffan Lindberg who helped me putting this list together) job announcements, and several other items.

As I mentioned in the previous NL, I would also like you all to continue to e-mail me with information about publications, news, conferences, and in particular items relevant to job and grants.

The next issue will be published in September. I’ll remind you of this again as we approach that time. Remember, however, that it is one of our newsletter’s “traditions” that we announce only already-published material and that any material should be presented in keeping with newsletter’s format.

Warm regards

Mamoudou Gazibo
Newsletter Editor
Panel 1:  Thursday, Sep 2, 8:00 AM

Title: Life Goes On: Dilemmas of Public Goods Provision in Africa’s Failed States
Sponsor(s): African Politics Conference Group
Chair: Laura Seay, University of Texas, Austin, lseay@morehouse.edu
Discussant(s): Bruce A. Magnusson, Whitman College, magnusba@whitman.edu
Author(s):
1- Ashley Leinweber, University of Florida, aelizl@ufl.edu
   ‘Islamic Organizations and the Provision of Education: Evidence from the D.R. Congo’
2- Aaron Hale, University of Florida, ahale_1973@yahoo.com
   ‘Weathering and Taming the Storm in “Hard Times”: The Case of Nande Economic Influence and Power in North Kivu, DRC’
3- Fredline M’Cormack-Hale, University of Florida, amaybel@yahoo.com
   ‘Pressing Through in Hard Times: Civil Society, Public Goods Provision, and the State in Post-War Sierra Leone’
4- Laura Seay, University of Texas, Austin, lseay@morehouse.edu
   ‘Substituting for the State: Civil Society Organizations & Public Goods in the Eastern D.R. Congo’

Panel 2:  Friday, Sep 3, 10:15 AM

Title: Legislative Challenges in Africa
Sponsor(s): African Politics Conference Group
Chair: M. Anne Pitcher, University of Michigan, pitchera@umich.edu
Discussant(s): Carl LeVan, American University, levan@american.edu
Author(s):
1- Peter M. Lewis, Johns Hopkins University, plewis18@jhu.edu
   ‘Rules and Rents: Legislative Contention in Nigeria’
2- Kimberly Smiddy, University of Cape Town, kimberlysmiddy@gmail.com
   ‘Walking ATMs: Why Constituency Oriented MPs Perform Low Levels of Constituency Service’
3- Pearl T. Robinson, Tufts University, pearl.robinson@tufts.edu
   ‘Debating Women’s Equality: Legislative-Executive Relations and the Dynamics of Exclusion in Muslim Majority Niger’
4- Amy R. Poteete, Concordia University
   ‘Renegotiation of Executive Powers and Executive-Legislative Relations in Botswana’
5- Warigia Margaret Bowman, University of Mississippi, warigia@gmail.com
   ‘Policy Makers or Rubber Stamps? The Challenges Regarding Legislative Independence in East Africa’

Panel 3: Saturday, Sep 4, 2:00 PM

Title: Ideational Infrastructure of African Democracies
Sponsor(s): African Politics Conference Group
Chair: Andrew G. Lawrence, University of Edinburgh
Discussant(s): Dennis C. Galvan, University of Oregon, dgalvan@uoregon.edu
Author(s):
1- Jaimie Bleck, Cornell University, jbleck@cornell.edu
   ‘The Impact of a Liberalized Education Sector on Shaping Democratic Citizens in Mali’
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

AFRICA DAY CONFERENCE UNISA

The Department of Political Sciences at Unisa Pretoria, held its twelfth conference in June 2010 in commemoration of the founding of the African Union in 1963. The theme of the 2010 conference was, ‘Property and Ownership in Africa: The Question of Nationalisation.’ The conference drew speakers from a wide variety of perspectives on the theme of property ownership and nationalisation in Africa. Over the past twelve years a number of critical issues concerning Africa have been analysed at the conference including the role of traditional leadership, peace keeping and electoral politics. The Africa Day conference has become an institution in the wider academic and student community at Unisa. The next conference will be held in May/June 2011 on a theme critical to the politics of Africa.

New journal info and CFP & the Africa Peace and Conflict Network’s free resources

All are invited to take advantage of the resources at www.africapeace.org, which are currently free but will soon be expanded as part of a scholarly association with paid memberships. The Africa Peace and Conflict Network (APCN) is launching an exciting new journal, African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (ACPR). It is co-founded by the West African Research Association, but its scope extends to the entire continent and encompasses all disciplines and subject areas. The publisher is Indiana University Press, and the inaugural issue is slated for early 2011. APCN has a distinguished International Editorial Board of Africa, US, and Europe based scholars as well as practitioners from the UN and other institutions. In addition to research articles, there is ongoing acceptance of unusually broad variety of materials, including shorter pieces like review essays, conference reports, and commentaries on important developments in African peace and conflict. We view peace and conflict very broadly, encompassing issues such as conflict prevention, post-conflict reintegration, negotiation strategies, legal issues, social justice, economic conflict drivers and peacemaking incentives, governance, and more. ACPR will also feature things like photo essays and other innovative and supplementary material such as color photographs, audio/video files, and more. Interested parties can consult the website of the Africa Peace and Conflict Network (http://www.africapeace.org) for a snapshot of the range of material we will accept. All submissions will go through a double-blind peer review process and the journal will be archived at JSTOR and indexed widely.

Those desiring more information or wishing to be added to a mailing list—used very sparingly to announce new journal developments—should email Niklas Hultin at nhultin1[at]swarthmore.edu. A slightly broader, but still very low volume, list that includes job listings and other announcements pertaining to African peace & conflict should register at www.africapeace.org and subscribe to the listserv. Persons focusing on the West African subregion are invited to visit www.bu.edu/africa/wara.

Mark Davidheiser, Ph.D., Director, Africa Peace and Conflict Network (africapeace.org), Conflict Resolution & Anthropology prof., Nova Southeastern University
Eddress for APCN email: mdavidhe@africapeace.org

Call for papers:
Peacemaking in West Africa: Faith Communities and Their Role in Conflict West Africa peace initiative, a project of wara/warc
December 12 - 15, 2010, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Spirituality and religious faith have been the stable factors, the central unifying factors in so many African communities. At the same time, they have also been key factors in terrifying division, marking members for ostracism or even death. The power of faith in West Africa may shape family structure, employment, and politics.
The faith of a community is even in evidence as we approach it from afar, noting its religiously-inspired architecture. We seek in this international conference to explore the capacity of communities of faith to be part of West African reconciliation efforts. How does this process work? Who are the affiliated actors and which are the affiliated institutions to interact here? Conversely, what paths to destruction are embedded in ties to faith?

WARA/WARC is seeking paper proposals from African scholars, researchers, policy-makers, and members of civil society on the following themes:

- Historical background of religious leaders in political and social dynamics of conflict in West Africa
- Interaction among various religious communities, including indigenous African religions
- Contemporary roles of religious leadership in consolidating peace

Proposals should be submitted via email to faithfreetown@gmail.com and should consist of:

- A one-page abstract of the proposed conference presentation
- A two-page resume or CV

The deadline for receipt of applications is July 15, 2010. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Notification of acceptance will be made by mid-August. Those selected will be expected to submit a final draft of their presentation by December 1.

Call for papers:
4th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations, January 27-29, 2011, Zurich, Switzerland (Conference Venue: University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, Switzerland)

We invite submissions for the fourth annual conference on the political economy of international organizations, to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, on January 27-29, 2011. The conference brings together economists, political scientists and other scholars to address political-economy issues related to international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the European Union, and also other international organizations that have yet received less attention in the academic literature.

Distinguished Guest Speakers and Panelists for 2011
- Giovanni Maggi, Professor of Economics & International Affairs, Yale Department of Economics
- Bertin Martens, Deputy Chief Economist, DG Trade - European Commission
- Stephen Knack, Lead Economist, The World Bank

Submission of Papers:

Both empirical and theoretical papers will be considered. Please submit full papers to conference@peio.me. The deadline for submission is 30 September 2010. Decisions will be made by 31 October, 2010. A special issue of the Review of International Organizations (Springer) will include papers from the conference, subject to the usual peer-review process. Submission to the special issue is not mandatory, but if you are interested, please indicate this in your submission.

Conference Format, Attendance, Registration, and Accommodation:

The number of participants will be limited to about 50, which allows for in-depth discussion of each paper. Authors of accepted papers are expected to attend the entire conference. There is no registration or conference fee. Travel and accommodation are at the expense of participants. The organizers will assist you in finding suitable/affordable accommodation.

Conference Website: http://www.peio.me/

Call for Papers:
Reducing Insecurity in Africa: Roles and Responsibilities of the U.S. Military, U.S. Government and Non-Governmental Communities, December 7 – 9, 2010; Monterey, CA

Organized by the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA With sponsorship from the Advanced Systems and Concepts Office of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency

The Naval Postgraduate School is hosting a workshop that assesses the various roles played by different actors involved in projects that span the nexus between development and security in Africa. In regions where any efforts to reduce insecurity will fail without addressing fundamental issues such as poverty, inequality, corruption and poor governance, what are the respective roles of military, non-military governmental, and non-governmental actors? Where does “development” end and “security and stabilization” begin?

The United States military’s non-kinetic, development-based approach to engaging with African countries has been widely criticized by development experts, the NGO community, and observers wary of militarizing US foreign policy in Africa. The questions feed into a meta-debate
about whether the choice is development OR security, or whether U.S. foreign policy seeks to create development FOR security.

In an environment where most security problems are complex security issues, however, development and security are deeply intertwined. In this scenario, what is the role of the U.S. military in Africa and what are suitable military approaches to African security? Defining the roles and responsibilities of various actors – U.S. military, U.S. government non-military, international organizations, non-governmental organizations – becomes part and parcel of defining the challenge of finding sustainable and long-term solutions to the political and regional instabilities that plague Africa and prevent the continent from truly realizing its full potential for economic and political development. This workshop will investigate these various issues through a set of solicited papers that are presented in a close-collaborative workshop format.

Paper proposals are being solicited in the following issue areas:
1. Assessments of the major security threats and trends in Africa and how they should be addressed by the broader US foreign policy community.
2. The relationship between human and traditional security in Africa, and assessments of how the changing nature of war and conflict blurs the line between the two types of security.
3. What the above issues mean for the distinction between development and security; and/or what “development” and “security” mean in these contexts.
4. Assessments of US government projects that span the security-development divide, specifically focusing on the roles and responsibilities of different actors.

These papers could assess any or all of the following topics:

a. The practicalities of how these engagements unfold on the ground, and what effects they bring about.
b. Debates over the appropriate division of labor between US military, US government civilian (State, USAID, etc), and non-governmental agencies.
c. Evidence that military engagement in "development" type projects negatively impacts non-military actors.
d. Goals and metrics in designing these types of projects and program, both in theory and practice.
e. Successes and failures in integrating efforts across different communities in specific projects.

During the workshop, participants will gather into small working groups, each to focus on an issue raised in the papers. These working groups will be tasked with identifying permanent tensions that all should be aware of, devising potential solutions to problems, and generating a set of lessons and guidelines for work in the future. The working groups will be asked to shape their discussions to work back to the roles and responsibilities debate in terms of the development-security nexus idea to wrap it all up.

Timeframe and Details:
- June 30, 2010: Deadline for receipt of paper proposals/abstracts (maximum two pages).
- July 31, 2010: Notification of acceptance/rejection.
- August 15, 2010: Deadline for invitees to confirm or decline attendance at the workshop.
- October 25, 2010: Deadline for submission of papers.
- November 10, 2010: Draft papers will be circulated to workshop participants to be read in advance of the event.
- December 7 – 9, 2010: Workshop.

Inquiries: jriombo@nps.edu

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**JOBS & GRANTS**

**Two Full-Time One-Year Positions in African Politics/Middle Eastern Politics/Comparative/IR**

The Department of Government of the College of William & Mary invites applicants for two anticipated full-time appointments at the Visiting Assistant Professor/Instructor level. The appointment will be for the 2010-2011 Academic Year, starting August 16, 2010. The ideal candidates would have demonstrated success teaching undergraduates. The Department must staff courses on African Politics and Middle Eastern Politics. Successful applicants would also be expected to teach introductory or advanced courses in international relations, comparative politics and/or research methods. Teaching load is three courses per semester (two preparations). This is a full-time position with benefits.

The Department of Government consists of 22 full-time faculty members, and graduates more than 180 students each year with a major in
Government. Students majoring in International Relations and Public Policy complete a substantial number of their courses in the Department of Government. The College of William & Mary, the second oldest university in the United States, is one of the nation’s most selective institutions. It enrolls approximately 5,600 undergraduates and 2,500 graduate and professional school students. Salary, research support, and teaching responsibilities are highly competitive. The positions are contingent upon final funding approval.

Materials should include a letter of application, a current CV, at least three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching experience, and samples of scholarly writing. Please email all materials to Professor John McGlennon at jjmcgl@wm.edu. Review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The College of William & Mary is an AA/EEO Employer.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program - Application Due Date, August 2

The 2011-2012 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program application cycle is currently open and we are excited to feature over 75 grant awards in Sub-Saharan Africa. These awards offer scholars and professionals the opportunity to lecture and/or conduct research in a wide range of academic disciplines, including Political Science.

U.S. scholars and professionals can learn how to present their credentials at www.iie.org/cies. Scholars interested in applying for a Fulbright award in Africa should contact Kari Miller at kmiller@iie.org, 202-686-6238.

Prospective applicants are also invited to join My Fulbright, an online community of academics and professionals interested in the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON AFRICAN POLITICS


BADRAN, AMNEH. Zionism Israel and Apartheid South Africa: Civil society and peace building in ethnic-national states. (London: Routledge, 2010).


DUFFIELD, MARK and HEWITT, VERNON (eds). Empire, Development and Colonialism: The past in the present. (Woodbridge, James Currey, 2009).


EICHSSTAEDT, PETER. First Kill Your Family: Child soldiers of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army. (Chicago, IL: Lawrence Hill, 2009).


ENGLEBERT, PIERRE. Africa: Unity, sovereignty and sorrow. (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2009).


JAMAL, A. Democratizing state–religion relations:


Aili Mari Tripp (UW-Madison) was elected ASA vice president in May. Her book, Museveni’s Uganda: Paradoxes of Power in a Hybrid Regime will be published by Lynne Rienner in July. She is running a Mellon funded APSA workshop with the Gender Centre, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, July/August 2010 with Shireen Hassim, Gretchen Bauer and Fennella Mukangara on global perspectives on gender and politics, with 25 participants from around Africa and 5 from the US.

Staffan I. Lindberg has been promoted to Associate Professor at University of Florida. He is on leave from UF and has taken up a temporary position as Associate Researcher with special responsibility for the World Values Survey in Sweden, at Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg. In addition, Lindberg has been named Affiliate Researcher with the Quality of Government institute at the same university.

Andreas Mehler, Director, Institute of African Affairs informs us that Africa Spectrum has undergone major changes, is now published open access (with a printed issue still available) and ‘English only’. It is ISI/SSCI rated. The last special issue on power sharing has been particularly well received as might be seen in the download statistics. Individual articles are now downloaded over 1000 times, something difficult to achieve via more traditional journals. http://hup.sub.uni-hamburg.de/giga/asfp/about/statisticsOverview

Kate Baldwin will be beginning a position as an assistant professor at the University of Florida starting in August 2010.

Aaron Tesfaye has been named Fulbright scholar and will be teaching/conducting research at Dept of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia academic year 2011-2011. He will keep same email address and will be glad to act as contact person for colleagues while there.


Joshua Rubongoya has been appointed Chair of the Department of Public Affairs at Roanoke College

John F. Clark is planning to give a paper called “The Impact of Foreign Occupation on the Natural Environment in the DRC” at a conference called:”Environnement, Sociétés et Conflits en Afrique Centrale et dans la région des Grands Lacs” in Kinshasa on 22 July 2010. The conference is organized by the Central African Studies Association, led by Didier Gondola.

Jennifer N. Brass will be beginning a position as an Assistant Professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University. Her email there is brassj@indiana.edu.

Special Congratulations to Mamoudou Gazibo! The APCG Steering Committee proudly offers congratulations to APCG member and newsletter editor, Mamoudou Gazibo. Since April, Mamoudou has been serving as the chair of Niger’s 19-member constitution drafting committee, assigned the task of developing a new constitution and electoral laws for submission to Niger’s National Advisory Council. This will pave the way for the return to civilian rule in early 2011. Based at the University of Montreal, Mamoudou specializes in political institutions and democratic consolidation. He also served as a vocal critic of abuses of power undertaken by Niger’s former president, Mamadou Tandja. We look forward to watching Mamoudou’s efforts come to fruition over the next year.
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