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(APCG)*
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American Political Science Association (APSA),
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and
African Studies Association (ASA).

1. Message from the Chair, Professor John Harbeson

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone who has so cheerfully and conscientiously agreed to serve on this year's APCG committees. I've made an effort, with the advice and consent of the Steering Committee to involve as many people as possible, and I'm so pleased to report that there's been at least a 90% rate of acceptance of invitations to be on these committees. This year's committees roster is included elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter.

APCG DINNER DURING ISA MEETING IN SAN DIEGO I'm pleased to report that for those attending the International Studies Association meetings in San Diego in March there will be a dutch treat dinner get together for all APCG members. Many thanks to Carl Levan of UC San Diego for his initiative in organizing this event. Carl informs us that the APCG will meet for an informal dinner at Spice and Rice Thai Kitchen on Friday, March 24 at 7:00 pm. The restaurant is located at 7734 Girard Avenue #C in downtown La Jolla, which is about 20 minutes from the conference and just a short walk to the ocean. Entrees are reasonably priced (see <http://www.spiceandricethaikitchen.com/> <http://www.spiceandricethaikitchen.com>). Round trip transportation from the conference to the restaurant, departing at 6:30, is being provided courtesy of UCSD's political science department; seating may be limited. Please RSVP to Carl LeVan at clevan@ucsd.edu and indicate if you will need a ride. Also, please note that this is a change of venue from the earlier announcement.

Special thanks to Nelson Kasfir, our vice chair for his very helpful suggestions to for streamlining the procedures of our Best Book Committee.

Lahra Smith has been working with Cathy Boone, our secretary, on a special issue of the Journal of Political Science Education that will highlight key articles for

inclusion in the curricula of our non-Africanist colleagues who want to include something on Africa.

Lastly, Anne Pitcher, our Treasurer, is happily receiving dues contributions from members. Our dues are \$10 a year. Your Steering Committee will be our "Ways and Means Committee" and will be using our new resources to help bring African scholars to our conventions and perhaps a little hospitality in the form of coffee for our early morning business meetings at ASA.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our conventions this year!

Cheers,
John

2. Notes from the Editor

Dear Friends,

Spring is (hopefully) around the corner up here in the northern parts of the world and we are looking forward to the upcoming ISA conference in California. A steady stream of very exciting publications on African politics carries with it an increasingly good outlook for the role of us Africanists in the fields of comparative and international politics. Keep it coming all of you!

The upcoming submission deadlines for the rest of the year are:

May 30, August 31, and November 30.

Make sure to include your news, calls and publications - we all want to know about them!

Our APSA panel has been decided by the committee. Thanks to all of you for submitting good proposals and to the committee for doing a good job!

APCG-panel at APSA 2006:

Title: Political Liberalization and Democratization in Africa Since 1990:
Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion, Power Relations, State Legitimacy

Chair: Aaron Tesfaye, William Paterson University

Papers

Nicholas Cheesman, St. Peter's College, Oxford "State formation and power in Africa: Differentiating the 'centralized-bureaucratic' state."

John Clark, Florida International University, "Political Liberalization and Military Intervention in African States Since 1991."

A. Carl Levan, University of California, San Diego, "Political Inclusion and Government Performance in Nigeria, 1960 - 2003."

Bruce Heilman, College of William and Mary, and Paul Kaiser, University of Pennsylvania, "Religion, Political Authority and the Articulation of Power During Transition Moments in Tanzania."

John Quinn, Truman State University, "Rebuilding Democracy after the End of the Cold War: The Effects of Majority State Ownership on Subsequent Democratization in sub-Saharan Africa."

Discussants: Nadia Horning, Middlebury College and
Jessica Piombo, Naval Postgraduate School

The selection of our two ISA panels has also been made:

APCG-panels at ISA:

Title: African Politics and Internal State Dynamics.

Chair: Stephen Burgess, US Air War College

Papers:

Cyril K. Daddieh, Providence College, "Ghana Election 2004 and After".

Amy R. Poteete, University of New Orleans, "Past Success Does Not Guarantee Future Performance."

Katharine E. Boyle, Pomona College, "The Primacy of Politics in Secessionist Dynamics."

Mi Yung Yoon, Hanover College, "Transition Toward Democracy in sub-Saharan Africa."

Carl LeVan, UC, San Diego, "When More is Less: Political Coalitions and government Performance."

Discussant: Stephen Burgess

Title: African Politics, International Relations and Security.

Chair: Donald Rotchild, UC Davis

Papers:

Stephen Burgess, US Air War College, "African and the North-South Divide."

Jessica Piombo, Naval Postgraduate School, "Caught in the Crosshairs? The Effect of Diverging Priorities on the War on Terror in Africa."

Nikolas Emmanuel, UC Davis and Donald Rotchild, UC Davis, "Facilitating the Implementation of Peace Agreements in Africa."

James J. Hentz, Virginia Military Institute, "State Collapse in sub-Saharan Africa."

Discussant: Stephen Burgess

Looks great!

Kind Regards,
Staffan I. Lindberg

3. On-Line APCG Membership Directory and Search Engine

Don't forget to update your information if it has changed in our on-line, searchable membership directory. We are asking you to go on-line yourself, and enter the personal information you'd like to appear in the directory (including research interests, main publications, etc).

You can link to the directory by going to the APCG website (created by Dennis Galvan) at <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~dgalvan/apcg/apcg.html>. On the APCG home page index, you will see the heading for Membership Directory. Under Membership Directory, choose the "APCG Members" button -- that is the one that will let you alter your own records. You can also use it to find the addresses of your friends!

Don't enter any secret or private info. This is entirely open access and will be floating around out there on the open web.

If you have problems, questions, or suggestions, please email Catherine Boone at cboone@mail.la.utexas.edu.

4. Recent Publications on African Politics

- Bauer, Gretchen and Hannah E. Britton, eds. 2006. *Women in African Parliaments*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Blake, Charles H. and Christopher G. Martin. 2006. "The Dynamics of Political Corruption: Re-Examining the Influence of Democracy" *Democratization* 13(6).
- Cornwall, Andrea and Anne Marie Goetz 2005. "Democratizing Democracy: Feminist Perspectives" *Democratization* 12(5).
- Gazibo, Mamoudou. 2005. "Foreign Aid and Democratization: Benin and Niger Compared", *African Studies Review* 48(3): 47-67.
- Gazibo, Mamoudou. 2005. "La force des institutions: la commission électorale nationale indépendante comme site d'institutionnalisation au Niger", in Patrick Quantin (dir.), *Gouverner les sociétés africaines: acteurs et institutions*. Paris: Karthala : 65-84.
- Gazibo, Mamoudou. 2005. "New Institutionalism and the Crisis of Transitory", in André Lecours (ed.), *New Institutionalism: Theory and Analysis*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press: 155-175.
- Gellar, Sheldon. 2005. *Democracy in Senegal: Tocquevillian Analytics in Africa*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Gibson, James L. 2005. "The Truth about Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa" *International Political Science Review* (26)4.
- Herbst, Jeffrey. 2005. "Mbeki's South Africa" *Foreign Affairs*. 84(6).
- Hyden, Goran. 2006. *African Politics in Comparative Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Ishiyama, John and John James Quinn. 2006. "African Phoenix? Explaining the Electoral Performance of the Formerly Dominant Parties in Africa." *Party Politics*. 12(3): 317-340.
- Johnston, Michael. 2005. *Syndromes of Corruption: Wealth, Power, and Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Khan, Mushtaq H. 2005. "Markets, States, and Democracy: Patron-Client Networks and the Case for Democracy in Developing Countries" *Democratization* 12(5):

- Kynoch, Gary. 2005. *We Are Fighting the World: A History of the Marashea Gangs in South Africa, 1947-1999*. Ohio University Press.
- Leftwich, Adrian. 2005. "Democracy and Development: Is There Institutional Incompatibility?" *Democratization* 12(5):
- Lindberg, Staffan I. 2006. "Better Turn the Other Cheek: The Effects of Opposition Behavior on Democratization." *Journal of Contemporary African Politics* 24(1).
- Lindberg, Staffan I. 2006. "The Surprising Significance of African Elections." *Journal of Democracy* 17(1): 139-151.
- Lindberg, Staffan I. and Minion K. C. Morrison. 2005. "Exploring Voter Alignments in Africa: Core and Swing Voters in Ghana." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 43(4): 1-22.
- Manning, Carrie. 2005. "Assessing African Party Systems after the Third Wave." *Party Politics* (11)6.
- Mueller, Susanne. 2005. "Rural Development, Environmental Sustainability, and Poverty Alleviation: A Critique of Current Paradigms". Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). New York: UN. <http://www.un.org/esa/desa/papers/>
- Murithi, Timothy. 2005. *The African Union: Pan-Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development*. Ashgate.
- Peterson, Dave. 2006. "A Beacon for Central Africa" *Journal of Democracy* 17(1).
- Prunier, Gerard. 2005. *Darfur: The Ambiguous Genocide*. Cornell University Press.
- Roeder, Philip G. and Donald Rothchild, eds., 2005. *SUSTAINABLE PEACE: POWER AND DEMOCRACY AFTER CIVIL WARS*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Rothchild, Donald and Edmond J. Keller, eds. 2006. *AFRICA-US RELATIONS: STRATEGIC ENCOUNTERS*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Sandbakken, Camilla. 2006. "The Limits to Democracy Posed by Oil Rentier States: The Cases of Algeria, Nigeria, and Libya" *Democratization* 13(6).
- Sandbrook, Richard. 2005. "Africa's Great Transformation?" *Journal of Development Studies* (41)6: 1118-1125.
- Sandbrook, Richard. 2005. "Origins of the Democratic Developmental State: Interrogating Mauritius." *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 39(3): 549-81.
- Sawyer, Amos. 2005. *Beyond Plunder: Toward Democratic Governance in Liberia*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Straus, Scott and Robert Lyons. 2006. *Intimate Enemy: Images and Voices of the Rwandan Genocide*. New York: Zone Books.

Von Doepp, Peter. "Party Cohesion and Fractionalization in New African Democracies: Lessons from Struggles over Third-Term Amendments." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40(3): 65-87.

Webb, Paul. 2005. "Political Parties and Democracy: The Ambiguous Crisis" *Democratization* 12(5):

Werlin, Herbert H. 2005. "Corruption in a Third World Country: Why Nigerians Cannot Handle Garbage." *World Affairs* 168(2).

Yoon, Mi Yung. 2005. "Internal Conflicts and Cross-Border Military Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa in the Post-Cold War Era," *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* 33(2): 277-293.

5. Members' News

Staffan I. Lindberg will take up a tenure-track, joint position as assistant professor at the Department of Political Science and the Center for African Studies, University of Florida, starting August 2006.

David Backer received a grant from the US Institute of Peace to conduct a study of victims' responses to the National Reconciliation Commission process in Ghana (as an extension of my previous work in South Africa). The project commenced in January and will run through June 2007.

6. Calender of Events

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Conference on humanitarian intervention to be held at UW-Madison on March 31, 2006:

<<http://global.wisc.edu/humanitarianism/symposium/>><http://global.wisc.edu/humanitarianism/symposium/>

On April 13, 2006 the Department of Political Science at William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ is sponsoring an **international conference on *Economic Inequality and Democracy: Global perspectives***.

Due to budget constraints we are inviting colleagues that work in nearby institutions and that are tuned to the issues of inequality (particularly after Hurricane Katrina) and North South relations. The format of the conference is divided into panels that will address the following questions. 1. why does democracy matter? 2. why does inequality impede or erode democracy? 3. how can democracy respond? 4. inequality and democracy: what will the future bring?.

We will have colleagues/speakers from NYU, Columbia, GC, CUNY, Barnard, Hunter, and LIU, as well as our institution but we are in need of more area specialists and Africanists.

Aaron Tesfaye, email: <mailto:tesfaye@wpunj.edu>tesfaye@wpunj.edu

The University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago will host an **international conference on Governance, Institutions, and Networks** on October 18-20, 2006. Conference organizers call for papers on the themes of re-engineering government, the crisis of governance in small states, development in an interconnected world, peace and security, and e-democracy. Please send abstracts (of no more than 150 words) to Michelline Gowandan (mgowandan@fss.uwi.tt), Rosa Seepersad (rseepersad@fss.uwi.tt), or Michylle Arthur (marthur@fss.uwi.tt) by March 17, 2006. For additional information visit www.apsanet.org/content_25065.cfm.

Call for papers for a **conference on African international relations** hosted by United States International University in Nairobi, Kenya on May 26-27, 2006. We hope we can get some scholars based in the US to participate, especially if they already plan to be in Africa during the summer. For further information, please contact Beth Whitaker at <mailto:bwhitaker@usiu.ac.ke>bwhitaker@usiu.ac.ke.

7. Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships

Students can apply to the **Penn-in-Tanzania program** offering credit through courses at the University of Dar es Salaam. The program is in its 6th year. Interested students and professors can contact Paul Kaiser, Associate Director, African Studies Center, at pkaiser@ses.upenn.edu or visit the website <http://www.upenn.edu/summer/abroad>

Call for submissions to the newly-relaunched ***African Review of Foreign Policy***, which is published by United States International University. John Harbeson has graciously agreed to serve on the advisory board for the journal and we're hoping we can get some good submissions from APCG members. Manuscripts and further inquiries should be directed to: arfp@usiu.ac.ke

New Master's Degree Program in Democracy Studies

The Center for Democracy and the Third Sector and Georgetown University's Department of Government announced the creation of a new master's degree program in democracy studies that will begin in fall 2006. The program will address the diverse needs of a growing population working in the field of democracy promotion, with a specific focus on issues of democracy and development, and on improving the quality of democratic life around the world. For additional information visit www.georgetown.edu/centers/cdats/maprogramaims.htm.

New Master's Degree Program in Democracy and Democratization

The Department of Political Science and the School of Public Policy at University College London have launched a master's degree program in democracy and democratization. The program focuses on the design and operation of democratic institutions in old and new democracies. Visit www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/msc-democracy-democratisation/ for more information.

FMD/ISSC Prize

The Foundation Mattei Dogan and the International Social Science Council announce the **Prize for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research**. This prize is awarded to a social scientist who has advanced the scientific knowledge in the social sciences, by crossing the disciplinary boundaries or by recombining different specialties, in his/her research and writings. It can also be offered to a team of scholars enjoying a high reputation in academic circles. The prize will be awarded for the first time at the General Assembly of the International Social Science Council, in November 2006, and afterwards, every four years. The amount of the prize is US\$5,000. The laureate will be invited to give a lecture at the ISSC General Assembly. Nominations for the prize can be made by ISSC members, or other professional associations in various disciplines, as well as by universities and academic institutions. The selection will be made by an international jury. The nominations are to be received at the ISSC Secretariat, by e-mail [jissc@unesco.org], on April 21, 2006 at the latest.

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Join now for news on the 2005-6 fellowship competition for pre-doc. fellowships, post-doc.fellowships, grad. student internships, travel grants for West Africans, and residencies for West African scholars. Go to <http://www.africa.ufl.edu/WARA/> and click on "fellowships" and "membership." Membership comes with a glossy, semi-annual newsletter and lots of perks at the West African Research Center in Dakar. Watch for our annual membership meeting on Saturday night at the African Studies Association meeting in November 2005.

The Susan and Donald Newhouse Center for the Humanities at Wellesley College is pleased to announce **the Newhouse resident fellowships for academic year 2006-2007**. Newhouse Fellowships are open to both junior and senior faculty members at institutions other than Wellesley College. In addition to salary-replacement stipends of \$50,000, Newhouse faculty fellows will receive up to \$5,000 in research support. It is

expected that external faculty fellows will combine their Newhouse Center Stipends with support from other granting agencies or their home institutions. Resident fellows will devote themselves primarily to their own research, but will also participate actively in the intellectual life of the institution, meeting with one another at weekly lunch meetings, sharing their work in progress with one another and with the Wellesley community at large, and serving, if they choose, as mentors to student research assistants. Applicants should submit by February 15, 2006 1) a research proposal of no more than 1250 words describing the project and plan of research for the proposed residency. A brief bibliography may be appended. Applications should also include 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) the names and contact information of three references, and 4) a cover letter that makes clear the applicant's reason for wishing to work at the Newhouse Center. Applications may be submitted by mail to The Newhouse Center for the Humanities, attn: Debra Carbarnes, Wellesley College, 106 Central St., Wellesley MA 02481-8203 or as email attachments to nch@wellesley.edu
For further information, consult www.Wellesley.edu/NCH/ online, or write to nch@wellesley.edu.

The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University invites **applications for a position in the politics of sub-Saharan Africa**. The post is open as to rank and subfield. Applicants at both the tenured and pre-tenure stages of their career will be considered. Candidates should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, writing samples, and three letters of reference to the following address: African Studies Search Committee, c/o Dr. Peter Dunkley, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, P.O. Box 571035, Georgetown University, Washington, DC 20057-1035. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Georgetown University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

The APCG is served this year by the following members:

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