Dear Participants,

As co-organisers of the momentous international conference ‘Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge’, we are conscious that the upcoming Accra event, the preparation of which we have been working on for close to three years, is one of those rare occasions that will shape history and accelerate future developments. This is what will happen on the campus of the University of Ghana, Legon, in the three consecutive days of 24-26 September 2015.

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Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge

Historic, is what the Accra conference will become; for it will significantly contribute to the long-term establishment of an autonomous intellectual and academic axis of exchanges between two of the most vibrant continents on the planet. Sixty years after the Bandung conference, where heads of African and Asian states gathered at the invitation of Indonesia’s President Sukarno, the Accra event is set to reflect the considerable changes that have occurred, not only in the two regions, but also at the global geopolitical level. At Bandung, parts of Africa and Asia were still in the grip of European colonialism or were subject to conflicting hegemonic designs by the then superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Today’s situation is that of two continents whose interests are increasingly interconnected. On the economic front, Africa and Asia are now tightly linked through China’s massive involvement in Africa, a phenomenon that is being followed by India, Japan, Korea and Turkey. This trend runs parallel with a process of relative decline of the North (or West) at the global level in both Asia and Africa. The peoples of the two regions have long been connected through circuits of trade, religion or socio-cultural exchanges as well as long-term settlements. Yet, it is the scale and intensity of the present relationships – of capital investments, commerce, political alliances, and cultural transfers of knowledge – which urgently calls for systematic intellectual and educational engagements with the past and present of the Asian and African realities.

We believe that the development of a research and educational infrastructure, capable of delivering foundational knowledge in the two regions about each other’s cultures and societies, is a precondition for a sustainable and balanced socio-economic progress. If we limit ourselves to the question of developing Asian studies programmes in African universities, we think that access to knowledge about a world region as culturally diverse and economically powerful as Asia should enable the citizens of Africa to embrace this new intercontinental relation to its full potential.

And because we live in a globalizing world, we think that others – European, North/Latin American and Oceanian institutions of Asian and African studies – should play a role as contributors and facilitators of this new trans-regional configuration.

The 2015 Africa-Asia Accra conference is the result of the engagement of a wide array of public personalities, intellectuals, academics and institutions from the civil societies of Africa, Asia, Europe and North and Latin America. It was first given substance three years ago, in October 2012 in Lusaka (Zambia), where Prof. Webby Kalikiti, our colleague from the University of Zambia, convened a strategic roundtable that led to the creation of the Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA), the continent’s first network of scholars working on and with Asia. In Lusaka, not only was the idea of A-ASIA as an inclusive pan-African network introduced, but it was also decided to organize regular international Asia-Africa conferences in Africa. Ghana was chosen for A-ASIA’s maiden conference.

The choice of Ghana was not random. It was the first sub-Saharan country to regain its independence. Its subsequent development into a democratic society has moreover paralleled a long tradition of intellectual freedom at the University of Ghana, which stands as one of the major academic centres in the continent. Linked to the choice of Accra was also the sixtieth anniversary of the Bandung conference, an event for which the Ghanaian leader and the country’s first President, Kwame Nkrumah, served as one of the driving forces.

The partnership between A-ASIA and the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) was forged on the occasion of ICAS 8 in Macau, in 2013, to help in the organization of the Accra conference. ICAS is the world’s largest network of researchers on Asia. Its Secretariat is hosted at the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in Leiden, the Netherlands (www.iias.nl). The Accra event is therefore the result of a continuing collaboration between A-ASIA (www.a-asia.org) and ICAS (www.icas.asia), involving the cooperation of individuals from Africa, Asia and Europe.

In Ghana, A-ASIA and ICAS have joined forces with two partner and host institutions: the University of Ghana (Legon) and Ashesi University College (Berekuso), which will both host parts of the
We take this opportunity to thank the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, Professor Ernest Aryeetey and the President of Ashesi University College, Dr. Patrick Awuah. Both institutions have been crucial for the actualization of the Accra Africa-Asia event.

We would also like to thank all the international sponsors that not only helped us in the provision of travel funds for participants, but which from the outset believed in the idea that Africa as a world region should have its own regular academic platform in the field of Asian Studies: The Henry Luce Foundation (New York), The Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation (Taipei), Seoul National University (Seoul), The Japan Foundation (Tokyo), The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (New York City), the International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden) and Leiden University (Leiden). We are also beholden to the numerous institutional panel and roundtable sponsors. The full list of names is too lengthy to include here, but their efforts in mobilizing their own funding sources and ensuring a plurality of participants from Asia and Africa, must be commended.

Last but not least, our special gratitude goes to our individual friends and colleagues who have been instrumental in organizing this historical event, either directly or indirectly. We would like to thank Prof. Webby Kalikiti (University of Zambia, Lusaka), Dr. Paul van der Velde (ICAS Secretary, Leiden), Martina van den Haak (ICAS Executive Officer, Leiden), Akunu Dake (Conference Manager, Heritage Development, Accra), Titia van der Maas (International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden), Dr. Rohit Negi (Ambedkar University, Delhi), Prof. Oka Obono (University of Ibadan, Ibadan), Dr. Thomas Asher (Social Sciences Research Centre, New York), Prof. Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu (Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy), Prof. Francis Dodoo, (Acting Director, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon), Prof. Akosua Adomako Ampofo (University of Ghana, Legon), Prof. Ama de-Graft Aikins (University of Ghana, Legon), Prof. Yoichi Mine (Doshisha University, Kyoto), Ambassador Sun Baohong (Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana), Prof. Liu Haifang (Beijing University, Beijing), Dr. Jessica Archberger (Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, Lusaka), Prof. Yoon Jung Park (Rhodes University, Rhodes), Prof. Lungisile Ntsebeza (Cape Town University, Cape Town), Dr. Mayke Kaag (Africa Studies Centre, Leiden), Dr. Darwis Khudori (Université du Havre, Le Havre), Prof. Carol Gluck (Columbia University, New York), Dr. Lazare Ki-Zerbo (Centre d’Études et de Développement Africain, Ouagadougou), Prof. Françoise Vergès (Institut des Études Mondiales, Paris), Prof. Kang Myung-koo (Seoul National University, Seoul), Dr. Kim Jong-cheol (Seoul National University, Seoul), Dr. Christopher Lee (Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) and Dr. Marcia Grant (Provost, Ashesi University College). We apologize to anyone we may have overlooked in our list of thanks; a truly monumental group of people have been involved in this significant event and we are grateful to each and every one.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the three keynote speakers: Prof. Mamadou Diouf (Columbia University, New York), Prof. He Wenping (China Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing) and Prof. Engseng Ho (Duke University, Durham). Their intellectual support and enthusiasm for the project has been a constant inspiration for us.

Finally, we want to thank you all for joining us in Accra, for believing in this pioneering adventure and the great perspectives it is thereupon initiating. We hope you will enjoy the experience of the conference and that it will be both a pleasurable and a transformative one.

On behalf of the organization team, we warmly welcome you to Accra!

Lloyd Amoah and Philippe Peycam

Lloyd Amoah teaches at Ashesi University College, Berekuso, Ghana, and is Lead Strategist at Strategy3, Accra, Ghana.

Philippe Peycam is Director of the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden, the Netherlands.
Dear Participants,

It is a privilege for me to be able to participate in what is probably the first time that a distinguished gathering such as this one has been specifically convened to discuss Africa and Asia on the African continent. This conference is the first major outcome of the ‘Asian studies in Africa’ roundtable held in Chisamba, Zambia, in 2012. There were thirty participants at that roundtable, while here in Accra I am told there are nearly 300 participants. This is a clear indication that there is much interest and great potential in what was started by that small group in Zambia three years ago.

The international roundtable in Zambia was premised on the realisation that even though contact between Africa and Asia stretches centuries back and has intensified and diversified in the last few decades, there has been no corresponding academic engagements with past and present African and Asian realities. This lack is more glaring on the African continent where the study of Asia is still largely absent.

The roundtable was also seen as an initial attempt to take stock of the state of Asian studies in Africa, with the view of seeking means by which such studies could be strengthened, and where they do not exist, to come up with suggestions and possible strategies that could be used to build a solid and critical infrastructure in the social sciences and humanities with a focus on Asian studies in selected African academic and research institutions.

Development of institutional academic infrastructures, capable of delivering foundational knowledge on Asia, was seen as an essential prerequisite if Africa was to benefit from its multifaceted contacts with that world region, and could provide a basis for sustained socio-economic progress on the continent. There is no doubt that access to knowledge on Asia through academic engagements should help us give meaning to the now intensified intercontinental relationships, and enable Africans to tap into Asia’s immense social and economic strengths to feed their own envisaged economic development.

My personal experience from doing research in Vietnam many years ago, has made me realise how much Africa can learn from the Asian experience. I was particularly struck by how easily Vietnamese cities manage their solid waste disposal, a matter that is considered to be a major environmental issue across Africa, but I also saw how the use of coal dust as a source of energy has helped Vietnam mitigate the effects of wanton forest clearing for the production of charcoal.

Given the two above examples, building capacities in Asian studies in Africa could provide Africa with new ways of looking at and addressing its problems, and could also open new perspectives.
on possible development trajectories. Lessons from Asia can be best learnt through academic engagements and with them, a deeper appreciation of that part of the world.

Over the years an increasing, though still a relatively small number of Africans have continued to obtain PhD qualifications on aspects of Asia in Asian academic institutions, some in form of comparative studies, others as in depth studies of the Asian social, economic or political scene. However, once qualified, these academics/researchers end up as isolated ‘Asianists’ in institutions that seem to have little use for their qualifications.

I was to some extent encouraged by the discovery that Mamadou Fall, a fellow African, already had a PhD on the history of Public Finances in French Indochina, to undertake my own historical study of migrant labour in Colonial Vietnam’s rubber plantations. Since then, I have come across a comparative study of the Vietnamese and Tanzanian economies just as my colleague in the Department of History at the University of Zambia holds a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University on economic Reforms in India and Zambia. I am sure there are many other Africans who have studied Asia who are yet to be identified. There is therefore some academic potential that already exists, that could be tapped into through the Asian Studies in Africa Initiative.

Since the 1990s the number of Africans travelling to Asia for their studies has grown significantly. This is in no doubt a consequence of increased opportunities in the form of scholarships. It is also a reflection of individual Africans’ responses to the cheaper educational opportunities in Asia as well as a more general ease of travel now existing between the two continents.

However, as is the case with Africans seeking higher education in the West, most of the African students in the social sciences and humanities end up focusing their studies on their countries of origin rather than the countries in which they find themselves. This means that apart from lived experiences, there is little that filters back to Africa in terms of in-depth academic appreciation of Asia. African students’ focus on Africa can largely be explained by a lack of foundational knowledge on Asia coupled by language and cultural challenges or limitations.

This is where an initiative on “Asian studies in Africa” comes in. Its aim of building educational capacity in the continent should help to provide the critical platform necessary for the development of regular introductory programmes on Asia in African academic institutions. However, building capacity presupposes first, the need to take stock of the existing state of Asian studies; secondly, it means identifying and regularly bringing together Africans who have studied Asia or expressed interests in Asia; and thirdly, the need to develop a network that could connect these local ‘Asianists’ in such a way that their combined knowledge on Asia could be harnessed for the development of continent-wide programmes on Asian studies in Africa. To achieve this ambitious objective, support and collaboration between African, Asian and Western academic and research institutions is essential. This is one of the reasons we will gather in Accra, Ghana, this year.

I strongly believe that, at the end of this ground-breaking conference, the way forward for the Asian studies in Africa initiative will have been chartered, and that concrete steps on how to expand the vision of a field of Asian studies in Africa, as was envisaged four years ago, will be established.

On behalf of the Association for Asian Studies in Africa’s secretariat, I heartily welcome you all to the ‘Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge’ international conference.

Webby S. Kalikiti
A-ASIA Secretary
The Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA) was founded at the Asian Studies in Africa Roundtable, held in Chisamba, Zambia in November, 9-11, 2012. The creation of A-ASIA comes at a critical moment for scholarship in Africa focused on Asia. Increasing transnational linkages between Asia and Africa underline the necessity for an association like A-ASIA. It is dedicated to the capacity enhancement of institutions, programmes, and scholars. Proposed initiatives include scholarly exchanges, new programmes and institutions, support for existing capacities, conferences, workshops, graduate student support, and curriculum development, among others.

Its steering committee consists of: Lloyd Amoah (Ashesi University College, Ghana); Thomas Asher (Social Science Research Council, USA); Scarlett Cornelissen (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa); Webby Kalikiti (Secretary A-Asia/University of Zambia); Liu Haifang (Peking University, China); Yoichi Mine (Doshisha University, Japan); Oka Obono (University of Ibadan, Nigeria); Philippe Peycam (International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands).

For more information see http://www.a-asia.org

Founded in 1997 at the initiative of IIAS, the International Convention of Asia Scholars is a platform of scholars and institutions focusing on issues critical to Asia, and, by implication, the rest of the world. Usually held in Asia, the ICAS biennial conventions were (and are) the first truly international and trans-regional gatherings on Asian Studies.
Since its foundation, the nine consecutive ICAS conventions have brought together over 18,000 academics. These conventions are organised by the IIAS-hosted secretariat of ICAS, in cooperation with a local host university. ICAS also benefits from the input of an ‘International Council’ composed of prominent scholars from different parts of the world, which was established in 2013. With this ‘global government’ model, ICAS is responding to the new distribution of knowledge powerhouses on Asia. The engagement of ICAS to assist in the establishment of regional networks on Asian Studies in Africa today (Latin America and the Arab World tomorrow), suggests a dynamic appreciation of what the global platform can do to facilitate the emergence of a multi-levelled and multi-centred global field of Asian Studies.

At ICAS 8 in Macau (2013), the foundations were laid for the present cooperation between ICAS and the newly established ‘Association for Asian Studies in Africa’ (A-ASIA). A-ASIA’s inaugural conference in Accra (Ghana), from 24-26 September 2015 has benefitted from the organisational support of ICAS. Entitled ‘Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge’, this ground-breaking event is set to stimulate new alignments in the way regional studies (such as Asian or African studies) are being conducted, thereby contributing to the move of these fields beyond the traditional ‘East–West’ paradigm. The ICAS Book Prize, founded in 2003, has grown into one of the most renowned book prizes in the field, with more than 200 English language books and 50 dissertations submitted for its sixth edition. For its next edition in 2017, the ICAS Book Prize plans to include Chinese, Japanese, French and German as eligible languages. ICAS has also supported the establishment of the first Africa-Asia Book Prize, a global competition that provides an international focus and worldwide visibility for publications on Africa-Asia interactions. The award ceremony of the first Africa-Asia Book Prize will be held at the opening of the Accra Conference.

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Asian Studies (AAS), IIAS created ICAS, today’s largest international network for academic and civil society exchange on Asia (1997). Two recent undertakings have been the ‘Asian Studies in Africa’ initiative (starting in 2012) and the three-year pilot-programme ‘Rethinking Asian Studies in a Global Context’ (2014-2016), which is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York.

For its research-led projects, IIAS focuses primarily on topics related to its three thematic clusters: Asian Heritages, Asian Cities, and Global Asia. Each cluster addresses questions relevant to Asian societies, builds upon the notion of social agency, and pays attention to cultural and historical contexts. Within these three clusters, IIAS runs a number of collaborative activities with the objective of studying Asia in context, while considering the different genealogies of knowledge about Asia. Each cluster has its publication series, which is published by Amsterdam University Press.

For more information see http://www.iias.asia
‘(RE)APPROPRIATING THE WORLD’
DISCOURSES OF SUBJECTIVITIES
AND COMMUNITIES.
CASES FROM SENEGAL

MAMADOU DIOUF
Columbia University, USA

The work in progress from which this presentation is an extract of, is an attempt to account for the different moments of global encounters in the Senegambian West African Coast from the foundation of Saint Louis, at the month of the Senegal river, by the French in 1659 to the present.

In conversation with V. Y. Mudimbe’s discussion of the “invention of Africa”, identifying the three elements of “colonizing structure” and the colonial library associated with it, I explore the processes of refashioning European intrusion into local narratives and readjusting local narratives to engage with colonial attempts to capture and redirect dominated communities. My purpose is, to investigate the African self-reformation processes, engage in a critical reflection the dramatic political and cultural changes taking place in Senegal the last 20 to 30 years and interpret the direction of contemporary transformation and ways in which it is conceived, recorded and expressed by social actors, on the walls and streets of Senegalese cities, on male and female bodies and finally on their mind and spirituality through religious manifestations, confrontations and controversies.

Mamadou Diouf is Leitner Family Professor of African Studies and History at Columbia University, where he also the director of the Institute of African Studies. Prior to teaching at Columbia, he taught at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and before that at Cheikh Anta Diop University, (Dakar Senegal). He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Paris-Sorbonne (France). His research interests include urban, political, social and intellectual history in colonial and postcolonial Africa. Among his publications, are Histoire du Sénégal: Le Modèle Islam-Wolof Et Ses Périphéries (2001) and La Construction de l’Etat au Sénégal, with M. C. Diop & D. Cruise O’Brien (2002). He is the author, editor and co-author of several other works including, The Arts of Citizenship in Africa.

STRENGTHEN ASIAN-AFRICAN ACADEMIC INTERACTIONS: PROVIDE THE INTELLECTUAL SUPPORT FOR ASIA-AFRICA COOPERATION IN THE NEW ERA

HE WENPING
Institute of West Asian & African Studies (IWAAS) Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China

The year 2015 marks the decade anniversaries of two important historical events: the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in September and the 60th anniversary of the Asian African Conference (also known as the Bandung Conference) in April. The former one led to the awakening and the born of many Asian and African independent countries. And the latter one not only made known the common appeal and the unity of Asian and African countries, but also marking the debut of developing countries on the world stage as an emerging force.

Asia and Africa are the two fastest growing economies with abundant experience in economic development and governance for transitional countries. Such experience can help persuade international society to focus more on development issues, help developing countries reduce poverty, and realize sustainable development. It can also promote UN discussions and implementation on development programs after 2015 (with the Millennium Development Goals deadline ends). For a long time, Western countries, due to their political, economic and military advantages and cultural superiority feeling, have been occupying the moral high ground and the right for knowledge interpretation. The international structures reflect the wills and interests of developed countries in value orientations, legal systems and institutional arrangements. Even the story of Asian and African development & cooperation also has been told and narrated by the Western intelligentsia. Now it is the time for the academic circles of Asian and African countries to raise their collective voices on multilateral international platforms and forums to increase their discourse power and influences, and to provide the intellectual support for Asia-Africa cooperation in the new era.

HE Wenping is Professor and Research Programme Director at the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies (IWAAS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and specialises on Africa’s relations with China and major Western powers, and African democratic transition. She began her research and teaching career at CASS in 1989, and has served as a visiting scholar at Yale University, London University, the Nordic Africa Institute based in Sweden, German Development Institute and the BRICS Policy Center of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). Dr. HE is the Standing Member of the Chinese Asian & African Research Society, the Research Society for African Problems, and Asian–African Development & Exchange Society of China. She received B.A. and M.A. degrees in international politics and a Ph.D. in law from Peking University in China. Dr. HE also served as a Council Member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Future of Africa from 2009 to 2011.
TURNING AND THINKING CHINA-AFRICA THROUGH OTHER REGIONAL AXES

ENGSENG HO
Duke University, United States & Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

While China has been engaged with Africa for decades, their burgeoning relations across the board today are historically new. How do we think about this emergent axis of encounter? Africa’s enlarged engagement with China takes place not in a vacuum, but in the context of their relations with other world regions. We examine key dimensions of US-China, Africa-Europe, China-Southeast Asia relations, past and present, to identify and think through challenges to be faced and presented by Africa’s engagement with China. Shifting regional weights in the world today inject a new incalculability to the familiar dynamic of trade and war. The development of intellectual capacity to understand and inform this turning of geographical axes is a demand Africans and Asians need to address together.

Engseng Ho is Professor of Anthropology and Professor of History at Duke University. At the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore, he is the Muhammad Alagil Distinguished Visiting Professor of Arabia Asia Studies. He is a specialist in the transregional and transcultural dimensions of Islamic societies, and their relations with western empires. His primary research areas are around the Indian Ocean, in Arabia, South Asia and Southeast Asia. His thematic and teaching interests circle around mobility and anthropology-history. He has been active in promoting inter-Asian research through institutional collaborations across Asia and Arabia in recent years. These include work as a consulting editor at Comparative Studies in Society and History, board member of Modern Asian Studies, and co-editor of the Asian Connections book series at Cambridge University Press. He has previously worked as Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University; Senior Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies; Country and Profile Writer, The Economist Group; International Economist, Government of Singapore Investment Corporation/Monetary Authority of Singapore.
PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The program is correct at the time of printing. The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the program as necessary.

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WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

12.00 – 17.00  Registration
Reception Area, LECIAD

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

8.00 – 17.00  Registration
Reception Area, LECIAD

9.00 – 10.00  Keynote Address
Prof. Mamadou Diouf
‘(Re)Appropriating the World’: Discourses of Subjectivities and Communities. Cases from Senegal
School of Law

10.00 – 10.30  Morning coffee
Protocol Square, LECIAD

10.30 – 12.00  Panel session I
Various rooms

12.00 – 13.00  Lunch
Protocol Square, LECIAD

13.00 – 14.30  Panel session II
Various rooms

14.30 – 15.00  Afternoon tea
Protocol Square, LECIAD

15.00 – 17.00  Panel session III
Various rooms

17.00 – 17.30  Transport to Opening Ceremony

17.30 – 19.00  Opening Ceremony: Welcome Speech, Book Prize and Reception
Great Hall, University of Ghana
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THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY
GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON

Programme

17.00
Arrival of guests
Traditional music and dance welcome
*Ghana Dance Ensemble (Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon)*

17.30
Overview of Conference and Introduction of Chairperson
**Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah,**
Conference Co-Convenor

Chairperson’s Opening Remarks
**Prof. Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu**
Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD)

Welcome Statements from Key Conference Organisers
**Dr. Webby Kalikiti**
International Institute for Asian Studies & International Convention of Asia Scholars
**Dr. Philippe Peycam**

Welcome Statement on behalf of Co-host
**Prof. Francis Dodoo**
Acting Director, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
**Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah**
Conference Co-Convenor

Address by Keynote Speaker
**Prof. Samuel Agyei-Mensah**
Provost, College of Humanities, University of Ghana, Legon

*Drum Herald: Ghana Dance Ensemble*
Formal Opening Address
Professor Ernest Aryeetey  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon

Africa-Asia Book Prize Ceremony
Dr. Paul van der Velde, ICAS Secretary

Chairperson’s Closing Remarks
Prof. Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu  
Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD)

19.00
End of Opening Ceremony followed by a Reception

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2015, 19.00

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE BANQUET
GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON

Programme

19.00
Arrival of conference participants and invited guests
Traditional music and dance welcome  
Ghana Dance Ensemble  
(Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon)  
Music by Sappers International Dance Band

19.15
Introduction of Special Guest of Honour and Welcome  
Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah  
Conference Co-Convenor

19.20
Statement: Special Guest of Honour,  
Prof. Ernest Aryeetey  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon

19.30
Dinner

20.15
Toast to the Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge, Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-Asia)  
Inaugural and First Conference:  
Prof. Ernest Aryeetey  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon

20.20
Response to Toast and Gratitude:  
Dr. Webby Kalikiti, Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-Asia)

20.30
‘Dancing Time’  
Music by Sappers International Dance Band

21.00
End of Conference Banquet

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2015

ASHESI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
CAMPUS VISIT

Programme

15.00 – 16.00
Transport to Ashesi University College by bus

16.00 – 16.15
Traditional Drum Welcome

16.15 – 16.20
Introduction of Ashesi Provost  
Dr. Marcia Grant

16.20 – 16.35
Provost’s Talk-Liberal Arts in Africa

16.35 – 16.50
Q & A

16.50 – 17.15
Performance Interlude

17.15 – 18.45
Campus Tour (Key Facilities) and Exhibition

18.45 – 21.00
Reception, Interaction and Musical Climax

21.00 – 22.00
Transport to conference hotels by bus
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- Wednesday 23 September: 12.00 – 17.00
- Thursday 24 September: 8.00 – 17.00
- Friday 25 September: 8.30 – 17.00
- Saturday 26 September: 8.30 – 12.00

DIRECTIONAL MAP
Thursday 24 September
Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00
Location: International House

AMBASSADORS ROUNDTABLE
AFRICA-ASIA RELATIONS:
CAN A NEW AXIS OF INTERACTION(S) BE BUILT?

Roundtable sponsored by Strategy3, Ghana

Convenors
Lloyd G. Adu Amoah
Lead Strategist, Strategy3, Accra, Ghana

Philippe Peycam
Director, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands

Paul van der Velde
Secretary, International Convention of Asian Scholars, Leiden, the Netherlands

Ambassadorial Panel
Ambassador Kojo Amoo-Gottfried
Former Ghana Ambassador to China

Ambassador Sun Baohong
China’s Ambassador to Ghana

Ambassador Hans Docter
Dutch Ambassador to Ghana

Lead Discussants
Alinah Segobye
Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, South Africa

He Wenping
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

Marcia Grant
Former American diplomat and Provost, Ashesi University, Ghana

Kweku Ampia
Leeds University, United Kingdom

Philip Attuquaye
Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), Ghana

Conference sessions are color coded according to theme as indicated below

A-ASIA–IIAS Roundtable
Transcontinental Connections and Interactions
Economics, Aid and Development
Intellectual Encounters
Arts and Culture
Migration and Diasporas
Asian Studies In Africa and African Studies In Asia
Thursday 24 September
Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00
Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2

EAST ASIAN CORPORATE MODEL UNDER CHANGE

Panel sponsored by Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea

Convenor and Chair
Myungkoo Kang
Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea

Myungkoo Kang and Jong-Cheol Kim
Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea
Transfer of Business Practices across Borders in East Asia

Takashi Shimizu
The University of Tokyo, Japan
Japanese Corporate Systems and Asian Capitalism: How Does a Coordination-based Economic System Actually Work?

Hyun-Chin Lim and Suk-Ki Kong
Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea
The Role of Social Enterprises in Asia: Scoping Out a Korean Model

Thursday 24 September
Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1

ROUNDTABLE
AFRICA AND ASIA IN THE WORLD: TOWARDS AN AFRAASIAN PERSPECTIVE

Roundtable sponsored by Emerging Worlds, University of Copenhagen

Convenors
Rohit Negi
Ambedkar University Delhi, India
Ravinder Kaur
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Participants
Ravinder Kaur
University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Vineet Thakur
University of Johannesburg, South Africa
Persis Taraporevala
Centre for Policy Research, India
Oka Obono
University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Rohit Negi
Ambedkar University Delhi, India

Thursday 24 September
Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN ASIA AND AFRICA

Chair
Chayan Vaddhanaphuti
Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Frieda Ekotto
The University of Michigan, United States
Emily Goedde
The University of Michigan, United States
Common Experiences, Common Desires: Tracing an Intellectual History between China and Africa

Bei Wang
The University of Michigan, United States
China Africa: Reading Cultural Exchange

Zoe Butt
San Art, Vietnam
& University of New South Wales, Australia
Provoking a ‘Conscious Reality’: Uncovering Shared Histories between Asia and Africa through Contemporary Art
Thursday 24 September
Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00
Location: School of Law

**ROUNDTABLE – ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA:**
AN IMPERATIVE FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD – REASONS AND POSSIBILITIES

*Convenors and Chairs*

**Darwis Khudori**<br>University of Le Havre, France

**Lazare Ki-Zerbo**<br>University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

*Participants*

**Kweku Ampiah**<br>University of Leeds, United Kingdom

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**Polina Nedialkova-Travert**<br>University of Le Havre, France

**Abdoulaye Diáné**<br>African-Asian Research Center, Senegal

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Thursday 24 September
Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30
Location: International House

**A-ASIA~IIAS ROUNDTABLE 1**
ASIA THROUGH AN AFRICAN LENS: RETHINKING THE DISCOURSE ON ASIAN STUDIES

Roundtable sponsored by the IIAS Initiative ‘Rethinking Asian Studies in a Global Context’ Supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

*Chairs*

**Carol Gluck**<br>Columbia University, NYC, United States

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**Albert Tzeng**<br>United Daily News & CNEX Doc Channel, Taipei, Taiwan

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**Liu Haifang**<br>Beijing University, China

**Lungisile Ntsebeza**<br>University of Cape Town, South Africa

**Mamadou Diouf**<br>Columbia University, NYC, United States

**Munamato Chemhuru**<br>Great Zimbabwe University, Masvingo, Zimbabwe

**Philippe Peycam**<br>International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands

**Rohit Negi**<br>Ambedkar University, Delhi, India

**Tansen Sen**<br>Baruch College, NYC, United States

**Tom Asher**<br>Social Science Research Council, NYC, United States

**Viêt Lê**<br>California College of the Arts, San Francisco, United States

**Webby Kalikiti**<br>University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia

**Zoe Butt**<br>Sân Art Gallery, HCMC, Viet Nam
Thursday 24 September
Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30
Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2

ASIAN AID RELATIONSHIPS IN AFRICA I: A BROADER TEMPORAL AND GEOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE

Convenor
Annette Skovsted Hansen
Aarhus University, Denmark

Chair
David Arase
The Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies, United States

Annette Skovsted Hansen
Aarhus University, Denmark
Time and Trust: Impact of Historical Networks on Aid Distribution in Africa

Peter Adebayo
Ilorin University, Nigeria
A Historical Reassessment of Chinese Aid to Africa, 1956-2014

Hyo-sook Kim
Kansai Gaidai University, South Korea
Policy-Making of Korean Aid to Africa

Ajay Kumar Dubey
Center for African Studies, Jawaharlal-Nehru University, India
Political Economy of Indian Aid Diplomacy in Africa

Thursday 24 September
Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30
Location: LECIAD, Training Room I

THE AFRO-ASIAN INTELLECTUAL ENCOUNTER

Chair
Aaron Tesfaye
William Paterson University, United States

Thursday 24 September
Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

Nixon Njau Mwangi
Egerton University, Kenya
Indigenous Knowledge on Conservation of Natural Resources: A Platform for Exchange between African and Asian Knowledge Systems

Yonas Ashine
Makerere Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda
Africa-Asian Scholars Interaction in the Study of Trans Red Sea Slavery for Comprehensive and Representative History of Slavery: The Life of Malik Ambar as a Case in Point

Netsanet Gebremichael
Makerere Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda
Reconstructing Traces of Interaction from Travel Narratives, Newspapers and Memoirs: India, Abyssinia and Ethiopia

Awet T. Weldemichael
Queen’s University, Canada
Maoism & African Armed Struggles for Liberation

Thursday 24 September
Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

ROUNDTABLE CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS AND HYBRIDATION BETWEEN ASIA AND AFRICA

Roundtable sponsored by Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

Convenor
Kae Amo
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

Chair
Rémy Bazenguissa-Ganga
Institut des Mondes Africaines (IMAF), France
Thursday 24 September
Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30
Location: School of Law

ROUNDTABLE
TEN YEARS ON: REFLECTIONS ON RUNNING A CENTRE FOR CHINESE STUDIES IN AN AFRICAN SETTING

Roundtable sponsored by the Centre for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Convenor
Ross Anthony
Centre for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

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Yejoo Kim
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Ross Anthony
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Location: LEClAD, Main Conference Room 118

AFRICAN MIGRATIONS TO ASIA I

Chair
Benjamin Soares
African Studies Centre & University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Yang Zhou
University of Cologne, Germany
Segmentation or Integration: Cultural Adoption of African-Chinese Families in Yiwu

Xiangming Chen
Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, Connecticut, United States
Ruzhe (Ivan) Su
Trinity College, Connecticut, United States
The Emergence and Shift of the ‘Chocolate City’: The Socio-spatial Dimensions of the African Community in China and Its Implications

Ibrahima Niang
Renmin University of China & Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, Senegal
Construction or Deconstruction of Discourses on China: Cross Perspectives of Africans in China and of Africans in Africa
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Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 
Delhi, India

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THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A PATHWAY FOR CONTACT BETWEEN AFRICA AND ASIA

Chair
René Barendse  
Independent Scholar, the Netherlands & Ghana

Tom Hoogervorst  
KITLV, the Netherlands
Navigating the Waves of an African Ocean: Chronicling Cultural Contact between East Africa and Asia

Marina Martin  
Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
The Indian Question Revisited: The Creation of British Colonial Immigration Laws in Southern Africa

Nidhi Mahajan  
Leiden University, the Netherlands
Onboard the Sagar Sanpati: Commerce, Terrorism, and Insecurity in the Western Indian Ocean

Jatin Dua  
University of Michigan- Ann Arbor, United States
A Sea of Protection: Piracy and Policing in the Western Indian Ocean
**Thursday 24 September**
**Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00**
**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

**ASIAN AID RELATIONSHIPS IN AFRICA II: COMPARING JAPAN AND CHINA**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Annette Skovsted Hansen**
Aarhus University, Denmark

*Discussant*

**Kweku Ampiah**
University of Leeds, United Kingdom

**David Arase**
The Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies, United States

*The Evolution of Japanese and Chinese Economic Development Assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa: Deja Vu All Over Again?*

**Yumiko Yamamoto**
Sciences Po Paris – Center for International Studies (CERI) and Fondation France-Japon de l’EHESS, France

*Japanese ODA to West Africa (2000-2009): From Comparative Perspective with Chinese and Indian Aid*

**Cheng Cheng**
Nanjing University, China

*‘ODF with Chinese Characteristics’ and ODA in Africa*

**Fatai Ayinde Aremu**
University of Ilorin, Nigeria

*Giving with Good Intentions? Convergence and Divergence of Ideas on Japanese Foreign Aid in Africa*

**Pedro Miguel Amakasu Raposo de Medeiros Carvalho**
University Lusíada, Portugal

*The TICAD Aid Network in the Shadow of Rising Asia-Africa Partnerships*

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**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1**

**GENEALOGIES OF AFRO-ASIAN COALITIONAL PRACTICE**

*Convenor*

**Grace Hong**
University of California, Los Angeles, United States

*Chair*

**Mariam Lam**
University of California, Riverside, United States

**Tiffany Willoughby-Herard**
University of California, Irvine, United States

*Banned “Asiatics”: Racialization under Apartheid and the Black Women’s Federation*

**Grace Hong**
University of California, Los Angeles, United States

*Alternative Genealogies of Afro-Asian Encounter*

**Jodi Kim**
University of California, Riverside, United States

*Militarized Pivots: Asia, Africa, and America’s Pacific Century*

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**Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00**
**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2**

**CASE STUDIES ON AFRICA AND ASIA**

*Chair*

**Adam Lifshey**
Georgetown University, United States

**Claudio Costa Pinheiro**
Sephis Programme, Brazil

*Tropical Orientalism. Latin American Post-colonial Imagination Regarding Asia*
Kwang-Su Kim  
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea

Kobus Du Pisani  
North-West University, South Africa

Asian-African comparative studies on place name changes

Ayako Hatano  
University of Tokyo, Japan

The Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Children in Conflict with the Law: From the Case of Child Detention in Sierra Leone

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WHO NEEDS ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA AND WHY?

Convenor and Chair

Lawrence Ogbo Ugwuanyi  
University of Abuja, Nigeria

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From Geo-Politics to Geosophy: Asian Studies in Africa and the Challenge of Knowledge Base for the Global South

Rose Sackeyfio  
Department of English, Winston Salem State University, United States

Africa and Asia in the 21st Century: Educating for Global Citizenship

Dennis Masaka  
Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe

The Imperative for the Asian Studies in the African Academy

Munamato Chemhuru  
Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe

Interrogating the Values of Confucian Philosophy and Ubuntu in the Context of Environmental Ethics

Chinweizu  
Private scholar and Niggerologist, Nigeria

A Dose of East Asia: Cultural Antidote for Black Africa’s Eurocentrism – A Theme in Niggerology

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AFRICAN MIGRATIONS TO ASIA II

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Malwina Bakalarska  
Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures, Poland

Nigerian Students in Malaysia and China – Comparative Analysis of Motivations to Study in Asia and Challenges in Adaptation

Persis Taraporevala  
Centre For Policy Research, India

Criminalising Africans in Khirki Extension: Race-tinged Moralities and the Depoliticization of Gentrification

Antje Missbach  
Monash University, Australia

Transit Migration and People Smuggling in Asia and Africa: A Potentially Rich Field for Comparison

Yijie Zou  
Brandeis University, United States

Gaze beyond Africa and China: A Case Study on the Visual Representation of Africans in China
Friday 25 September
Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30
Location: International House

A-ASIA~IIAS ROUNDTABLE 2
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE MODEL
OF ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA

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CHINA’S IMPACT ON THE AFRICAN
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LANDSCAPES

Chair
Alinah K. Segobye
Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, South Africa

Philipp Gieg
University of Würzburg, Germany
Invoking History, Projecting Success. China’s and India’s Policy and Soft Power vis-à-vis Africa

Tracy Barrett
North Dakota State University, United States
Structures of Colonial Control: Confronting the Chinese in Madagascar
Jacob Waiswa Buganga  
Department of Religion and Peace, Makerere University, Uganda  
*Evolution of Buddhism in Uganda*

Friday 25 September  
Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30  
Location: LECD, Syndicate Room 2

**ECONOMIC HISTORY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair
René Barendse  
Independent Scholar, the Netherlands & Ghana

Agnes Khoo-Dzisi  
University of Utrecht, the Netherlands  
*Reframing Asia’s Economic Development and Industrialization: Asian Social Movements*

Olukayode Faleye  
Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Nigeria & University of Ilorin, Nigeria  
*Toward a Comparative Economic History of Africa and Asia*

John Walsh  
School of Management, Shinawatra University, Thailand

Eric Bediako  
Shinawatra International University, Thailand  
*Special Economic Zones in the Mekong Region and Africa*

Kudus Adebayo  
University of Ibadan, Nigeria  
‘Tokunbo’ and ‘Chinco’ Economies in Nigeria: Rethinking Encounters and Continuities in Local Economic Transformations

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Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30  
Location: LECD, Training Room 1

**INTELLECTUAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ASIA AND AFRICA**

Chair
Mayke Kaag  
African Studies Centre, the Netherlands

Pascal Touoyem  
Université Yaoundé 1, Cameroon  
*Mondialisation et Enjeux de la Production des Savoirs Interculturels à l’Ère du Partenariat Afrique – Asie*

Sissy Helff  
Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany  
*Decoding Intellectual and Educational Interactions between Asia and Africa in Digital Photography and Digital Image Archives*

Sakah Mahmud  
Kwara State University, Malete, Nigeria  
*The Intellectual Deficit in Africa Asia Relations and the Prospects for Revival and Renaissance*

Brij Mohan Tankha  
Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, India  
*Breaking the Boundaries of Asia: Recovering the Afro-Asian Moment*
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Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30 
Location: LEClAD, Training Room 2

**SOUTHERN VOICES OF STRUGGLE**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Tariq Mehmood**
American University of Beirut, Lebanon

**Nate George**
Rice University, Houston, Texas, United States

**Amany Al-Sayyed**
American University of Beirut, Lebanon

**Eric Schmaltz**
Northwestern Oklahoma State University, United States

**Brent Mai**
Concordia University, United States

**Friday 25 September**  
**Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30**  
**Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118**

**ETHNIC GERMANS IN CENTRAL ASIA, KAZAKHSTAN, AND SIBERIA**

*Convenor*

**Jonathan Pohl**
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

*Chair*

**Nana Sapong**
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

**Frauke Hager**
University of Wuppertal, Germany

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**Location: LEClAD, Main Conference Room 118**

**CAPACITY BUILDING OF ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA**

*Chair*

**Adebayo Olukoshi**
Director, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Senegal

**Satinder Bhatia**
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India

**Aaron Tesfaye**
William Paterson University, United States

**Lazare Ki-Zerbo**
University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

**Renu Modi**
Centre For African Studies, University of Mumbai, India
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Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge

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Resistance as Agency? Locating Ghanaian Agency in Ghana-China Relations

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Turning Dragons into Pandas: A Rhetorical Analysis of Chinese Advertising in Africa

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Epistemology and Method: Lessons from an African Anthropologist in Mongolia

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*Chinese Laborers and Race Making in South Africa, 1904-1910*

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*Still neither White nor Black: Continuities and Discontinuities in Chinese Identity Construction in South Africa and the Continent*

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*Stratification in Globalization: The Intersection of Race, State, and Class in China-Africa Interactions*

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*‘So You Only Have Your Culture?’ How Chinese and Kenyans Challenge Each Other’s Notions about What is Modern*

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Peddling and Listening to Asian Modernities in Africa: From Japanese Zyphy Bicycles, Motor Cars and National Panasonic Radios to Chinese Cell Phones

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1920s Saigon: Urban Métissages, Newspapers, and the Origins of Vietnam’s Public Culture of Contestation

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Follow the Tofu: Mapping Chinese Agricultural Value Networks in Zambia

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I am Ghanaian’…’Ah! How can you be Ghanaian, you are white’: Negotiating Ghanaian identities for descendants of Sindhi migrants

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Religious Citizenship: The Case of the Globalised Khōjā of Tanzania

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The Role of Berlin and Bandung in the Making of Modern Africa

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Bringing Bandung Spirit Back In Asia – Africa Relations in the Changing World

Grace Cheng
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Asian and African Perspectives on Sovereignty

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A seat at the table? Influence and impact in multilateral development and international education

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Surfing Global Competition with Local Initiatives

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The ‘Sweetness’ of Cloth: Creative Exchanges with Chinese Textiles in Ghana’s Adinkra Cloth

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Chinese-Nigerian Textile Production and Trade in the 21st Century

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Chinese Retailers in Ghana and the Formation of Traders Alliance amongst Ghanaian Traders in Ghana’s Market Space
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AFRIQUE/ASIE DES MISSIONS
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African Decolonisation and the Founders of the Rastafari Spiritual and Cultural Movement in Jamaica, 1932-1941

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Strategies for Ghana’s Economic Transformation and Diversification

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Using Natural Resources for the Benefit of All: Lessons from Nigeria and Botswana for Ghana

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ASIAN AID AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT I

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Media Perception of China’s Development Aid to Africa: A Country Study of Ghana

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Asia and Africa: Portuguese Colonisation, Literature, and Goa Between

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Migrations and Diasporas South to South: Soul’s Mappings, Heart’s Wanderings

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The Bollywood Connection: Transnational Collaborations and the Impact of the ‘Indian Model’ on the Nigerian Video Film Industry

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Global Bollywood in Ghana: Tracing the Circulation of Hindi Film Music in Tamale, Northern Ghana, 1957-Present

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Assessing Poverty Reduction in China Aid Policies toward Africa

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Mapping South Korea’s engagement with Africa
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La Place de la Chine dans l’Afrique que nous imaginons

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Auto-biography of a Life Spent in the Margin. Between Algeria and Vietnam

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The Esoteric Afro-Orientalism of the Afro-Jamaican Artist Ronald Moody

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Nativism and Its Hidden Histories

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Engendering Racial Histories in Uganda

Amrita Pande
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Adda, Ummah and Hilsa Fish: Bangladeshi Migrants (un)being Indians in South Africa

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AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA: MIGRATIONS, POPULAR POLITICAL ASSERTIONS AND THE URBAN IMAGINARY I

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AFRICA AND INDIA

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India and South Asian Politics in Post-Colonial East Africa

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‘We All Come from Brahma’: Repetition and the Anticipation of Indian Cultural Imperialism in Indian Doctor

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China and the Globalization of English in Africa: The Case of Guinea-Bissau

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Free riding? China’s technical and environment norms in Africa
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