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1979 AFSAA Conference - Africa: Contemporary Issues

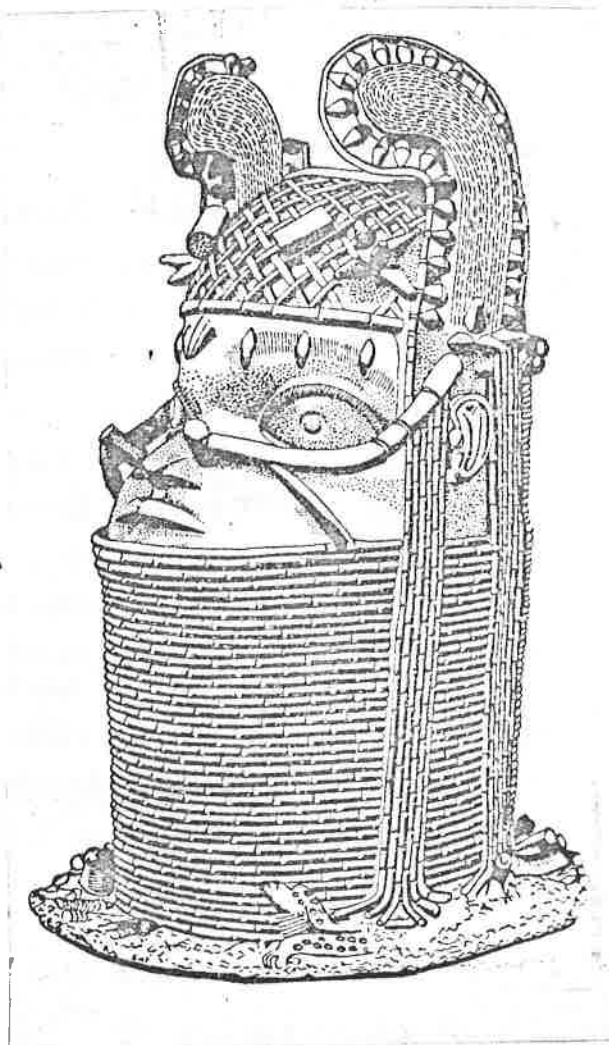
Canberra - 15-16 November 1979

The 1979 AFSAA Conference will be held in conjunction with the Centre for Continuing Education at the Australian National University on the theme 'Africa: Contemporary Issues'. Over the past several years the CCE has held a number of conferences on international issues for the general public. We hope by running our conference along similar lines to be able to publicize African issues more widely. At the same time, it will be an academic conference with a wide range of papers given within a workshop format to enable us to discuss the points in the papers more thoroughly.

Each panel or section will include two papers, approximately 30 minutes each, followed by discussion. We need commitments to present papers now. If you are willing to present a paper on one of the topics listed on the preliminary programme overleaf (or on an additional topic), please let us know by returning your enrollment form on the back page as soon as possible. We also need volunteers to serve as workshop coordinators for the initial workshops on Africa and Australia.

The conference will be held at Burgman College. A concessionary fee of \$25 for AFSAA members (\$20 for students) will cover the conference and the dinner, while full room and board is available in Burgman College for \$13-17 per day. Child care will be available at the ANU creche.

The preliminary programme follows overleaf.



Preliminary Programme

AFRICA: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

African Studies Association of Australia
Centre for Continuing Education, Australian National University
Canberra, 15-16 November 1979

Wednesday, 14 November

8.00 Social and Films

Thursday, 15 November

8.30 Registration

9.30 Panel 1: Australian-African Relations

10.30 Workshops: Australia and Africa

12.30 Lunch

2.00 Panel 2: Politics in Independent Africa

A. Political Succession and the Restoration of
Civilian Rule.

B. The Post-Colonial State

C. The Horn: Ethiopia and Somalia

D. Critics of Empire

6.00 Dinner

8.00 Films

8.00 AFSAA Annual General Meeting

Friday, 16 November

9.00 Panel 3: Southern Africa

A. Marxist Perspectives on Southern Africa

B. South Africa: Evolution or Revolution?

C. Zimbabwe, Rhodesia, or Zimbabwe-Rhodesia?

12.30 Lunch

2.00 African Studies in Australia

2.30 Panel 4: Economic Issues in Independent Africa

A. Ethnicity and Class

B. Dependency and Decolonisation

C. Development Strategies: Mozambique, Kenya, and
Tanzania

D. Demography and Settlement

5.00 Plenary Session

Notes

The Indian Ocean Arts Festival will be held in Perth, 22 September - 6 October, 1979. It will be the first occasion on which the countries on the periphery of the Indian Ocean and the island nations within it will have cooperated in a major artistic enterprise. The Festival aims to represent significant aspects of the performing arts of each country especially as they are expressed in music, dance, and drama as well as the creative arts - such as puppetry, all forms of visual arts, and indigenous theatre. African nations invited to attend include Mozambique, Malagasy Republic, Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, and Djibouti. For further information, contact the Executive Secretary, Indian Ocean Arts Festival, Room 405, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Bank Building, 55 Williams Street, Perth 6000.

Working Papers from the African Studies Seminar Group held at Murdoch University are now available on a complimentary basis from Dr. Hugh Webb, coordinator of the Seminar, at the School of Human Communication, Murdoch University, Murdoch 6153. Titles include:

- No. 1: Hugh Webb, 'Political Disillusionment and Modern African Fiction: The Question of Despair'.
- No. 2: Professor G. Allen German, 'The Psychiatry of African Peoples'.
- No. 3: Wilf D'Souza, Evelyn Muthoni, and Frank Kidenya, 'Education in East Africa'.
- No. 4: Scott MacWilliam, 'Some Notes on the Development of Commerce in Nyanza, 1900-1945'.
- No. 5: David Allbrook, 'Health Care in Today's Africa'.
- No. 6: Michael Hirst, 'Recent Villagisation Policy in Tanzania'.
- No. 7: Hugh Webb, 'African Facts and African Fiction: Wole Soyinka's "Prison Notes" (a discussion of the autobiography The Man Died)'.

Hugh Webb of Murdock University has prepared a study guide for an external second and third year course on African Literature. The course aims to introduce students to the work of some major contemporary African writers and is directed towards an integrated appraisal of artistic-aesthetic, sociological and political issues in modern African poetry, drama and fiction.

Professor Phares Mutibwa will be visiting Australia in conjunction with the International Conference on Indian Ocean Studies to be held in Perth 15-22 August (see announcement in last Newsletter). Professor Mutibwa is the author of The Malagasy and the Europeans, African Heritage and the New Africa, and A Century of Christianity in Uganda, and is currently a Research Fellow at the University of Nairobi. Dr. Gilbert MacDonald, the Secretary for Section VI of the ICIOS, is handling the arrangements for Professor Mutibwa's visit and can be contacted at the Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Western Australia 6009.

MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY OF THE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA (AFSAA)

If you are not already a member of AFSAA, you should join now to continue receiving our mailings and Newsletter. We are also compiling a Directory of Africanists in Australia to be included in a later edition of the Newsletter. If you wish to join the association and/or be included in the Directory, please fill in the following and return to Tom Spear, Secretary, African Studies Association of Australia, Department of History, La Trobe University, Bundoora 3083.

- () I am already a paid-up member of AFSAA
- () I would like to join AFSAA. Enclosed please find my check for \$4 (\$2 for students)
- () I do not wish to join AFSAA at this time, but include the following information for the Directory of Africanists in Australia.

Name:

Title:

Position:

Address:

Office phone:

Home phone:

Areas/fields of interest:

Courses taught with an African orientation: (title; year level; brief description)

Other African studies courses taught in your institution:

African activities in your area:

Field work, employment, or travel in Africa: (location; dates; brief description)

Main publications:

Suggestions for possible academic activities of an African studies association:

Suggestions for possible community activities of an African Studies association:

Enrollment Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

() I enclose conference fee (\$50; \$25 for AFSAA members; \$20 for students) payable to AFSAA. (If you wish to join AFSAA, please fill in membership form on p.5)

() I am willing to give a paper on the following panel and topic:

Panel: _____

Topic: _____

() I am willing to serve as a coordinator for a workshop on Africa and Australia.

() I would like accommodation reserved for me at Burgman College.

() I will require child care for _____ children.

I would like to attend the following workshop sections:

() 2A Political Succession and the Restoration of Civilian Rule

() 2B The Post Colonial State

() 2C The Horn: Ethiopia and Somalia

() 2D Critics of Empire

() 3A Marxist Perspective on Southern Africa

() 3B South Africa: Evolution or Revolution?

() 3C Zimbabwe, Rhodesia, or Zimbabwe-Rhodesia?

() 4A Ethnicity and Class

() 4B Dependency and Decolonization

() 4C Development Strategies: Mozambique, Kenya, and Tanzania

() 4D Demography and Settlement

Please return ASAP if you wish to give a paper or by 12 October if you wish to attend to:

Dr. T. Spear, Secretary
African Studies Association of Australia
Department of History
La Trobe University
Bundoora 3083

Our records show that you

- Are a paid up member of AFSAA, for 1979. .
- Are not currently a paid up member of AFSAA.
- Have returned your membership/directory form.
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