



African Studies Association of Ireland



FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004

The ASAI is delighted to announce its forthcoming annual conference. The conference will be held in conjunction with INCORE, the International Centre of Excellence for Conflict and Peace Studies (United Nations University and University of Ulster).

The 2004 ASAI conference will take place at the University of Ulster at Magee in Derry/Londonderry on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th December 2004.

The key conference theme is conflict and peace-building in Africa. Papers will also be presented on the themes of development in Africa and perspectives on Africa from history and literature.

Further information and booking forms are available from:

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Special rates for students are available.

The African Studies Association of Ireland (ASAI) is an inter-disciplinary association which aims to advance African Studies in Ireland, particularly in Higher Education. Enquires about membership of the ASAI should be made to the Secretary, Dr Martin Lynn, m.lynn@qub.ac.uk

<http://quis.qub.ac.uk/asai>

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Location & venues

The Magee campus is situated on a hillside overlooking the River Foyle in a mainly residential quarter of Londonderry near the city centre. Northern Ireland's second city is famous, amongst other things, for its walls, a symbol of the city's rich legacy of history and tradition.

The conference venues are the beautiful main 19th century building ("MD" block for *MD108, Council Chamber*), the *Senior Common Room* (red brick "MA" block next to the main building) and *MG207* for the film screening (modern block to the lower left of MA, also containing students' union).

Accommodation

Derry Visitor & Convention Bureau can supply details of accommodation and conference rates. Please contact Linda Neill. Online bookings are also available on the website. A range of accommodation is available from hostel-style (from £11 per night) and bed-and-breakfast through to 4-star hotel.

Derry Visitor & Convention Bureau

44 Foyle Street

Derry BT48 6AT

T: +44 (0)28 7126 7284 (048 7126 7284 from RoI)

F: +44 (0)28 7137 7992 (048 7137 7992 from RoI)

www.derryvisitor.com

Campus accommodation

It is also possible to book University accommodation, which is 5 minutes walk from the Main Building. At this time of year this is available in new self-catering flats at a cost of £20 per person per night. There are six (individually lockable) bedrooms in each flat. Each flat has a fully equipped kitchen and shops are close by. Please fill in the enclosed booking form if you wish to select this option.

Travel

By air

City of Derry Airport (LDY) www.cityofderryairport.com

All flights offer "budget" fares for bookings made well in advance

From Dublin & Glasgow: *British Airways* www.ba.com

From London Stansted & Luton: *Ryanair* www.ryanair.ie, *EasyJet* www.easyjet.com

From Manchester & Birmingham: *Aer Arann* www.aerarann.com

City of Derry airport is 7 miles from the city centre (taxi from Derry City airport costs £10-15, taxi share is possible). Bus connections from the airport run in the mornings and early afternoons and terminate at the bus station www.translink.co.uk

There are many other choices of flights into **Belfast International (BFS)** and **Belfast City (BHD)**. Direct buses from the Belfast airports to the Strand Road, Derry (8 minutes' walk from Magee) are operated by *Airporter* www.Airporter.co.uk

By bus or train

www.translink.co.uk

Student, concession and special offer fares are available.

There are direct buses from Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick and Galway and connecting services from all over Ireland. The bus station is a 15 minute walk from Magee. Alternatively, buses and black taxis pass Magee.

The train offers a slower journey from Belfast via Coleraine to Derry. The railway station is in the Waterside. There is a free bus to the bus station. Taxis cost about £3.50 to Magee

By taxi

Derry Taxis 71 260247

Delta Taxis 71 279999

Eglinton cars 71 811231

Rosemount cars 71 26676

Foyle Taxis 71 263905

By car and on foot

See campus and campus directions maps

Maps

Campus map:

www.ulst.ac.uk/information/location/mageemap.html

Campus directions:

www.ulst.ac.uk/information/location/mageecampus.html

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BOOKING FORM

Conference Fee

To cover: registration, buffet on the Friday, lunch on the Saturday, teas & coffees. There is no charge for the reception. The films are also free for conference participants.

Days 1 and 2: Waged: £30/€43.50, Students/Unwaged: £20/€29
1 day only: Waged: £17/€24.50 Students/Unwaged: £11/€16

Your details (Title, name, organisation, email and areas of interest will be included in the conference pack unless you request otherwise)

Title:	Name:
Organisation:	
Address:	
Tel:	Email:
Main area(s) of research or interest in African Studies	
Any specific dietary or access requirements:	

Method of Payment (Please tick and complete relevant section)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque* - <i>I enclose a cheque for £...../€..... to participate on the following days.....</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash/Cheque* - <i>I will pay at the door on the Saturday (available for <u>day 2</u> only)</i>

*We accept sterling or euro cheques drawn on UK/Irish banks or bank drafts. They should be made payable to "African Studies Association of Ireland"

Campus accommodation

Please fill in attached accommodation form enclosing separate payment if you wish to opt for this.

Please return this booking form by **21st November 2004** to the address below.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 3rd December

15:-15:30 *adjacent to MD108*

Registration and coffee/tea

15:30-15:45 *MD108*

Welcome addresses

Professor Gillian Robinson (Director of INCORE)

Professor Tom Fraser (Provost of Magee)

15:50 – 17:10 *MD108*

Dr Andy Storey, Centre for Development Studies, University College Dublin, *Dark continents and laws of the jungle: Europe and Africa.*

17:15-18:35 *MD108*

Dr Rachel Monaghan, School of Environmental Sciences, University of Ulster
Building Sustainable Peace? Informal Justice in Post-Apartheid South Africa

19:00 *Mayor's Parlour, The Guildhall*

Mayor of the City's wine reception for the ASAI conference

20:00 *Senior Common Room, quiet room and bar room*

Conference buffet

Music from Africa

Bar open

Saturday 4th December

9.30-9.55 *adjacent to MD108*

Coffee/tea

10.00-11:25 *MD108*

Keynote speech: Ms Wanjiru Ciru Mwaura (DFID)

Chair: Professor David Dickson, Trinity College Dublin and Chairman, ASAI.

11:30 – 12.55
Parallel sessions

<u>MD108 Peace and conflict 1</u>	
Liam O'Hagan, Dept of Politics and International Studies, Queen's University Belfast	<i>A Drop In The Ocean? The Role of Humanitarian Organisations in Rwanda 1994-6</i>
Mr Steve Williams, INCORE, University of Ulster	<i>The Changing Role of Civil Society in Political Transition: The Experience of South Africa</i>
Dr Alex Kasonde, Dept of Literature and Languages, University of Zambia	<i>Ethnicity and Language in Western Zambia: Implications for Good Governance</i>

<u>Council Chamber Africa: Perspectives from History & Literature</u>	
Stefanie Dunning, Department of English, Miami University of Ohio	<i>Our Sister Kills Joy: Africa, The Nation and Homosexuality</i>
Kevin O'Sullivan, Department of Modern History, Trinity College Dublin	<i>'A Pusillanimous Rhodesia Policy'? Irish Foreign Policy and the Rhodesia Question</i>
Amy Staniforth, University of Birmingham	<i>Safari to the Past: Constructing Human Origins in East Africa</i>
Dr Nancy Strow Sheley, California State University, Long Beach	<i>Telling Life Stories: The Power of the Personal Narrative to Express the Transformation of Self, Reflections on Rwanda</i>

13:00 – 13:40 *Senior Common Room, quiet room and bar room*
Lunch, tea and coffee

13:30 – 14:10 *MD108*
AGM

14:15 – 15:40
Parallel sessions

<u>MD108 Peace and conflict 2</u>	
Eoin Dillon, Centre for Development Studies, University College Dublin	<i>The historical roots of civil society in East Africa: a study of state formation and opposition in Tanzania</i>
Anthony Jordan	<i>Major, John Macbride & Sean Macbride in Africa</i>
Dr Joseph BAMIDELE, Royal Holloway, University of London	<i>Do Natural Resources Differ in Their Impacts on Conflict Intensity? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa</i>

<i>Council Chamber</i> <u>Development and environmental issues</u>	
Dr Stefan Andreasson, School of Politics and International Studies, Queen's University Belfast	<i>Orientalism and African development studies: the 'reductive repetition' motif in theories of African underdevelopment</i>
Mr Yaw Poku-Gyamfi, Federal Armed Forces University, Munich	<i>Africa's Challenge To Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS): A Tool For Sustainable Development?</i>
Ned Lawton, Centre for Development Studies, University College Dublin	<i>Good Governance: Building Blocks for Development?</i>
Dr Christine Liddell, School of Psychology, University of Ulster	<i>Indigenous beliefs and attitudes to AIDS precautions in a rural South African community</i>

15:45 – 17:10 *MD108*

Dr Susan Drucker-Brown, University of Cambridge *Mamprusi Kingship and dispute settlement (Ghana)*

17:15 *MD108* Close of Conference

Professor David Dickson, Trinity College Dublin and Chairman, ASAI.

19:50 *MG207*

To coincide with the Conference, in conjunction with University of Ulster Cultural Development, there will also be a showing of African Films with introductions and an opportunity for informal discussion afterwards.

Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso 2002, 10 min.) directed by Idrissa Ouedraogo. Filtering the September 11th events through the lives of children in Burkina Faso (taken from *11/9/01 – September 11* “images that resist the absolutist designs of both Bush and Bin Laden” -*Time Out*).

The Battle of Algiers (Algeria/Italy 1965, 114 min.) directed by Pontecorvo
Classic film focusing on the guerrilla struggle against the French 1954-7 without glamorising the Algerians or caricaturing the French.

22:00 -23:00 *Senior Common Room, quiet room & bar*

Bar open