Annual Report

2013

African Studies Centre
Afrika-Studiecentrum
Leiden
## Address

**Afrika-Studiecentrum/African Studies Centre**

**Address**
African Studies Centre  
PO Box 9555  
2300 RB Leiden  
The Netherlands

**Visiting address**
Pieter de la Court Building  
Wassenaarseweg 52  
2333 AK Leiden  
The Netherlands

**Telephone**
Office +31 (0)71 527 3372/3376  
Library +31 (0)71 527 3354

**Fax**  
Library +31 (0)71 527 3350

**Email**
Office asc@ascleiden.nl  
Library asclibrary@ascleiden.nl

**Website**
www.ascleiden.nl

**Twitter**
www.twitter.com/ASCLeiden

**Facebook**
www.facebook.com/ASCLeiden
TABLE OF CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Preface</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Research Programme</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>An Overview of Research Time and Publication</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visiting Fellows at the ASC</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PhD Research</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Research Masters in African Studies 2012-2013</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Library, Documentation and Information Department</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Events and External Contacts</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Governing Bodies and Personnel</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Overview</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Publications</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seminars</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colophon</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Inclusive Urban Food Economies 12
Unveiling a Part of Niger's 'Forgotten' History 16
Islam in Senegal 18
'Mobile Africa Revisited': Bridging Mobilities and the Appropriation of ICTs 26
Understanding the Eritrean War of Independence from the Archives 27
After the ASC’s very successful 65th anniversary celebrations and the launch of the ASC Community in 2012, 2013 called for reflections on how the Centre could grow as an organization and benefit from the contacts it had established with a new and wider community in the previous year. 2013 was also a year when staff had to think long and hard about how the new budget cuts should be dealt with.

The ASC’s core funding comes from the Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget at the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. No restrictions are, however, imposed on the ASC’s research as this would threaten the broad contextual character of what the Centre does. Of course the ASC and its research and documentation partners also cover the four current focus areas of Ministry of Foreign Affairs: food and nutrition security in Africa; water and sanitation; sexual and reproductive health and rights; and security and the rule of law. But the ASC does much more. And what it does appears to be appreciated and is supporting an obvious trend/desire in the Netherlands for more knowledge about the ‘emerging Africa’ of the 21st century.

Agnes van Ardenne, a former Minister of Development Cooperation and previously the Dutch ambassador to the FAO, IFAD and the WFP in Rome, took over as Chair of the ASC Board of Governors (Curatorium) early in 2013 and the ASC’s Scientific Advisory Council is now in the capable hands of Manja Spierenburg after Georg Frerks stepped down following many years of invaluable service. The appointment of some additional Scientific Advisory Council members who have an economics and/or business studies background demonstrates the ASC’s commitment to a broad spectrum of African Studies and acknowledges the growing importance of the need for the Centre to be able to provide in-depth knowledge about Africa’s economy and business environment to a wider group of users.

Demands for up-to-date knowledge on topical issues are growing, partly as a result of the new links that the ASC established following the Africa Works! Conference, which it co-organized with the Netherlands-African Business Council (NABC) in 2012. The Centre’s relationship with this organization became stronger in 2013 and it was agreed to organize a second Africa Works! Conference that will be held in Leiden in October 2014. It was also decided to set up an endowment fund called the Van der Mandele Africa Fund, named after K.P. van der Mandele who was one of the initiators of the Afrika Instituut in 1946/47 that was the ‘mother’ institute of both the NABC and the ASC.

So what other decisions did the ASC take in 2013? First, it decided not to cut back on staff but instead to appoint staff members to research new and important areas that were not yet receiving adequate focus and attention. We were delighted to be able to welcome Prof. Chibuike Uche who is an expert on finance and development in Africa, Prof. Fantu Cheru whose research focuses on Africa’s relationships with emerging economies elsewhere and Dr Laura Mann who is now a postdoc at the ASC and an expert on the social economics of innovation in Africa. In addition, Dr Azeb Amha’s role at the ASC was changed so that she can develop her research into the social and identity aspects of language and Dr Harry Wels took up the position of Director of the Research Masters in African Studies. The ASC’s Library, Documentation and IT section was restructured following the retirement of three long-serving members of staff. Replacements for all three were found and a new social media and web expert also joined the support staff in 2013.

Strengthening the ASC’s linkages with Leiden University was important in 2013. The ASC was a co-initiator of LeidenGlobal (www.leidenglobal.org), a group of organizations connected to Leiden University that are involved in global and area studies, and played a prominent role in its launch on 27 November. Closer ties with Leiden University will mean that the ASC can be more active in the African Studies programmes that are offered at both Bachelors and Masters levels.
The ASC’s earning capability was enhanced with the appointment of Gitty Petit as project manager in 2012 and, as planned, the Centre’s research staff succeeded in earning at least 20% of their salaries from external sources in 2013. Accessing research grants and project funding was an area the ASC put a lot of effort into in 2013. This involved preparing proposals related to the new Knowledge Platforms initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and others for NWO-WOTRO. In addition to ongoing externally funded research and other assignments, researchers were successful in attracting funding for new projects from IOB (Marleen Dekker), DFID (André Leliveld), PBL (Han van Dijk), the Netherlands Embassy in Zambia (Jan-Bart Gewald), CNV (Mayke Kaag & André Leliveld), MWH Foundation (André Leliveld), the European Union (Sebastiaan Soeters & Romborah Simiyu) and some other smaller projects too.

ASC researchers had another dynamic year; adding more than 50 refereed publications and 60 other products to an already impressive list, and ASC documentalists produced several new volumes of African Studies Abstracts Online. Klaas van Walraven’s The Yearning for Relief was perhaps the most impressive publication in 2013. Congratulations also go to Stephen Ellis who won the South African Recht Malan Prize for his book on the ANC’s time in exile. And the ASC’s director was awarded the International Geographical Union’s Légion d’Honneur at a ceremony in Kyoto for his contribution to the world of geography. New professorial positions were awarded to Dr Jan-Bart Gewald at Leiden University’s Faculty of Humanities and Dr Rijk van Dijk at the University of Amsterdam’s Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences in 2013. And Rijk van Dijk was also granted a special professorship at the University of Konstanz in Germany. In June, ASC staff attended the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), which has become the most important global gathering for Africanist scholars. The 2013 conference was in Lisbon and, once again, it gave the ASC the opportunity to showcase its research results and connect with Africanist scholars and delegates from AEGIS’s African Studies Centres in Europe and elsewhere.

In 2013 the ASC expanded the services it provides by producing country dossiers for the ASC Community meetings, an electronic newsletter (Habari) for Community members, an Africa Alert Service and a dedicated country portal with information on all 54 African countries: http://countryportal.ascleiden.nl. And it organized numerous seminars, conferences and Country Meetings to which ASC researchers and library staff contributed. The eight Country Meetings were held either in Leiden or were organized in collaboration with the ASC’s partners: FMO in The Hague, the VU University in Amsterdam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These will continue in 2014 with a focus on upcoming elections in Africa and in cooperation with the ASC’s new partner – the Netherlands Institute for Multi-party Democracy (NIMD).

2013 saw a dramatic rise in the number of ASC Community members, joint winners in the annual Africa Thesis Award, the arrival of new staff members and visiting fellows, colourful exhibitions in the ASC’s corridors and the Centre’s first Annual Lecture. And we wished Michèle Boin, Marlene van Doorn, Tineke Sommelng and Ineke van Kessel all a very happy retirement after their many years of service at the ASC.

I hope you enjoy this Annual Report with its photos and texts about the diverse activities at the ASC in 2013 when some research projects were winding down as others were starting out on exciting journeys.

Ton Dietz
Director
ASC PERSONNEL (on 31.12.2013)
The African Studies Centre in Leiden is the national knowledge centre on Africa in the Netherlands. It also has a world-famous library and documentation centre that is open to the general public. The ASC’s current research programme, entitled ‘Africa and Global Restructuring’, aims to understand Africa better within the recent historical juncture of global restructuring, with a focus on resources and wellbeing, issues of governance, identification and belonging in a media age, and Africa’s global connections. The ASC has various publications series and an up-to-date website: www.ascleiden.nl

Unique website visitors: 127,389
Facebook Likes: 894
Twitter Followers: 510
on 31.12.2013

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Visiting fellows in 2013

How to find the ASC
Total ASC income: € 4 171 599

Income from ASC projects: € 842 886

ASC staff members by category, 31.12.2013

ASC media coverage
In addition to being one of the leading centres for the study and dissemination of knowledge about Africa, the African Studies Centre (ASC) is also an important hub for the promotion of African Studies in the Netherlands and Europe, and has strong links with colleagues in Africa, Europe, North America and, increasingly, Asia as well. 2013 was the second year of the ASC’s four-year research programme (2012-2016) entitled ‘Africa and Global Restructuring’. Within this overarching research programme, the research staff, including associated researchers and PhD students as well as the Centre’s senior researchers, carried out various individual and collaborative research projects that led to numerous publications as well as active engagement in public debates and exchanges with other academics, policy makers, including the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the media, NGOs and the business community. Much of the ASC’s research is carried out in close cooperation with colleagues outside the Centre and partner institutions in Europe, Africa and elsewhere.

The Researchers’ Assembly – the organizational body that brings the ASC’s research staff together and is led by its elected chair Benjamin Soares and deputy chair Mayke Kaag – is the main forum for discussing the ASC’s research agenda and the results and output of individual and collaborative research projects at the institute. It formally convened five times in the course of 2013, with one of its most important tasks being to agree upon the ASC’s priority research areas before recruiting new research staff.

The ASC’s main individual and collaborative research activities fall within the major interrelated thematic areas of the 2012-2016 research programme: resources and well-being; constellations of governance; identification and belonging in a media age; and Africa’s global connections. The thematic areas of research were broad and diverse and led to a number of significant contributions to research, publications, public debate and other forms of outreach activities.

**Resources and Well-being**

Staff members contributed to important ongoing academic and policy debates on development, agriculture and food security. Most notable was the publication of *Asian Tigers, African Lions: Comparing the Development Performance of South East Asia and Africa* (edited by Bernard Berendsen, Ton Dietz, Henk Schulte Nordholt & Roel van der Veen) that presents the results of the Tracking Development project that compared the development performance of South East Asia and Africa over the last fifty years. As part of this project, Blandina Kilama successfully defended her PhD thesis that compared the cashew sectors in Tanzania and Vietnam, as did Bethuel Kinuthia whose PhD research presented a comparison of foreign direct investment in the industrial sectors in Kenya and Malaysia over the same period.

Developmental Regimes in Africa (DRA) is the follow-up research project to Tracking Development and the ASC’s contribution is Islands of State Effectiveness and African Agriculture, with Ton Dietz and André Leliveld taking the lead. The first publications included a series of reports on agricultural dynamics and food security trends in Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda by Akinyinka Akinyoade, Ton Dietz, Dick Foeken, Wijnand Klaver and André Leliveld that emphasized urbanization and the urban demand for agricultural produce from the hinterlands of some of Africa’s rapidly expanding cities.

Ton Dietz’s participatory assessment of development project – the PADev Project – was completed in 2013 and its final report highlighted the serious challenges involved in reaching the ultra-poor in Africa. Various related publications focused on issues such as local perceptions of development, while the members of the Food Security and the African City collaborative research...
group focusing on agrohubs and food security made significant contributions on agricultural performance (Ton Dietz), urban agriculture and the gendered division of labour in crop cultivation (Dick Foeken), urban livestock keeping (Dick Foeken), large-scale farm investments (Marcel Rutten), water management (Dick Foeken & Marcel Rutten), forest regimes and forest governance (Ton Dietz & Han van Dijk) and resource management (Han van Dijk) in a variety of African countries. ASC researchers working in these fields also conducted research and published articles on related issues in places such as Mongolia (Ton Dietz) and elsewhere in Asia and also in Latin America (Han van Dijk), which are useful for comparative reflection. In addition, the ASC continued to produce detailed and informative thematic maps on similar issues, including a map on access to drinking water in Africa and another on levels of sanitation.

In addition to ongoing research on the important topic of land grabbing in Africa and elsewhere that was done by Mayke Kaag and on specific land tenure disputes in countries such as Kenya and Senegal by Marcel Rutten, ASC researchers, particularly Han van Dijk, conducted research on land governance in post-conflict settings in Burundi, South Sudan and Uganda, and Karin Nijenhuis successfully defended her PhD thesis on land and conflict in Mali.

ASC researchers Marleen Dekker and André Leiveld continued to research household economies and livelihoods in relation to community-based health insurance and insurance take-up in Togo. And Marleen Dekker also considered the effects of dollarization in Zimbabwe, including the intensification of gift-giving rather than other anticipated coping mechanisms in such a hyperinflationary context, and responses to economic, natural and health shocks in Ethiopia. She conducted policy-relevant research on gender equity in development, while issues surrounding labour dynamics and trade unions became an important area of interest too.

**Constellations of Governance**

Politics and history, which have been key focus areas in recent ASC research programmes, continued to receive considerable attention from the research staff in 2013. Two major monographs on political history were published: Klaas van Walraven’s monumental study of the Sawaba movement in Niger entitled *The Yearning for Relief* that provides in-depth insight into political developments not only in Niger but in post-colonial Africa more generally, and Stephen Ellis’s *External Mission: The ANC in Exile, 1960-1990*. In addition to garnering considerable media attention and initiating significant public debate, the latter won the prestigious Recht Malan Prize in South Africa and *Foreign Affairs* listed it as a ‘notable book of the year’. And the ASC once again had significant input in the annual *Africa Yearbook* with Klaas van Walraven as one of the editors and various ASC researchers providing individual country entries.

Historical research remained important for several other researchers. Jan-Bart Gewald organized the final conference for the From Muskets to Nokias: Technology, Consumption and Social Change in Central Africa from Pre-Homa Bay fish-waste processing industry. Photo: Dick Foeken
Inclusive Urban Food Economies

Africa has the world’s fastest rate of urbanization today and it is expected that by 2030 more than half of its population will be living in urban areas. As a result of this rapid expansion of African cities, urban food consumption has emerged as an increasingly powerful force within local agricultural systems. There is growing recognition of the potential of local food markets and this challenges the idea that agricultural exports will be the motor of Africa’s agricultural and economic transformation.

Despite this, local urban food economies remain understudied and very few research projects have embraced the co-existence of increasing wealth and rising poverty in African cities. What does this mean for food and food planning? Growing urban inequality is becoming an acknowledged feature of African cities.

With one of our research focus areas being ‘Resources and Well-being’, we are attaching great importance to the study of urban and agricultural development in Africa. In 2013, a consortium of partner organizations – the African Centre for Economic Transformation, the Maastricht School of Management, the Netherlands-African Business Council, the international agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities, MicroEnsure and the ASC – applied for a grant from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) to conduct research in this area.

In this four-year project, we aim to present new insights into the development dynamics of inclusive urban food systems in Kenya and Ghana. We also hope to provide potential solutions that could promote the inclusivity of urban food systems by identifying opportunities and gaps in the existing set-up. Our research will focus on the role of government, service providers, businesses and civil-society organizations in local urban food economies and the creation of more inclusive food economies. Accra and Nairobi have been selected as case studies.

A critical question is not only how African cities will feed themselves in the (near) future but also how they will transform the agrarian hinterlands that provide the food that feeds the inhabitants of their cities. Our research project will also study gender dimensions, food value chains, food cluster development and urban food security. Rather than equating the move to the city with the emergence of middle-class food consumption patterns (i.e. imported, processed and fast food), we will be aiming to understand the complexities of urban consumption in a context of simultaneous increases in wealth and poverty. We hope this will allow for a more ‘sophisticated’ development impact.

Merel van ’t Wout
Colonial Times to the Present project, which revisited the region’s history through the lenses of technology and consumption. Other historical research focused on the complexity of Southern African labour migration to South Africa’s mines (Jan-Bart Gewald); the anti-apartheid movement and political developments in post-apartheid South Africa (Ineke van Kessel); the history of slave-raiding in colonial Cameroon and Nigeria (Wouter van Beek); the political economy of religious change in West Africa (Benjamin Soares); the history of organized crime in Nigeria (Stephen Ellis); the history of sports administration (Wouter van Beek); and the history of Gulf charities and Islamic NGOs in Africa (Mayke Kaag). Ineke van Kessel also co-edited a hefty volume of the *Encyclopedia of Social & Political Movements*.

The work of several ASC researchers focused on politics, from the micro to the macro levels in numerous African countries: in Ethiopia (Jan Abbink); South Africa (Stephen Ellis & Ineke van Kessel); Mali (Benjamin Soares, Mirjam de Bruijn & Martin van Vliet) and Niger (Klaas van Walraven). Jan Abbink co-edited *Reconfiguring Ethiopia: The Politics of Authoritarian Reform*, while Stephen Ellis examined the intersection of religion and politics and Mayke Kaag and Benjamin Soares did research into the imbrications of Islam and politics in different settings and from a comparative perspective.

The ASC’s tradition of long-term in-depth anthropological research on various groups in Africa continued in 2013. For example, Jan Abbink and his co-authors published a book on the language, culture and society of the agro-pastoralist Suri of Ethiopia, which stands as a corrective to previous exoticizing studies of a group that has regularly been the subject of the ‘tourist gaze’. The intellectual history of Ethiopian Studies and the anthropology of Ethiopia over the past 25 years were the subjects of a review article by Jan Abbink as well.

The theme of religion has remained a key research theme at the ASC, with ongoing research projects focusing on religion – Christianity, including Pentecostalism (Rijk van Dijk), Islam (Mayke Kaag, Benjamin Soares & Gerard van de Bruinhorst), and African traditional religions, including African divination (Wouter van Beek & Wim van Binsbergen). Research on religion and media, including new media, and youth as religious actors was undertaken by Benjamin Soares who also wrote about Islam in Mali following the 2012 coup and the Islamist takeover of northern Mali. Mayke Kaag’s project on Islam in Senegal was completed and she also published an article on the significant Senegalese Muslim religious community, the Mourides, that plays an important part in the lives of many Senegalese in Italy. Rijk van Dijk continued his research on the Ghanaian diaspora with a special focus on issues of religion. His considerable research has included work on the intersection of religion, particularly religious organizations, and health and sexuality with special reference to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa. He co-edited ‘Counselling, Sexuality, and Intimacy: Perspectives from Africa’, a special issue of the journal *Culture, Health and Sexuality*, and completed the co-editing of a forthcoming volume on religion and the treatment of AIDS in Africa.

**Identification and Belonging in a Media Age**

The ASC’s longstanding research on mobile telephony and ICTs continued in 2013 under Mirjam de Bruijn’s leadership. The final conference of the Mobile Media studio Mana, Mozambique. Photo: Rufus de Vries

*Media studio Mana, Mozambique. Photo: Rufus de Vries*
Africa Revisited project on mobile telephony and socioeconomic dynamics was held and the proceedings were prepared for publication. The innovative research also featured in *Side@Ways: Mobile Margins and the Dynamics of Communication in Africa*, a collection that she edited with Inge Brinkman. Mirjam de Bruijn’s NWO-funded Connecting in Times of Duress project kicked off in conjunction with Leiden University’s Institute of History and a sizeable team of researchers. And Henrietta Nyamnjoh successfully defended her PhD thesis on ICT use by Cameroonian in the diaspora. Related legal issues concerning access to information in Africa were the subject of Fatima Diallo’s co-edited collection entitled *Access to Information in African Law*, to which Akinyinka Akinyoade contributed an article on Nigeria’s Freedom of Information Act.

**Africa’s Global Connections**

The theme of Africa’s global connections is new at the ASC and is the focus of one of the Centre’s collaborative research groups. These groups offer a flexible and adaptive way of organizing research beyond the many individual research projects by connecting ASC researchers (and members of the ASC Community) but avoiding ‘pillarization’. The *Africa in the World* collaborative research group (convened by Mayke Kaag) explored Africa’s changing global linkages in the context of an increasingly multi-polar world, in which actors such as China, India, Brazil, Turkey and the Gulf States are becoming major players. It undertook various research activities to extend its networks in order to enhance its understanding of Africa’s changing place in a restructuring world. The group hosted anthropologist Dinah Rajak from the University of Sussex who gave a seminar on corporate social responsibility policies that multinationals have applied in the mining sector in South Africa to facilitate comparative reflection. Several ASC Infosheets were produced, for example on the economic ties between Brazil and Africa with the assistance of associate group member Peter Konijn from Knowing Emerging Powers in Africa and on Egypt-Sub-Saharan-African relations with the help of visiting student Sherif Hassan Maher. Mayke Kaag was particularly active in networking and meetings in the Netherlands and Asia related to the newly established Association of Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA). Members of the group also made preparations with counterpart Liu Haifang from the School of International Studies at Peking University regarding a dialogue seminar. This was part of a joint scientific programme on Sino-Dutch complementarity in African Studies and policies that was funded by NWO.

**Collaborative Research Groups**

In addition to the above-mentioned Africa in the World: Rethinking Africa’s Global Connections collaborative group that was officially launched in 2012, the following collaborative research groups brought together researchers working on similar themes who engaged in notable research, networking and institution-building activities in 2013:

- Food Security and the African City: Clustering Metropolitan Food Chains
- Networks, Conflict and Mediatization in Africa
- Rethinking Contemporary African History and Historiography
- Roads to Prosperity and their Social Zones of Transit
- Beyond the State
- Labour Dynamics and Trade Unions in Africa

The **Food Security and the African City**: Clustering Metropolitan Food Chains collaborative group (convened by Dick Foeken) met on numerous occasions in 2013 and collaboration with PBL led to researchers Tom Schut and Maurits van den Berg spending time at the ASC. 2013 also saw the kick-off of the new research project led and coordinated by Andre Leliveld in northern Uganda. The so-called FOODMETRES project progressed well, Sebastiaan Soeters and Merel van’t Wout and others wrote a concept paper in response to the NWO call for ‘Global Food Challenges’ and a follow-up workshop with other consortium members was also organized. The group decided to edit a series of their papers for a volume provisionally entitled ‘Inside Africa’s Agro-, Food and Nutrition Dynamics,’ for the 2014 African Dynamics volume. And the group provided substantial input for ASC-organized Country Meetings by preparing national food and nutrition statistics.

The members of the **Networks, Conflict and Mediatization** in Africa collaborative group (convened by Rijk van Dijk) considered the theme of social networks and conflict in increasingly mediated societies in Africa. The group discussed research ideas and prepared a possible research proposal for external funding, as well as an international workshop. A successful preliminary workshop on media, religion and conflict was held in July with presentations by a wide range of speakers, including Katrien Pype from the University of Leuven.

The **Rethinking Contemporary African History and Historiography** collaborative group (convened by Stephen Ellis) had presentations by group members and external colleagues. These included Carol L. Martin, the former Executive Director of the African Studies Association and an ASC community fellow who was invited to present her work on sources for African history. Two of the group’s members carried out research in archival collections that have significant potential as sources for modern African history.

The **Roads to Prosperity** collaborative research group (convened by Jan-Bart Gewald) was also very active. Jan-Bart Gewald travelled to Southern Africa where he traced the course of migrant labourers from Angola, Namibia and Botswana to the mines in South Africa and back to eastern Namibia, while Akinyinka Akinyoade went to Accra where he conducted research among Nigerian migrants stranded in Ghana whilst striving to continue their journey to the US/Canada. Marleen Dekker continued to examine her data on resettlement schemes in Zimbabwe. A workshop focusing on members’ research was held with Baz LeCocq from the University of Ghent serving as discussant and the group is planning an international workshop that will lead to the publication of a collection of papers and invited contributions for publication in the African Dynamics series in 2015.

The collaborative group entitled **Beyond the State** in Africa (convened by Jan Abbink) met a number of times with presentations focusing on issues of politics and political action that were being addressed in individual research projects. It was decided to revitalize the group and sharpen its focus in 2014 so that this important area of research continues at the ASC.
Unveiling a Part of Niger's ‘Forgotten’ History

After many years of fieldwork and archival research, my study of the Sawaba Movement and its rebellion in Niger in the 1950s-1960s came to fruition in 2013 with the publication of The Yearning for Relief: A History of the Sawaba Movement in Niger. Brill Academic Publishers has produced a truly beautiful volume of over 960 pages with numerous maps and about a hundred illustrations!

The publication of such a book could not be allowed to pass unnoticed. And even though every scholar nowadays has learnt to plug his/her work thanks to some PR training, I realized that I needed to do more than the usual rounds with this book. The Sawaba Movement and its rebellion in Niger had always been a completely neglected subject, as was the wider history of West Africa’s largest country in the decades following World War II. I traced this story in my book from a social history perspective, placing a generation of activists, who had been removed from official records, back into mainstream Niégénian history. Representing a genuine social movement, Sawaba formed Niger’s first autonomous government under French suzerainty in 1957. Overthrown by the Gaulists, it then attempted a comeback with a failed guerrilla campaign (1960-1966) that ultimately led to its collapse. The book is based on numerous interviews with survivors and a vast range of archival sources, including those of France’s Secret Service. I think it should be considered essential reading as part of a re-evaluation of Niger’s history and, more generally, the role of militant nationalist movements in the decolonization of French West Africa.

So I went on the campaign trail, giving lectures and doing book launches on nine different occasions. My first lecture was, of course, in Leiden and other European destinations followed: Hamburg, Paris, Lisbon, Edinburgh and Bordeaux. Some of these seminars drew considerable numbers (40-50 people) while others were attended by fewer but also led to extremely stimulating debates that totally absorbed me. In Paris, a mere ten people held me captive for more than three hours with in-depth comments, questions and reflections that left me dizzy with intellectual contentment.

But taking the book ‘back home’ to my respondents in Niger was always going to be a more challenging experience. I knew from past encounters of the interest that many had taken in the project and I had therefore carefully sent lots of copies to Niamey ahead of my arrival. (The French translation that is to be published by Karthala will follow in late 2014/early 2015.) I gave three lectures in Niger’s capital, one at the LASDEL Institute, which is our research partner there, one at the university and one at a journalists’ forum called Espaces Alternatives. Several hundred students came to hear me speak about a hidden aspect of their country’s past about which I knew many young Niégériens had been totally unaware. Sawaba’s former activists – militants, union workers and guerrilleros – were also present even though all of them are quite elderly now. Some arrived more than an hour in advance to ensure a seat in the front row where they eagerly followed my PowerPoint presentation with its dozens of old and new photographs. Their reactions were frequently not just enthusiastic but emotional too. Such a response was not new to me, as my interviews with the Sawabists had often led to unstoppable floods of facts and stories and, on occasion, even culminated in an emotional breakdown on the part of my interlocutors. Debating their recovered past was, for them, a question of confronting the passions ingrained in human history.

Klaas van Walraven
The new **Labour Dynamics and Trade Unions** collaborative group (convened by André Leliveld) emerged after a series of country-context studies on Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Madagascar, Niger, Senegal, South Africa and Togo were undertaken after being commissioned by CNV International over the last few years. The group held a series of regular meetings and organized a one-day public seminar on labour issues and trade unions in Africa with African, Dutch and Belgian academics and trade unionists and a subsequent writers’ workshop to prepare a forthcoming edited volume. The group and its partners in Ghana and Benin also prepared a research proposal for WOTRO’s Strategic Actors for Inclusive Development project.

**An Overview of Research Time and Publications**

In addition to resident PhD students, junior research assistants, visiting fellows and retired guest researchers, a core group of seventeen senior ASC researchers spent a total of 15.2 fte on a variety of activities, of which 7.9 fte spent on research and PhD supervision (52%), 2.3 fte on teaching activities at Research Masters, Masters and Bachelor’s level (15%), 2.7 fte on services to the academic community and internal management (18%) and 2.2 fte on services to the wider community (15%). Compared with 2012 and earlier years, the amount of time spent on research work has gradually declined, which was one of the reasons why it was decided to ‘invest’ in additional researchers in 2014. Teaching and supervision work at PhD level, in the Research Masters in African Studies and at more junior levels in the Netherlands and abroad increased and this trend is expected to continue in the future. The time spent on internal management (by the Director, the Executive Board and the Researchers’ Assembly) remained at about 1 fte but services to the global academic community of Africanist scholars increased. This was due to the ASC’s role as publisher and editor of book series and academic journals. Services to the wider community also increased and now involve media activities, the organization of public debates (for example, the ASC Community’s Country meetings) and advice to policy makers, business people, journalists, teachers and NGOs in the Netherlands but also in Africa and elsewhere. The ASC’s role as a leading African Studies Centre, one of the key members of the organization of African Studies Centres in Europe (AEGIS) and as a knowledge hub for information about Africa in the Netherlands is placing increasing demands on staff time.

The ASC’s staff produced 110 research products (excluding book reviews) and an additional 13 volumes by external researchers were also published. Using the CERES/EADI measurement tools, senior research staff produced 217.3 CERES/EADI credits in total, 175 of which were refereed academic output, which includes the supervisory input to ten PhD theses that were successfully defended in 2013. This translates into a score of 27.5 for each research fte for total output (the CERES/EADI minimum is 15) and a score of 22.2 for refereed academic output (the CERES/EADI minimum is 10). In addition, various retired guest researchers and junior and PhD staff and colleagues from elsewhere published their research output in ASC series. The core of the research output in 2013 consisted of 52 refereed academic publications, all of which were in English except for one that was in French. An additional 22 academic publications were non-refereed and the ASC produced 35 contributions to
Islam in Senegal

Islam in Senegal is a subject that has attracted a great deal of attention from administrators and scholars since colonial times and a huge corpus of literature on the theme has developed over the years. In the ASC Library’s catalogue alone, searches for ‘Islam’ and ‘Senegal’ generate 367 hits. The fact that we worked on yet another volume on Islam in Senegal in 2013 leads to the question: ‘why?’. I think our book – *Etat, Sociétés et Islam au Sénégal. Un air de nouveau temps?* – is special in several respects.

First of all, the book was born out of collaboration between diplomats and scholars. In the post-9/11 era, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dutch diplomats felt that, in order to do their work well, they needed more knowledge about Islam and Muslims in the countries with or in which they were working. This is why the Islam Research Programme (IRP) was established. I coordinated the programme on Islam in Senegal that was one of the first and larger sections within the IRP and ran from 2009 to 2012. A team of senior and junior Senegalese and Dutch researchers did research on questions of interest to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Dakar and policy briefs and reports were written, networking meetings were held, a database was set up and a publication for a wider audience was also prepared. The present book is the academic output of the Islam Programme Dakar. It was co-edited by three Senegalese colleagues who had taken part in the programme, namely Abdourahmane Seck, Cheikh Gueye and Abdou Salam Fall, and myself. Junior and senior Senegalese scholars contributed chapters on the research they had done in the context of the Islam Programme Dakar and other scholars were also invited to contribute chapters that fitted our approach.

And this is the second reason for putting the book in the spotlight. The volume can be considered as part of a new movement that aims to break away from the old structuralist and functionalist approaches to the study of Islam in Senegal that often focused on one of the so-called Islamic brotherhoods (Sufi orders) as the object of their research. Our perspective is one of crosscutting the Sufi orders and other branches of Islam, instead taking domains in society such as the economy, politics, education and/or tourism as our starting point, and analyzing how Islam, religious networks and actors, and Islamic values play a role in these, including their effects. The chapters are complemented by interviews with three important Senegalese public intellectuals who share their views on various themes emerging from the analyses. The volume shows that Islam remains an important area of research in Senegal and elsewhere in Africa, and that new approaches in this field of study are helping to generate knowledge that is relevant to current questions concerning Africa, including those concerning security, investment and global linkages.

Finally, with the book being published by Karthala in Paris, we are seeing a re-emergence of the ASC-Karthala publications series in French. Watch this space as they say, as more titles will be coming in the future!

*Mayke Kaag*

---

*The wall at the Abattoires Cemetery, Médina, Dakar. Photo: Nazarena Lanza*
knowledge sharing with a wider non-academic community. Half of these were in Dutch and included the Director’s columns in the Dutch Magazine OneWorld. In addition, one film documentary was made and there were seven academic book reviews. Google Scholar can nowadays be used to gain an fairly accurate idea of the academic impact of scholarly work. The lifetime achievements of the ASC’s present senior research staff (excluding retired staff) at the end of 2013 exceeded 12,000 academic citations (based on the more than 700 publications included in Google Scholar’s database), with Stephen Ellis and Jan Abink being particularly frequently quoted with more than 4200 and 1400 citations to date respectively. Other members of staff with more than 500 citations include Rijk van Dijk, Ton Dietz, Dick Foeken, Mirjam de Bruijn, Benjamin Soares and Jan-Bart Gewald.

The ASC’s 2013 publications covered most parts of the continent, with an emphasis on publications on South Africa, Ethiopia, Mali, Kenya and Ghana. The gradual shift from a focus on African issues alone to an increasing emphasis on ‘Africa in the World’ is clearly shown in the publications comparing Africa and Asia, or dealing with South-South linkages. The ASC’s output covers all four of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ focus areas for international development but, in addition to scholarly contributions to these four fields of inquiry, the ASC also dealt with other important issues such as access to resources, inclusive development, gender issues, labour and employment, innovation and communication, religion and cultural dynamics, governance issues and the politics of identity and economic transformation. The ASC’s broad orientation in its scholarly work, its library and documentation work and its services to teaching and to the academic and non-academic communities in Africa in the Netherlands and beyond is central.

Nine books were added to the African Studies Collection in 2013 and were also immediately available as free online publications. These included the PhD theses of ASC PhD students Bethuel Kinuthia and Blandina Kilama (who were both part of the Tracking Development project), Stasja Koot and Karin Nijenhuis, and Lahla Ngubo: The Continuities and Discontinuities of a South African Black Middle Class by Nkululeko Mabandla who was the winner of the 2013 Africa Thesis Award. Two publications were added to the joint ASC-Langaa series that is published in Cameroon, one of which was a volume presenting the results of the Mobile Africa Revisited project and was co-edited by Mirjam de Bruijn and Inge Brinkman. The ASC published five Working Papers in 2013, four Infosheets (three about the CoCooN Initiative Kenya that was chaired by Marcel Rutten and one about the Africa in the World collaborative research group) and three ASC Thematic Maps (two of which were prepared by Dick Foeken on drinking water and sanitation and one by the collaborative research group on labour issues). Finally, the ASC published three special publications in 2013: a summary of the Tracking Development results that was produced at the ASC’s request by science journalist Dirk Vlasblom; the PADev ‘story’ as the final product of this research project for ICCO, Woord en Daad and PRISMA that was edited by Ton Dietz; and the first in a new series in which Dutch people who are not in academia per se but have a special connection with Africa can present their reflections about the continent (in Dutch). The first of these books was compiled by former diplomat Fred van der Kraaij about his life-long involvement in Liberia and the festive book launch-cum-Community country meeting that the ASC organized attracted many Dutch Liberians. The first edition of this book proved to be extremely popular and sold out immediately!
VISITING FELLOWS AT THE ASC

The ASC’s Visiting Fellowship programme provides scholars from Africa with the opportunity to work at the ASC for a maximum of three months on data analysis and/or writing. This is often as part of a joint project with one or more of the Centre’s staff. With access to the library and IT facilities at the ASC and Leiden University, others use the time to develop practical projects for implementation in their home countries. The visiting fellows contribute to the ASC’s seminar programme and enrich its research programme in other ways too. The following eight fellows were at the ASC in 2013.

Dr Jessica Achberger

Jessica Achberger received her PhD in African history from the University of Texas at Austin in 2012 for a dissertation on Zambia’s foreign policy and economic development, with particular reference to its relationship with China. As a historian of both Africa and Asia, she is interested in linkages between the two continents. She is currently the Deputy Director of Research and Programmes at the Southern African Institute of Policy and Research in Lusaka, Zambia and is on the editorial board of the Southern African Journal of Policy and Development and managing editor of the Zambia Social Science Journal that published a special issue on Zambia and China in 2013. She publishes regularly on Africa, China, history and economic development. During her stay at the ASC, she worked on a paper that examined Zambian relations with the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia and started writing a monograph based on her 2012 dissertation.

Dr Samson Bezabeh

Samson Bezabeh is an anthropologist whose main focus is on state-society interaction. His research interests are diaspora studies, Islam and the media, Christianity and Christian state cosmologies as well as issues of citizenship, ethnicity and class in Africa. He has been conducting research in the Horn of Africa, particularly in Djibouti and Ethiopia, for the last ten years. His article entitled ‘Citizenship and the Logic of Sovereignty in Djibouti’ won the 2012 African Authors’ Prize awarded by African Affairs. He used his time at the ASC to revise his PhD thesis entailed ‘Subjects of Empires/Citizens of States: Yemenis in the Port of Djibouti and its Hinterlands’ so that it could be published as a book monograph. His ASC fellowship gave him the chance to analyze additional archival materials from France for inclusion in his book and to write an article on Islam and French politics in colonial Djibouti. After he left the ASC, he was a visiting fellow at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. He also wrote a chapter on religion and media in New Media and Religious Transformations in Africa, which was edited by Rosalind Hackett & Benjamin Soares (Indiana University Press, 2014).

Dr Issouf Binaté

Issouf Binaté was awarded a PhD from the Université Félix Houphouët Boigny in Abidjan (2012) for his thesis on the history of Islamic education in Côte d’Ivoire and is currently working at the Université Alassane Ouattara de Bouaké. While at the ASC and in collaboration with two of the ASC’s researchers, Benjamin Soares and Mayke Kaag, he did empirical research on Islamic NGOs in Côte d’Ivoire as such organizations have received less attention there than in other West African countries. Dr Binaté’s research project was entitled ‘ONG islamiques en Côte d’Ivoire: Acteurs et enjeux’ and, in light of changes in recent years in the system of religious education, he considered the dynamic evolution of Islamic schools with an emphasis on actors such as the state and promoters of Islamic education. The article he wrote at the ASC was entitled ‘Côte d’Ivoire: L'enseignement islamique à l’ère du néolibéralisme’.

Prof. Felix Kaputu

Prof. Kaputu has a PhD in comparative literature from the Université de Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has worked at different academic institutions in the US, Japan and Belgium in African Studies, African politics, literature (mythology), gender, religion, the diaspora, art, community development and pedagogy. He has published extensively on human existential conditions, beliefs, aesthetics, the diaspora and pedagogy. He has recently been working on the Zambian mining boom in the fast-growing city of Solwezi, with a special emphasis on the position of women, HIV/AIDS, faith and gender perspectives and this fitted very well with research being undertaken by fellow...
ASC researchers. He attended various conferences while he was at the ASC and took part in panel discussions on topics including war and people’s forced displacement between 1960 and 1980 in Southern Africa, films produced in Rwanda and mineral exploration in Mozambique.

**Brenton Maart**

Brenton Maart is an artist, writer and curator and has an Advanced Diploma in Photography and an MA in Fine Art from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MSc in biotechnology (cum laude) from Rhodes University. His photos have been displayed in numerous exhibitions and he has also worked in curatorial positions in different art galleries. He is currently doing a PhD at the Centre for Curating the Archive at the University of Cape Town’s Michaelis School of Fine Art on the relative evidence of taunt, disavowal and bureaucratic integration in the architectural manifestations of the ten South African and ten Namibian homelands that were established by the apartheid government. Through contemporary photography and historical archive collation, his research is examining two types of buildings: those falling into disrepair and ruins, and those being used to house post-apartheid government bureaucracies and that, as such, represent palimpsests of power in South Africa and demonstrate visible layers of apartheid, nationalism and tribalism. Brenton was the curator of the 2013 South African pavilion at the Venice Biennale.

**Dr Friday Mufuzi**

Friday Mufuzi has a PhD in history from the University of Zambia (2010) and is currently the Acting Director of Lusaka’s National Museum in Zambia. His research interests focus on the social, economic and political history of Indians in colonial Zambia and the value of public history in museums. He used his time in Leiden to do research in the ASC Library and to convert his PhD thesis into a book that is provisionally entitled *Knowledge from Our Ancestors: The Livingstone Museum and its Contribution to Zambian History Since 1934*. It examines the role the Livingstone Museum played in the reconstruction of Zambian history from its inception in 1934 until 2006 and highlights the museum’s research activities, publications and exhibitions related to Zambia’s historical heritage. His revised volume will allow a wider readership the chance to enjoy the valuable information it offers on Zambia’s movable heritage and its contribution to public history.

**Dr Massoud Omar**

Massoud Omar works in the Department of Local Government and Development Studies at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria, where his current research focuses on urban governance in Nigeria. He has published extensively on urban governance and service delivery and recently coordinated a six-state empirical study of the State Independent Electoral Commissions in Nigeria for OSIWA and the Centre for Democracy and Development, producing an edited volume entitled *The State Independent Electoral Commissions and the Conduct of Local Government Elections in Nigeria: A Study of Bauchi, Edo, Imo, Kaduna, Lagos and Plateau States*. While at the ASC, he analyzed data and developed his research on urban youth, the informal economy and identity transformation in Zaria. He presented this work at an ASC seminar and used the feedback to improve his analysis.

**Dr Juvence Ramasy**

Juvence Ramasy has a PhD in political science from the University of Toulouse 1 Capitole, France and is currently a lecturer at the University of Toamasina, Madagascar where he teaches political science and law. His research interests include the state, politics and power, the elite, the army and democracy and he has published various articles on Madagascar’s democratization process. He used his time at the ASC to conduct wide-ranging research on the security sector in Madagascar that will form the basis of a book on its armed forces. He gave two seminars at the ASC, wrote an article entitled ‘Elites et Elections à Madagascar’ for a journal in Madagascar and also prepared a chapter on ‘La protection juridique des enfants’ for a book on the legal and political protection of children in Africa. He used the ASC library extensively for his research and also to prepare an abstract on electoral authoritarianism and democratization in Madagascar for a conference he attended in Hamburg later in 2013.
**News of Former Visiting Fellows**

When visiting fellows leave the ASC after their three-month stay in Leiden, the Centre tries to stay in touch with them as news of their achievements and research is always of interest to all concerned. With the ASC Community now being fully operational, it is easy to remain in regular contact. Here is an update on what several of the ASC’s former visiting scholars have been doing professionally since they left Leiden.

**Shirley Brooks**, a human geographer from South Africa, was a visiting fellow at the ASC in 2005 and 2007. Formerly at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, she was appointed associate professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of the Western Cape, Belville in 2012, where her main research interests lie at the interface between people, place and nature. With Dr Marja Spierenburg (VU University, Amsterdam), she recently (2009-2013) led a large research project on the politics and social consequences of private game farming in the South African countryside that was funded by NWO-WOTRO. She served on the editorial board of *Transformation: Critical Perspectives on Southern Africa* from 2003 to 2011 and is now a corresponding editor. Her current research project at the University of the Western Cape is entitled ‘Postcolonial Natures’. Her recent publications include:


**Gessesse Dessie** is a physical geographer who worked at the Wondo Gennet College of Forestry and Natural Resources in Ethiopia until September 2012. He was a visiting fellow at the ASC in 2012 and a paper he wrote on the economics and use of the stimulant leaf *ch’at* (*Catha edulis*) while in Leiden was subsequently published in the NAI’s Current African Issues series and another one on forestry education appeared in the *South African Journal of Environmental Education* in 2013. He took up a new position as Capacity Development Fellow at the United Nations University (UNU) Institute for Natural Resources in Africa in October 2012 and is now based in Accra, Ghana.

**David U. Enweremadu**, a political scientist at the University of Ibadan and the French IFRA-Nigeria, was a visiting fellow at the ASC in 2009 and also the Country Coordinator for Nigeria in the Tracking Development project. The book he worked on when he was in Leiden, entitled *The Anti-Corruption Campaign in Nigeria (1999-2007): The Politics of a Failed Reform*, was officially launched on 1 March 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria. He has continued to write on the judicial system, corruption issues and politics in Nigeria. One of his recent papers – ‘Nigeria’s Quest to Recover Looted Assets: The Abacha Affair’ – was published in *Africa Spectrum* in 2013.


Oka Obono is Professor of Sociology at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CEPACS). He was a visiting fellow at the ASC in 2011. In addition to his many publications and policy-relevant research, he is a member of the Board of the Connecting in Times of Duress project that is headed by the ASC’s Mirjam de Bruijn and is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Association for Asian Studies in Africa. His recent publications include:


Ayobami Ojebode, a communications studies scholar from the Department of Communication & Language Arts at University of Ibadan, Nigeria was at the ASC in 2010 and then secured an NIAS fellowship in 2011 to work on a project entitled ‘Contested Terrains: Press’s, Citizens’ and Official Memories of the Struggle for Democracy in Nigeria’. He has since been appointed professor at Ibadan University where he has continued to publish on Nigerian politics and communications. Some of his recent publications include:


Abdourahmane Seck from the Université Gaston Berger in Saint Louis, Senegal, was a visiting fellow at the ASC in 2012. He is an anthropologist and historian who specializes in Islam and politics in Senegal and is the founding director of the Centre d’étude des religions (Centre for the Study of Religions) there. It is one of the first organizations of its kind in Francophone Africa and offers a Masters programme in the Social Scientific Study of Religion. Among his numerous publications, Seck and the ASC’s Mayke Kaag have recently edited *Etat, Sociétés et Islam au Sénégal. Un air de nouveau temps?* (Karthala, in press).
PhD Theses Defended in 2013
ASC staff (co-)supervised almost 80 PhD students based both at the ASC and at different universities in the Netherlands and Africa in 2013. The subjects of their research varied from FDI in industrial development in Kenya and Malaysia, to politics in the digital age in Zimbabwe and farmers’ access to land in Mali. The following PhD students defended their theses in 2013:

**Djimet Seli**
(De)connexions identitaires post-conflit: Les Hadjeray du Tchad face à la mobilité et aux technologies de la communication
Defence: 13 February, Leiden University

**Bethuel Kinuthia**
Reversed Fortunes in the South: A Comparison of the Role of FDI in Industrial Development in Kenya and Malaysia
Defence: 7 March, Leiden University

**Blandina Kilama**
The Diverging South: Comparing the Cashew Sectors of Tanzania and Vietnam
Defence: 7 March, Leiden University

**Bruce Mutsvairo**
Power and Participatory Politics in the Digital Age: Probing the Use of New Media Technologies in Railroading Political Changes in Zimbabwe
Defence: 13 June, Leiden University

**George Schoneveld**
The Governance of Large-Scale Farmland Investments in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Analysis of the Challenges for Sustainability
Defence: 2 October, Utrecht University

**Stasja Koot**
Dwelling in Tourism: Power and Myth amongst Bushmen in Southern Africa
Defence: 23 October, Tilburg University

**Karin Nijenhuis**
Farmers on the Move: Mobility, Access to Land and Conflict in Central and South Mali
Defence: 25 November, Wageningen University

**Henrietta Nyamnjoh**
Bridging Mobilities: ICTs Appropriation by Cameroonian in South Africa and the Netherlands
Defence: 28 November, Leiden University

**Christopher Tankou**
The Interactions of Human Mobility and Farming Systems and Impacts on Biodiversity and Soil Quality in the Western Highlands of Cameroon
Defence: 12 December, Leiden University

**Samantha Williams**
Beyond Rights: Developing a Conceptual Framework for Understanding Access to Coastal Resources at Ebenhaeser and Covie, Western Cape, South Africa
Defence: 12 December, University of Cape Town

Djimet Seli’s PhD defence at Leiden University, Photo: Kim van Drie
‘Mobile Africa Revisited’: Bridging Mobilities and the Appropriation of ICTs

As part of the Mobile Africa Revisited project that researched the appropriation of Information and communication technologies (ICTs) in Angola, Cameroon, Chad, Mali, Senegal, South Africa and Sudan, my focus was on Cameroonian migrants from Pinyin and Mankon villages in the Bamenda Grassfields who are currently living in Cape Town (South Africa) and the Netherlands. The idea was to link these ‘mobiles’ to their families in the two ‘home villages’ in Cameroon and ascertain how people in mobile worlds such as these create and navigate the social fabric and make sense of their individual being. The research also considered whether there have been any significant changes in the workings of the social fabric of the mobile society vis-à-vis migrants’ relationships with their home village as a result of creative appropriations of these technologies.

One of the study’s major conclusions was that Pinyin and Mankon migrants are still rooted in the past as much as they are in the present. They were born into a community that has a strong sense of home, moral ethos and cultural pride but now live in a context of accelerated ICTs and mobility that is fast changing the way people are living their lives. While acknowledging that technologies and mobilities have enhanced livelihoods in these communities, I maintain that they have not resulted in a change in people’s affections for their cultural values and practices. Instead, ICTs have helped them to become more connected and have increased their enthusiasm and determination to be transcultural migrants. In other words, mobile communities have appropriated technologies to bridge the distance that separates them from family members and migrants have remained true to their cultural practices by actively participating in activities that give them a sense of family and belonging and at the same time help alleviate emotional trauma.

While navigating these three research sites, it emerged that migrants, as individuals, were able to sustain multifaceted relationships back home and with other migrants, and also manage to cope with feelings of separation. Similarly, mobilities, social interaction and linkages between migrants and family are not a new phenomenon, but what is new is the way network societies have built up their lives using ICTs and nowadays form a set of interconnected nodes that process flows. Advances in new technologies are thus redefining the way migrants link up with each other and with family and friends and how networks are forged and maintained.

As individual migrants, they want to connect and relate to their families back home on a personal level and share their emotions concerning missing kin, separation, loss of kin (through death) and the emotions of reunion but they also have to cope with being ‘strangers’ in the host country. Contrary to seeing a disintegration of society, a breakdown in relationships and/or a dramatic transformation in societies due to advances in ICTs and mobilities, I argue that ICTs and mobilities in fact complement social relational interaction and provide mobiles with opportunities to participate in cultural practices that express their Pinyin and Mankon identity.

Henrietta Nyamnjoh
The Research Masters in African Studies (RESMAAS) is a two-year course offered by Leiden University in cooperation with the African Studies Centre for small groups of students. Courses are given at the ASC by ASC researchers and also by lecturers from other universities in the Netherlands. International as well as local (Dutch) students are eligible to apply for the RESMAAS and one or two of these students are often funded by competitive grant initiatives and/or external funding.

Classes for the 2013 RESMAAS intake started in September with 10 students who come from Belgium, Germany, Ivory Coast, Kenya, the Netherlands and Norway. (Two additional students, from Italy and Nigeria, will join the 2013-2014 cohort in February 2014.) The second-year RESMAAS students returned to Leiden after successful fieldwork periods abroad. They had fieldwork-reporting sessions and shared their fascinating stories, experiences and photos with their fellow students before starting to write up their final theses.

Nine RESMAAS students graduated in 2013, three of whose theses were awarded cum laude, namely Enid Guene, Maurice Hutton and Jan Stockbrügger. Supervised by the ASC’s Prof. Stephen Ellis and Dr Christian Bueger from the University of Cardiff, Jan Stockbrügger’s thesis entitled ‘Constructing Pirate Economies: Somali Pirates, Marine Insurance and the Politics of Transnational Ransom Industries’ was one of three theses short-listed for the Leiden University Fund (LUF) prize. It was the second year in succession that a thesis by a RESMAAS student was nominated for this prestigious prize.

Two students who did not complete their theses in 2013 as they were doing six-month internships at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will graduate in the first half of 2014.

Before enrolling in a Research Masters in African Studies (RESMAAS), I had been working in Eritrea’s National Archives for about eight years. Inspired by my time there, I decided to do my Research Masters thesis on archival resources. My previous work and my current research in the archives had lots of similarities but the main difference was that I went back to these documents with a more critical lens than before.

Fieldwork for my research project in Eritrea in Eastern Africa entitled ‘The Eritrean Liberation Front: Emergence, Development and Demise, 1960-1981’ was undertaken between August 2013 and January 2014. It is a study of a socio-political movement that constitutes an important aspect in the recent history of Eritrea. As the title suggests, the aim was to examine and reconstruct the political history of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF). It was the first, largely Muslim-based, armed resistance movement that emerged to contest Ethiopian rule over Eritrea, a former Italian colony. Formed in 1960, the ELF was involved in political and military activities for the next twenty years in an attempt to gain independence. The movement later lost the battle for supremacy to the Eritrean People’s Liberation Front (EPLF), another broad-based insurgent movement that seized state power in 1991 and still rules Eritrea under the name of the People’s Front for Democracy and Justice.
Established many years before its rival the EPLF, the ELF was prominent in military terms but was superseded and destroyed relatively quickly by the EPLF. How could one outwardly stronger movement fail so spectacularly not only to achieve its aims but even to exist as an organization, while the apparently weaker EPLF not only managed to outflank and supersede its rival but was also able to liberate the whole of Eritrea? The Eritrean example offers a unique comparative example of two movements with different strategies and fortunes. And it may offer general lessons on the variables that affect the viability and strength of national revolutionary movements. With this in mind, I consulted new archival resources in Eritrea and interviewed some former members of the movement. The research is, therefore, intended to contribute to an understanding of developments that led to Eritrea’s recent history and independence.

Most of my data were collected at Eritrea’s Research and Documentation Centre (RDC), the country’s de facto national archive. The authorities at the Centre gave me their full cooperation throughout my fieldwork period and I was immensely grateful for this support. I also consulted the archives of the Eritrean Police Force where I was able to access other relevant documents, including Ethiopian intelligence reports.

The RDC hosts a large and diverse collection of documents covering both the colonial and post-colonial periods. Their records can be classified into four main groups: (i) published and unpublished written materials; (ii) analogue and digital audio and video records; (iii) photographs; and (iv) a cartographic collection. Many of these records were collected in the field during the war of independence in interviews and as oral narratives and other relevant materials were gathered from diverse sources both in Eritrea and abroad. There are large quantities of unexploited Ethiopian intelligence records and military operations that were collected after the end of the war in 1991 but they are by no means complete. The interviews are intended to fill this information gap. Nowadays, almost all the records in the Centre are registered in a database and are easily accessible. Since Eritrea is a young nation, one cannot expect a high degree of knowledge when it comes to the preservation of records. Surprisingly, there is, however, widespread awareness about the documentation and preservation of the country’s national heritage. This is undoubtedly crucial in developing and reconstructing Eritrea’s history.

Michael Weldeghiorghis Tedla
Research Masters Theses Completed in 2013

Marina Denisenko: Perceiving Epilepsy; Interpretations of Kifafa in Kigamboni, Tanzania

Jonas Grunau: Exploring People’s Motivation To Join or Not To Join the Community-Based Health Insurance ‘Sina Passenang’ in Sotouboua, Togo

Enid Guene: Copper: Borders and Nation-Building, The Katangese Factor in Zambian Political and Economic History (with Distinction)

Roeland Hemsteede: Views on the Empowerment of Farm Workers. A Case Study from the Stellenbosch Wine Industry in South Africa

Maurice John Hutton: A Dystopian Democracy; Discourses on Leadership Failure and National Transformation in Malawi’s Urban Public Sphere (with Distinction)


Kelly Koutstaal: Blurred Lines. How Different Views on Baboon Agency Shape the Conservation Policy-Making Dialogue in Cape Town, South Africa


Thandi Soko: Stigma & Kusalana: Moral Ambiguities in Responses to HIV/AIDS Stigma: A Case Study of the Anglican Mothers’ Union in Southern Malawi

Jan Stockbrügger: Constructing Pirate Economies. Somali Pirates, Marine Insurance and the Politics of Transnational Ransom Industries

Anwar Seid Suleiman: Imagining the Nation: Assessing the Role and Functioning of the Eritrean Assembly in the Eritrean-Ethiopian Federation (1952-1962)
Four important activities at the ASC Library in 2013 were:
- the inclusion of 3029 books from the former library of the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT Amsterdam) into the ASC Library (with items being catalogued within a day of arrival)
- nearly 200,000 items were downloaded by patrons from 1400 books and articles from the African Studies Centre’s repository
- the preparation of the ASC Country Portal and the Leiden Alert Service on African Studies
- the Wikipedians in Special Residence project

**Collection Development, Acquisitions and Cataloguing**
Two acquisition trips to Africa were made in 2013: one to Senegal and the other to Zanzibar, Kenya and Tanzania. Gerard van de Bruijnhorst attended a conference in Zanzibar on ‘The History of the Islamic Civilization in Eastern Africa’ and then went via Dar es Salaam and Tanga to Kenya to the International Book Fair in Nairobi. He also visited several bookshops, organizations and publishers there, purchasing 250 books, 130 journal issues and 10 English-language documentaries for the ASC Library in spite of his visit coinciding with the September 2013 terrorist attack at Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi. As the Library of Congress has an important African branch in Nairobi, it was not surprising that the percentage of worldwide unique books acquired was ‘only’ 20%.

**Figures and Trends in 2013**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of visitors</td>
<td>3144</td>
<td>3555</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Loans</td>
<td>4718</td>
<td>4184</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Requests for information</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>by phone / in the library</td>
<td>796</td>
<td>927</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>by email</td>
<td>960</td>
<td>1114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New acquisitions</td>
<td>2907</td>
<td>2404</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Items catalogued (including gifts)</td>
<td>3621</td>
<td>2920</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abstracts (ASA Online)</td>
<td>1459</td>
<td>1391</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subscriptions to ASA Online mailing list</td>
<td>1681</td>
<td>1685</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Titles in ASC Library catalogue</td>
<td>179,337</td>
<td>186,677</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Searches in ASC Library catalogue</td>
<td>163,257</td>
<td>140,462</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use of ASC link in ASC Library catalogue</td>
<td>13,614</td>
<td>10,892</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Titles in Connecting-Africa</td>
<td>34,434</td>
<td>37,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connecting-Africa (visitors)</td>
<td>30,732</td>
<td>37,640</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASC website: unique visitors</td>
<td>136,188</td>
<td>127,389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASC website: visited pages (excluding affiliated websites &amp; robots)</td>
<td>641,078</td>
<td>389,358</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AfricaBib (visitors excluding robots)</td>
<td>190,663</td>
<td>256,528</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASC Repository (downloads)</td>
<td>118,824</td>
<td>199,709</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Elvire Eijkman visited the bi-annual *Foire internationale du livre et du matériel didactique de Dakar* (FILDAK) in Senegal in December 2013 where the theme was the ‘book and cultural diversity’, with a special focus on Côte d’Ivoire as the *pays invité d’honneur*. There were 29 publishers present in total at the FILDAK Book Fair, mainly from West and North Africa and the ASC purchased 108 books and several films and journal issues there. One day was dedicated to the host’s national languages, i.e. Wolof and Pulaar/Fulbe, and two publishers were very active in this area: *Organisation sénégalaise d’appui au développement* (OSAD) and Éditions Papyrus Afrique. The programme also included the launch of a platform for digital publications entitled *Librairie numérique africaine* (LNA) by Nouvelles éditions numériques africaines, a company that puts authors and publishers in contact with each other to distribute their publications in digital form: www.librairienumeriqueafricaine.com

The number of gifts (344) that the ASC Library received in 2013 was not as high as usual but their quality and uniqueness certainly were. Books were gratefully received from Leiden University and ASC colleagues Marijke van Kesteren, Ineke van Kessel, Akinyinka Akinoyoade, Ton Dietz and Stephen Ellis and also from Stefano Bellucci (journals, Ethiopia), Rob van den Boom (on diverse subjects), Reinier Derksen (on Wapare, Tanzania), Jan Willem Gunning (on the economy, Nigeria & Ethiopia), Rantimi Jays Julius-Adeoye (on theatre, Nigeria), J.F. (Hans) Versnel (reports and theses, Tunisia), Nico Wesselingh (maps & books, Angola & Mozambique) and Henk Zomer (on language & philosophy, Congo). Other benefactors included Sieth Delhaas, Jan-Kees van Donge, Fred Paats, Sybren Renema, Anwar Seid, Peter Shark, Hussein Solomon and Joseph Wandera. The ASC always appreciates gifts to its library as they give its collection added breadth and depth.

Eight ‘Acquisition Highlights’ were produced in 2013. Four of these were to generate additional interest in the work of authors Chinua Achebe (1930-2013), Mia Couto (from Mozambique who won the Neustadt International Prize for Literature), Morten Jerven (the author of *Poor Numbers: How We Are Misled by African Development Statistics and What To Do About It*) and NoViolet Bulawayo (whose novel *We Need New Names* was shortlisted for the 2013 Man Booker Prize). The other highlights were on the film *Le Président* by Jean-Pierre Bekolo (Cameroon 2013), artist Zanele Muholi (Prince Claus Award 2013), the book *Les manuscrits de Tombouctou. Secrets, mythes et réalités* by Jean-Michel Djian, and Andreas Vogt’s book about Namibia entitled *Mit Gutferngruß: The Fudge Postcard Collection*. 
3000 Books from the KIT Library

Following the closure of the library of the KIT (Royal Institute of the Tropics) in Amsterdam in 2013, the staff in the Library & Collection Department managed to find new homes for all its 450,000 books. The majority of the collection was given to Leiden University Library (1.5 km = all the books published prior to 1950, maps & the cultural heritage part of the collection) and to Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt (ca. 250,000 books). The rest of the collection was divided between 24 other libraries in the Netherlands, with more than 3000 books coming to the African Studies Centre. The 3029 books donated to the ASC Library arrived in Leiden on 12 December, were immediately incorporated in the ASC's library catalogue and were available for borrowers the next day. They are, of course, about Africa and are all unique copies, i.e. no other library in the Netherlands has any of them. Most of the books are in English and 620 of them are UMI dissertations. All were published between 2000 and 2013. In addition to these books, KIT Amsterdam also transferred the metadata of approx. 10,000 journal articles and 9000 electronic documents to the ASC in Leiden. The data of the journal articles will soon be integrated into the bibliographic database AfricaBib.

Information Services, Indexing and Abstracting

ASA Online, the ASC's abstracts journal, published 1391 abstracts in 2013. These are included in the ASC's online catalogue and in Africa-Wide Information, a database provided by EBSCO Host. 2644 titles of books, journal articles, films and e-docs were indexed to make the material more easily traceable. ASC Library staff also contributed bibliographic information and abstracts for publication in the Journal of Religion in Africa in 2013.

In 2013 the library decided to modernize its abstracts service by introducing the Leiden Alert Service on African Studies (LASA) that is more in line with current users' requirements. This involved developing a (daily) personalized email alert service, redesigning the library’s acquisitions list and making it a weekly edition, importing journal articles into the library catalogue semi-automatically and updating Connecting-Africa. A beta version of the Leiden Alert Service on African Studies will be made available in 2014.

2920 books were processed in 2013, including 365 e-docs and 344 gifts. In addition to articles covered for ASA Online, 576 journal articles were catalogued and 38 new titles of Africana journals were added to the ASC's online catalogue (many with full text), as were 87 new DVDs of African films. Resource Description and Access (RDA), a new cataloguing method for cultural organizations that provides guidelines on formulating data for resource description and discovery, is being adopted after a course for ASC staff by Peter Schouten from Ingressus.
200,000 Downloads of ASC Publications

The ASC advocates Open Access publishing and most of the Centre's researchers' publications are accessible online via Leiden University's repository. The statistics for 2013 show another dramatic increase in the use of the Africana repository: from 65,665 downloads in 2011 and 118,824 in 2012 to 199,709 downloads of articles and books in 2013.

Nearly 25% of these downloads were by users in the US (48,671) but African countries now account for a good number of the downloads of ASC scientific output too. For example, there were 5376 downloads in Ethiopia in 2013, 3984 in South Africa, 3106 in Kenya, 2592 in Cameroon, 1993 in Nigeria and 1665 in Uganda alone. ASC publications are being read everywhere – one was even downloaded in Sao Tome and Principe. Not surprisingly, most visitors find the African Studies Centre's repository via Google (40%) although Google Scholar and other search engines are also being used.

China-Africa relations, microfinance and publications on Ethiopia and Mali were the most viewed subjects in 2013. Jan Abbink's publications were very popular and were downloaded a total of 17,848 times. And with 3728 downloads in 2013, Microfinance, Rural Livelihoods, and Women's Empowerment in Uganda by Alfred Lakwo was the ASC publication most frequently accessed via the repository.

The ASC is well aware that quantity and quality are entirely different entities but is nevertheless happy that its Open Access policy is proving popular and that its research is being widely read all over the world.

The ASC’s repository can be accessed at: https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl

Web Dossiers

The ASC's information specialists compiled a web dossier on Dutch involvement in the slave trade in June 2013 to mark the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the former Dutch colonies of Suriname and the Dutch Antilles on 1 July 1863. Various activities were organized in the Netherlands to commemorate the event, including exhibitions in the National Library, the Historical Museum of The Hague and the University of Amsterdam, and the ASC web dossier was released to coincide with these and provide background information.

In spite of Africa's recent economic growth, just under half of the people in Sub-Saharan Africa still live on less than US$ 1.25 a day. Recognition that risk and vulnerability have a high impact on the well-being of the poor means that social protection is now seen as a key element on the post-2015 development agenda. In June 2012, the Netherlands Minister for European Affairs and International Cooperation launched five Knowledge Platforms to support Dutch development cooperation, one for each of its four focus areas – water, food security, security and the rule of law, and sexual and reproductive health and rights – and an all-encompassing Knowledge Platform of Development Policies. The ASC Library compiled a web dossier on social protection in Africa to highlight the issue, working in close cooperation with the Dutch organization The Broker that published a similar Dossier on Social Protection at the same time.

Nelson Mandela was Africa's greatest statesman ever and the ASC published a web dossier on his life and achievements as a tribute to him when he died on 5 December 2013. It listed titles on and by him that are available in the ASC’s online catalogue, including monographs, articles and films. The dossier concluded with a selection of links to other relevant websites.
Library Meets Research – and Vice Versa

‘Rantimi Jays Julius-Adeoye defended his PhD thesis on ‘The Drama of Ahmed Yerima: Studies in Nigerian Theatre’ at Leiden University on 8 May 2013. Julius-Adeoye was a frequent visitor to the ASC Library while working on his PhD and often donated books on his research subject to the library. They were of course very gratefully received, all the more so because, according to the WorldCat database, many turned out to be the only copy available in libraries anywhere in the world. Fruitful cooperation between libraries and researchers can clearly be beneficial to both parties. Julius-Adeoye’s dissertation can be found at: http://hdl.handle.net/1887/20858

Becoming stronger by working together was shown in different ways. The ASC Country Meetings, gatherings with one African country as a focal point, were a new and successful phenomenon at the ASC in 2013. Edith de Roos from the ASC Library contributed to these Country Meetings by making individual country dossiers containing information on (digital) books and journal articles from the last two years, news, information from the illisAfrica Internet portal and links to Dutch PhD theses on each African country. Dossiers were made for Cameroon, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Ghana, Benin, Mali, Chad, Botswana, South Africa, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria and Liberia.

Cooperation between the ASC Library and the Centre’s researchers was strengthened by including a library staff member in the collaborative research groups. Each group worked differently but generally information was provided on relevant databases, repositories and copyright laws, automatic alerts related to new information on the topic being researched were sent out and expertise on how to handle research data was shared. One collaborative group also compiled several bibliographies.

Professional Relations

2013 saw an important shift in the composition of the ASC Library’s staff with the retirement of Michèle Boin, Tineke Sommeling and Marlene van Doorn, who together had decades of experience in the field of African Studies and the provision of library services. Just before she retired, Marlene van Doorn, in collaboration with Monique Kromhout and Heleen Smits, produced a screencast on subject searches using the African Studies Thesaurus: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r_msD-jtA The ASC Library was happy to welcome the following staff members in the course of 2013: Heleen Smits, Germa Seuren and Angela Robson.

YouTube was used to publicize the results of research done by intern Elisa Tuijnder on film trailers in 2013. She checked the availability of trailers for the films in the ASC’s film collection, uncovering several hundred and sorting them by country: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCckT_U8Bs-RG6mxwb6N7kAQ She also researched the possible use of apps in the field of African Studies, a study that will be concluded in 2014.

The European Librarians in African Studies (ELIAS) held its seventh annual meeting in Lisbon on 26 June on the eve of the larger ECAS conference organized by AEGIS. The theme of the ELIAS meeting was closer cooperation between European Africana libraries. Marion Wallace (British Library) spoke about African newspaper cultures; Philip Havik (Universidade Nova, Lisbon) gave a detailed account of libraries and archives in Lusophone Africa; Fabrice Melka (Cemaf, Paris) talked about archival possibilities; and Susanne Hubler Baier (Basler Afrika-Bibliographien) demonstrated the importance of digital sound archives, using the collection of the Southern African journalist Ruth Weiss as an example.

Jos Damen chaired a roundtable discussion with panellists Terry Barringer (Africa Bibliography) and David Pratten (editor of Africa) called ‘Researchers’ Question Time: Expert Advice on Research Resources and Journals in African Studies’ at the ECAS conference. They shared their expertise with the audience.
on new developments in the field of African Studies research resources and publishing, the vicissitudes of editing, the strategies of researchers and publishers and how to increase the impact of one’s research.

Wikipedia and African Studies

Hans Muller started a two-month stint as ‘Wikipedian in Residence’ at the African Studies Centre in December 2013. His visit was part of a special project initiated by ASC head of the library Jos Damen in which twelve Dutch scientific libraries, including the libraries of the KITLV and the Rijksmuseum, participated. Funding came from the libraries themselves and from the PICA Foundation. The Wikipedians in Special Residence project aimed to increase the knowledge of ASC researchers and librarians about Wikipedia’s well-used Internet encyclopaedia and to bring the knowledge and collections of the African Studies Centre to an even larger group of potential users via Wikipedia.

Hans Muller led sessions for ASC staff on writing for Wikipedia using the preferred Wikipedia model. Informative texts were produced and various staff members were able to correct and add to Wikipedia articles, for example with information on the Kapsiki and the Dogon, and new pages were produced on subjects as diverse as Patrick Chabal (in English), Erika Sulzmann (in German), Zanele Muholi, Akika, the Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Pieter-Dirk Uys and Idrissou Mora-Kpâi.

The project’s second goal was to contribute images and other files of encyclopaedic value to Wikimedia Commons, the image databank that offers its contents free of charge provided that authorship is acknowledged. Well over a hundred photographs were ‘donated’ to Wikimedia Commons, including images of maps of African countries, postcards from Sierra Leone in the 1910s, glass-plate positives from the 1930s and photos of Ethiopia in the 1950s. More information on the project can be found on Wikipedia itself: https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia/GLAM/Wikipedians_in_Special_Residence

A workshop for information specialists in the social sciences on patron-driven acquisition (PDA) was organized by Katrien Polman and Marijke van Kester (Leiden University Library) in November 2013. PDA gives patrons (usually
researchers and students) more influence in the collection mechanism of the library and the pros and cons of the method were illustrated by several case studies of patron-driven acquisition. Library staff also attended the OCLC contact day, EBSCO information sessions and LeidenGlobal meetings and had contact with neighbouring organizations, for example, the Naturalis Biodiversity Center in 2013.

On 30 December, the popular TV programme Top 2000 à Go-Go featured a short documentary about Jerry Dammers, the composer of the 1983 hit song Free Nelson Mandela that was instrumental in highlighting the plight of Nelson Mandela. The item was put together by filmmaker Dirk Jan Roeleven, who was tipped off about the subject by the ASC’s Jos Damen just months before Nelson Mandela’s death in December 2013.

The ASC Website and Social Media

The ASC website’s main goal is to provide information about the Centre’s activities and publications as well as information about Africa in general for its main target groups: scientists, students, journalists, policy makers, NGO workers, business people and others interested in Africa.

The website’s visitors are quite young, with more than 60% aged between 18 and 35. Most are in the Netherlands, followed by the US, the UK, South Africa, Germany, Nigeria, France and Kenya. According to the statistics, the number of unique visitors to the ASC website dropped from 136,188 in 2012 to 127,389 in 2013. However, a different statistical program (Google Analytics) has been used since July 2012 and this has a stricter method of counting web visitors than the former program (AWstats). Comparing the two methods is difficult and statistics are not available for the first half of March 2013, which in itself would already account for a 4% drop in visitor numbers. In addition, the ASC/NABC’s big Africa Works! Conference in 2012 meant that there was a surge in visitor numbers around the time of the conference that would not normally have been expected then. It is fairly safe, however, to conclude that the total number of visitors to the ASC’s website in 2013 was at least stable compared with the figures for 2012.

A popular page on the ASC website is the one with the so-called FOP list of free Africa-related e-journals. Updated in 2013, it gives details of the more than 250 online open-access journals in the field of African Studies. An online bookshop selling new ASC publications as well as second-hand library books was started in 2013. Offering a wide selection of books, it can be accessed at: http://www.ascwebshop.nl

The merger of the Library of Congress’s Quarterly Index of African Periodical Literature (51,000 entries) with the ASC’s database AfricaBib was completed in 2013. AfricaBib, which is managed by Willem Veerman, now has well over 200,000 entries and its visitor numbers rose by 35% to 256,000 in 2013.

The ASC became more visible on social media with the arrival of Fenneken Veldkamp who is responsible for posting daily updates on Facebook and Twitter about the ASC’s activities, new publications, library acquisitions, interviews given by researchers and events related to Africa organized by other institutes. Twitter
and Facebook are now being used on a regular basis to refer people to other sources that offer interesting background information on developments in Africa.

2013 saw the start of the ASC Country Portal that provides a list of free Internet resources and other information on 54 countries in Africa. Developed by Ursula Oberst, Edith de Roos and Harro Westra, it was initially aimed at the general public but those with more in-depth knowledge of Africa will also find some of its resources valuable. It is a portal so it mainly directs visitors to information that can be found on external websites, such as those of the World Bank, the FAO and the Human Rights Document Database, to name just a few. Other information, such as maps, election documents and information about libraries and archives in these African countries can be easily accessed. The portal’s added value lies in the overview and the types of trusted resources it provides.
ASC Community Country Meetings

The ASC Community is a group of ASC staff and external participants who are engaged scientifically or non-scientifically with Africa and have a link with the Netherlands. The Community was set up early in 2012 and anyone interested in being a member of the ASC Community can apply for one of the following options depending on their own personal level of involvement in Africa:

- Fellows: who have a PhD and have published at least three papers/books on Africa in the last five years;
- Affiliates: who are working on a PhD or Research Masters project relating to Africa; or
- Associates: who are professionally engaged with Africa in some other capacity than the two above-mentioned groups.

In addition to being invited to attend Country Meetings, all community members receive the ASC’s monthly digital newsletter Habari; have their own page on the ASC website; can order ASC business cards; and can have their articles and book publications circulated.

Several Country Meetings were organized by Maaike Westra in the framework of the ASC Community in 2013. The aim of these meetings was to provide insight into political developments and agricultural performance in various countries, often by comparing two different countries. Each meeting started with a show of hands when the chair asked the audience to indicate which of the target groups they belonged to: academics/students, policy makers, business people, NGOs or the media. On average, there were about 35 people at each meeting. Some of the meetings followed a different path than that originally intended but this often led to lively discussions on religion, tourism and even the second-hand car trade on one occasion. Discussions continued over drinks after each meeting and this offered good opportunities for networking too. The well-attended Liberia meeting was special regarding content as was used for the launch of Liberia: van vrijheidsideaal naar verloren paradijs by Fred van Kraaij.

Seminars and Special Events

The ASC has a regular seminar programme that attracts academics, students, NGO staff members, Africanists, journalists, policy makers and others with a general interest in Africa. These seminars, which are organized by Marieke van Winden and are increasingly being given by speakers from Africa, are generally well attended (with audiences of on average 15-20 people). 2013 saw seminars varying from a discussion of the BRICS and the New Scramble for Africa to unemployment in Africa and Senegal's pan-African heritage.

The best-attended seminar in 2013 was Mining and Conflict in Eastern Congo: Are Local Solutions Possible?, which was organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with speakers Koen Vlassenroot (Ghent University), Ken Matthysen (IPI/Minning Weekly) and Pim Kraan (Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs). It considered the role of local actors and local governance regarding mining and recent conflict-free minerals initiatives and generated a lively debate between the academics, NGO representatives and diplomats present. Dinah Rajah from the University of Sussex also gave an interesting seminar entitled ‘Let Business Lift Africa Out of Poverty; Corporate Social Responsibility and the New South American Dream’. And Leoni Cuelenaere, the Netherlands ambassador to...
Rwanda, talked about ‘Dutch Development Aid in Rwanda: Possibilities and Challenges’ giving a detailed account of current development projects and insight into how diplomacy works in a country in a rather volatile region.

The documentary ‘Dangerous Flowers: The Cut-Flower Industry in Kenya’ was screened on 29 October with filmmaker Khamis Ramadhan, who is himself from Kenya, in the audience. It highlights a community in southern Kenya that has had to deal with the drying up of its wells as a result of the flower industry’s activities. The local people are being given legal support and technological advice by the Cocoon Initiative Kenya Project in which the ASC is participating.

Prof. Felix Kaputu (Congo) was a guest at the ASC for several months in 2013 in the framework of the Scholars at Risk programme. The ASC was asked by the UAF to host the play Wetenschappers in het nauw: Muzikaal theater en debat on 16 October while he was at the Centre. Actor Raymi Sambo presented a musical monologue about the life of the Congolese Prof. Kanouté who was imprisoned because of his political views and Felix Kaputu commented on the play and gave his personal views about events in the past in his country.

A roundtable discussion on labour issues and trade unions was organized on 25 September in cooperation with HIVA. The aim was to bring together Dutch and African experts in the field and trade-union practitioners to discuss current trends and the dynamics regarding labour issues and trade unions in Africa.

The invited experts from Africa included, among others, Naome Chakanya and William Baah-Boateng. The following day a writers’ workshop was organized to prepare an edited volume on ‘Trade Unions and Labour Issues in Africa Today’ that will be co-edited by Mayke Kaag and André Leliveld.

The ASC’s first public Annual Lecture was given on 7 November by Morten Jerven, a Norwegian scientist from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver and the author of Poor Numbers: How We Are Misled by African Development Statistics and What To Do About It. He discussed why reliable statistics, including estimates of economic growth rates and per-capita income, are so important for governments in developing countries and vital for NGOs and other entities that provide financial aid to them. Rich countries and international financial institutions, such as the World Bank, allocate their development resources on the basis of such data and a lack of accurate statistics is not merely a technical issue but is also having a huge impact on the welfare of citizens in developing countries. He made a passionate case for the need to devise a strategy to improve the statistical capacity of African countries and his lecture was followed by a lively discussion.

A special programme of events was organized to launch LeidenGlobal on 27 November at the National Museum of Ethnology in Leiden. This new innovative partnership between academic and cultural organizations with a global focus is a platform for global expertise and was set up in response to Dutch government calls for more cooperation between such groups. The excellent keynote speech at the festive launch was given by Prof. Michael Ignatieff from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in the presence of Leiden’s Mayor Henri Lenferink and the Recotr Magnificus of Leiden University Carel Stolker;
from left to right: Amrit Dev Kaur Khalsa (manager/programme coordinator at LeidenGlobal), Mayor of Leiden Henri Lenferink, keynote speaker Michael Ignatieff. Photo: Stefanie Uit den Boogaard

who quoted a poem by Arends that embodies the principle of LeidenGlobal. This was followed by dynamic roundtable debates with LeidenGlobal experts, public intellectuals, writers and business people.

The eight partners in LeidenGlobal are: the African Studies Centre; the International Institute for Asian Studies; KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies; the Netherlands Institute for the Near East; the National Museum of Antiquities; the National Museum of Ethnology; the Roosevelt Study Centre and Leiden University. By bringing academic and cultural institutions from Leiden into contact with local communities, the media, business and industry and NGOs, they hope to raise the impact of scholarship by combining geographical expertise and thematic knowledge on subjects ranging from language to warfare, from religion to finance, from politics to poetry and from earthquakes to elections.

The Netherlands Association of African Studies (NVAS) organized its annual study day on ‘Everyday Africa’ at the Museum of Ethnology in Leiden on 23 November. Interesting presentations were given on water and Africa’s development agenda by Pieter van der Zaag and on everyday mobile communication in Africa by Mirjam de Bruijn. Felix Ameka, the recently appointed NVAS chair, gave a special interactive address that was followed by a speed-dating session. The programme also included a book launch of the NVAS publication Africa for Sale (published by Brill Publishers), tours of the museum, guided visits round the museum’s Mali, Benin, Congo and Ghana galleries and the African pilgrimage to Mecca exhibit, Tom Draisma telling Zambian stories and djembe players.

The 2013 Africa Thesis Award was also presented during the NVAS Study Day. The award was first set up in 2003 to encourage student research and writing on Africa and to promote the study of African societies. Any final-year student who has completed a Masters programme with distinction at a university in the
Netherlands or in Africa can submit their thesis for consideration. The award consists of a cash prize (€1000) and the publication of the work in the African Studies Collection. Sixteen theses were submitted in 2013.

The Africa Thesis Award 2013 went to Esther Bergstra and Roxanne Hornman from Wageningen University’s Environmental Sciences Group for their (joint) spectacular multimedia and interdisciplinary display thesis entitled ‘Cyclone Resilient Landscape: the Case of Vatomandry, Madagascar’. Their supervisor was Dr Ingrid Duchhart. The Jury’s report was highly complimentary of the thesis: ‘(n)ot a single page is the same and [the] texts, images, pictures, info graphics, graphs, colours, lines, numbers, tables, maps, diagrams, cartoons and what not, almost tumble over each other in trying to convince the reader and seduce the accidental browser of their argument’. The prize was presented by Dr Harry Wels, the chair of the jury, at a formal ceremony and the winners then gave a presentation about their research.

A few days after the death of Nelson Mandela, the ASC and ZAM Magazine organized a special commemorative evening on 11 December to allow people to share their memories of the great man and consider his global significance and the role he played in the long liberation struggle in South Africa. The speakers included Ineke van Kessel and Harry Wels (both from the ASC) and their presentations were followed by a panel discussion led by Bart Luijink (from ZAM Magazine). Carina van de Walt then read a poem that she had written entitled Dorkas vir Mandela.
### Dorkas* vir Mandela

(belydenis en lof)

| ek was die donkie met oogklappe aan | Die donkie met die ingeperkte blik die oorwoekerde tong | die donkie met die ingeperkte blik die oorwoekerde tong |
| gemuilband deur ‘n verhaal oor die volk van God | het stil-stil geleer by die verdwaalde Dorkasse van haar taal | het stil-stil geleer by die verdwaalde Dorkasse van haar taal |
| het die woord kafir spontaan uit my mond gegroei | & geluister hoe huile woorde soos goeie saad in harte plant | & geluister hoe huile woorde soos goeie saad in harte plant |
| met dorings & distels wat geil & hardnekkig gebloei | soms met ‘n gedig soos ‘n verdwaalkoeël die kaalvoetman tref | soms met ‘n gedig soos ‘n verdwaalkoeël die kaalvoetman tref |
| die winkelhake deur weggookliere & ooptoonskoene geskeur | alleen in die stofvolk van die groef en die steen in sy hart splyt | alleen in die stofvolk van die groef en die steen in sy hart splyt |
| het Sondae is ek gestorie dikgevreet aan soetkoek kon ek tuis | ek moes leer om skerp te kyk my woorde te tel & te swyg | ek moes leer om skerp te kyk my woorde te tel & te swyg |
| wegkyk vir die dorings van middagte uit ‘n getijpte blikbord eet | nou is ek die Dorkas uit ‘n tweede werpsel van apartheid | nou is ek die Dorkas uit ‘n tweede werpsel van apartheid |
| wegkyk vir die distels van flou koue koffie uit ‘n afkorbek drink | ek het die muilband gebreek elf duisend kilometer ver | ek het die muilband gebreek elf duisend kilometer ver |
| selde of ooit het ek opstandig gebalk oor tallose klappe teen kake | weggehol bloeiend & loeiend & balkend & verskrik gekwes | weggehol bloeiend & loeiend & balkend & verskrik gekwes |
| of gebloei oor die geskater agter bulterriërs se hakskeenbyte | gevaarlik soos ‘n halfgeleerde Afrikaner met sterk verhalé | gevaarlik soos ‘n halfgeleerde Afrikaner met sterk verhalé |
| my kop het ek tweedosyn male teen dieselfde klippe gestamp | van god verlate onder hierdie grouwit hemel moes ek leer | van god verlate onder hierdie grouwit hemel moes ek leer |
| toe weggehardloop met my lewe in ‘n streepsak suiker op my rug | van die lang grys kaalvoetman se sterk medisyne | van die lang grys kaalvoetman se sterk medisyne |

* Dorkas: ’n Liefdadige vrou, wat goeie werke doen, ook volgens Handelinge 9:36
* motho ke motho ka batho: Sotho-spreekwoord vir ’n mens is ’n mens deur mense.

---

### Carina van der Walt

*Carina van der Walt*

*motho ke motho ka batho: Sotho-spreekwoord vir ’n mens is ’n mens deur mense.*
Exhibitions
Exhibitions of photos and paintings were on display in the ASC’s corridors and in the Centre’s library in 2013. The diverse art forms again attracted much attention from staff, students, academics and visitors to the Pieter de la Court Building. The following artists exhibited their work in 2013:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Artist</th>
<th>Exhibition title</th>
<th>The exhibits</th>
<th>Country of origin</th>
<th>Dates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hanneke de Vries &amp;</td>
<td>Life in Kliptown, Soweto</td>
<td>Black and white photos that document the lives of the photographer’s fellow Kliptonians that were previously exhibited in David Blom’s museum restaurant in Kliptown.</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>2 January – 1 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Blom</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Johan Gerrits</td>
<td>African colours</td>
<td>By documenting unique cultures, some of which are vanishing fast, the photographer hopes that his work can help preserve their beauty and cultural diversity.</td>
<td>Angola, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali &amp; Niger</td>
<td>1 April – 1 July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mienke van der Brug</td>
<td>Orphans’ experiences: children es: Children’s art in the context of HIV/ AIDS</td>
<td>Art by orphans who have painted their experiences of living without their parent(s) who have died of AIDS.</td>
<td>Namibia</td>
<td>12 July – 1 October</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Esger Duintjer</td>
<td>African barbershop boards</td>
<td>Verbal brightly coloured and mostly anonymous messages/adverts in industrial paints and lacquers collected in Africa’s big cities over the last 40 years.</td>
<td>Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Benin, Cameroon, Mali, Togo &amp; Congo</td>
<td>8 October 2013 – 25 April 2014</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Media Coverage

ASC researchers were regularly interviewed on radio or television both in the Netherlands and abroad in 2013. They were sometimes asked to provide programme makers and journalists with information about a certain issue but also appeared live on other programmes. For example, when Nelson Mandela died, Ineke van Kessel commented for Dutch radio on the one-day memorial event held at Soweto Stadium on 10 December and then provided real-time commentary on 15 December for NOS’s three-hour TV coverage of his funeral in the Transkei. She also gave newspaper interviews on his life and legacy for the Volkskrant, the Brabants Dagblad and other regional papers, De Morgen and Vrij Nederland.

Journalists contacted the ASC throughout the year for researchers’ opinions and background information on Boko Haram, Al Qaida, Islam in Mali and Islamic radicalism. Benjamin Soares was interviewed by the Volkskrant, the NRC, Elsevier, Reformatorisch Dagblad, the Norwegian Leftist Daily and the New York Times, while Ton Dietz spoke to the media on various topics in his new function as a ‘Schaduwminister Internationale Handel en Ontwikkeling’ and Mirjam de Bruijn was invited several times to give her views on the Arab Spring and its consequences for Africa.
Members of the Board of Governors

Ms A.M.A. van Ardenne (Chair)  President Productschap Tuinbouw
Prof. J.B. Opschoor (Vice Chair)  Institute of Social Studies and VU University Amsterdam
Dr B.S.M. Berendsen  Former ambassador to Tanzania
Ms J. Groen  Journalist with the Volkskrant
A. Lenstra  Former Vice President of Unilever

Prof. V. Mazzucato  Maastricht University
Dr E.M. Moyer  University of Amsterdam
Dr W. Nauta  Maastricht University
Dr N.R.M. Pouw  University of Amsterdam
Dr L. Smith  Radboud University
Dr M.J. Spierenburg  VU University, Amsterdam
Prof. R. van Tulder  Erasmus University Rotterdam
Dr A.C.M. van Westen  Utrecht University
Dr J. Voeten  Tilburg University
Dr P.D.M. Weesie  University of Groningen
Dr F. Zaal  Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam

Personnel

Director
Prof. A.J. Dietz

Research Staff (and their areas of specialization)

Prof. G.J. Abbink  ethnicity, conflict management, religion, politics, ethnography, culture, Horn of Africa
demography, healthcare, education, media, Ghana, Nigeria, Mozambique, Namibia

Dr A. Akinyoade  Coordinator of the Research Masters in African Studies (RESMAAS), Afro-Asiatic languages, linguistics, Horn of Africa

Dr M. Dekker  social networks, (micro) insurance, land reform, economic development, poverty reduction,
Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Prof. S.D.K. Ellis  religion and politics, history, Madagascar, South Africa, West Africa

Dr D.W.J. Foeken  urban poverty, urban agriculture, urban water management, Kenya

Members of the Scientific Advisory Council

Dr F.K. Ameka  Leiden University
Dr G. Bruyns  Delft University of Technology
Prof. E.H. Bulte  Wageningen University
Dr B. Büscher  Institute of Social Studies
Dr J.S. Clancy  University of Twente
Prof. J.W. Gunning  VU University Amsterdam
D.H.M. Hilhorst  Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam
Dr J.A.M.M. Jansen  Leiden University
Dr C.H.M. Lutz  University of Groningen

Prof. M.E. de Bruijn  mobility, social hierarchies, communication technology, West Africa

Dr M. Dekker  social networks, (micro) insurance, land reform, economic development, poverty reduction,
Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Prof. S.D.K. Ellis  religion and politics, history, Madagascar, South Africa, West Africa

Dr D.W.J. Foeken  urban poverty, urban agriculture, urban water management, Kenya
Dr J.-B. Gewald  social and political history; interaction between people and technology, Southern Africa
Prof. J.C. Hoorweg  ecology and economics of the East African coast, Kenya
Dr M.M.A. Kaag  migration, social change, development issues, local government, land use, West Africa
W. Klaver  food and food security, urban agriculture, household economics, Kenya
Dr A.H.M. Leliveld  social security, (micro) insurance, international aid, economic development, Uganda
Dr M.M.E.M. Rutten  land reform, water issues, pastoralism, (eco)tourism, wildlife management, democratization, higher education, migration, fair trade, Kenya, East Africa
Dr B.F. Soares  religion (Islam in particular), history, politics, West Africa
Prof. W.E.A. van Beek  religion, tourism, Cameroon, Mali, Southern Africa
Prof. W.M.J. van Binsbergen  modern and traditional African knowledge in the framework of globalization, Botswana, Zambia
Prof. J.W.M. van Dijk  forestry and agriculture, resource management, decentralization, law and governance, state formation, conflict, West Africa
Dr R.A. van Dijk  new religious movements, HIV/AIDS, globalization, Botswana, Ghana, Malawi
Dr W.M.J. van Kessel  democratization, mass media, social movements, history, Ghana, South Africa
Dr K. van Walraven  international relations, conflict management, rebellions, Niger; West Africa

**Project Researchers**
Dr M. van Leeuwen  sociology of rural development, conflict and peacebuilding in developing countries, Burundi, Uganda, Southern Sudan

M. van ’t Wout  gender; informal economy, female entrepreneurship; food security, Ghana
Z. Vlaminck  international politics, development evaluation and management, trade unions and labour issues

**Research Masters in African Studies**
Dr H. Wels  Director of the Research Masters in African Studies (RESMAAS), structures of organizational cooperation, (private) wildlife conservation, Southern Africa

**PhD Students Resident at the ASC**
A. Alemu Fanta; M.S. Bekele; I.C. Butter; N. Cézar; F. Diallo; L. Djerandi; P. Justin; D. Kobusingye; A. Kronenburg; M.E. Leegwater; H.M. Leyten; S. Nasong’o; D. Setume; R. Tchatchoua Djomo; E. Tegemoh; K. van Bemmel; M.O.L. van den Bergh; A. van Dokkum; M. van Vliet

**Library, Documentation and Information Department**
J.C.M. Damen  head of department
E.M. Eijkman  Information specialist
M.M. Kromhout  assistant librarian
U. Oberst  Information specialist
M. Oosterkamp  assistant librarian
A.E. Peereboom-Robson  Information specialist
K. Polman  Information specialist
E.M. de Roos  assistant librarian
G.M.M. Seuren  Information specialist
H.J. Smits  Information specialist
G.C. van de Bruinhorst  assistant librarian
M.B. van der Lee  student assistant
R.A. Verbuyst  assistant librarian
P.G. Verkaik  assistant librarian
Administrative Staff

J. Binnendijk financial administrator
T. Blomsma-Peters executive secretary to the director
M.A. de Leeuw student assistant
G. Petit project manager
A. Reeves editor
S.N. Reinders conference organizer
L.A. van Rooijen assistant financial administrator, publications assistant
M.C.A. van Winden PR coordinator
W. Veerman ICT expert
F. Veldkamp web editor
H.K. Westra programmer, webmaster
M.A. Westra HR manager, visiting fellows and PhD coordinator
W.J. Zwart publications assistant

Interns

A. Ghidoarca research assistant (Zimbabwe resettlement project)
F. van Kooten research assistant (community-based health insurance in Togo)

Visiting Fellows

Dr Jessica Achberger Southern African Institute of Policy and Research, Zambia
Dr Samson Bezabeh Non-affiliated anthropologist
Dr Issouf Binaté Université Allassane Ouattara de Bouaké, Côte d’Ivoire
Dr Felix Kaputu Ghent University, Belgium
Brenton Maart University of Cape Town, South Africa
Dr Friday Mufuzi Lusaka National Museum, Zambia
Dr Massoud Omar Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
Dr Juvence Ramasy University of Toamasina, Madagascar

The following members of staff left the ASC in 2013

A. Altaf PhD student
M.M.O. Boin documentalist
I. Brinkman researcher
M. Bueno de Mesquita project staff member
L.A. de Vries CDP coordinator
S.R. Soeters project researcher
c. M. Sommeling documentalist
M.C.A. van Doorn documentalist
H.W. van Drie secretary
W.M.J. van Kessel researcher
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Income

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences</td>
<td>2,846</td>
<td>2,848</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Projects for third parties</td>
<td>996</td>
<td>843</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other income (publications, etc.)</td>
<td>420</td>
<td>481</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Income**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4,262</td>
<td>4,172</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Personnel</td>
<td>2,492</td>
<td>2,685</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Institutional costs</td>
<td>1,752</td>
<td>1,513</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inventory depreciation</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Expenditure**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4,260</td>
<td>4,215</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


**Publications by ASC Staff**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Publications**


Kinuthia, B., Reversed Fortunes in the South: A Comparison of the Role of FDI in Industrial Development in Kenya and Malaysia. Leiden: ASC.


Nijenhuis, K., Farmers on the Move: Mobility, Access to Land and Conflict in Central and South Mali. Leiden: ASC.

Soares, B., Islam in Mali since the 2012 Coup. *Cultural Anthropology.*


van Binsbergen, W.M.J., ‘Before the Presocratics’: Corroborating the World-Wide Antecedents of Western Philosophy, While Pinpointing the Rupture which Empedocles and His Contemporaries Constituted: [http://www.quest-journal.net/Presocratics_summary.pdf](http://www.quest-journal.net/Presocratics_summary.pdf)


**Non-Refereed Journal Articles and Book Publications**


---

**Publications for a Wider Audience**

Damen, Jos: Robbert Dijkgraaf verheerlijkt in de VS wat hij NIAS afpakt. In: De Volkskrant, 5 June 2013

Damen, Jos: Mag de deur in Leiden open? Gratis toegang tot wetenschappelijke publicaties fundamenteel. In: Mare, 11 April 2013

Dekker, M., Vrouwen en kinderen eerst? Kort verslag Togo Onderzoek in 200%, Nieuwsbrief Leids Universiteit.


Dietz, T., Klanten in het noorden, One World February 2013 (1).

Dietz, T., Megaklus voor topvrouw, One World March 2013 (2).


Dietz, T., Vrouwen in het parlement, One World May 2013 (4).

Dietz, T., Frietje mét, One World June 2013 (5).

Dietz, T., Veel genodigden, One World July/August 2013 (6).

Dietz, T., In de wacht, One World September 2013 (7).

Dietz, T., Eis gratis kennis, One World October 2013 (8).

Dietz, T., Ambassadechaos, One World November 2013 (9).

Dietz, T., Wetenschap is verdacht, One World December 2013 (10).


Foeken, D., Drinking Water in Africa: Access to Improved Drinking Water Sources and Improvement Index. ASC Thematic Map no. 6.

Foeken, D., Sanitation in Africa: Access to Improved Sanitation Facility and Improvement Index. ASC Thematic Map no. 7.

Konijn, P. & F. Lenfant, Brazil-Africa: Booming Business across the Atlantic. ASC Infosheet no. 18.

Rutten, M. & M. Mwangi, Considering Geopolitical and Historical Contexts in Explaining Conflicts over Natural Resources: Do They Really Matter?. ASC Infosheet no. 15.

Rutten, M. & U. Pickmeier, Biofuels or Grazing Lands? Heterogeneous Interests in the Tana Delta, Kenya: A Cross-Community Perspective. ASC Infosheet no. 16.


van Binsbergen, W.M.J., Achterberg en muziek: http://www.shikanda.net/essays/ACHTERBERG_OVER_MUZIEK.pdf


van der Kraaij, F., Liberia: Van Vrijheidsideaal Naar Verloren Paradijs. Leiden: ASC.


Book Reviews


Film
van den Bergh, M., Living on the Edge (scientific advisor and co-director for New Earth Films).

Publications by the ASC

African Dynamics Series
The African Dynamics Series publishes the results of current research at the ASC, with each edited volume consisting of chapters by different ASC staff members and also researchers from outside the Centre. The series is published by Brill Academic Publishers in Leiden.

Asian Tigers, African Lions: Comparing the Development Performance of South East Asia and Africa
Editors: B. Berendse, A. Dietz, H. Schulte Nordholt & R. van der Veen (vol. 12)

Afrika-Studiecentrum Series
The ASC’s Afrika-Studiecentrum Series presents the best of African Studies in the Netherlands. Publication in this series is open to all Dutch Africanists and African scholars who are affiliated to a Dutch academic institution. The series is published by Brill Academic Publishers.

The Yearning for Relief: A History of the Sawaba Movement in Niger
K. van Walraven (vol. 25)

Worlds of Human Rights: The Ambiguities of Rights Claiming in Africa
B. Derman, A. Hellum & K. Bergtora Sandvik (vol. 26)

Access to Information in African Law, Culture and Practice
F. Diallo & R. Calland (vol. 27)

COSATU’s Contested Legacy: South African Trade Unions in the Second Decade of Democracy
S. Buhlungu & M. Tshoaedi (vol. 28)

Africa for Sale? Positioning the State, Land and Society in Foreign
Large-Scale Land Acquisitions in Africa
S. Evers, C. Seagle & F. Krijtenburg (vol. 29)

The Objects of Life in Central Africa: The History of Consumption and Social Change, 1840-1980
R. Ross, M. Hinfelaar & I. Peša (vol. 30)

Africa Yearbook
The Africa Yearbook covers the major political developments, foreign policy and socioeconomic trends in Sub-Saharan Africa in a calendar year. Focusing on major cross-border developments and sub-regional organizations, it has articles on each of the Sub-Saharan states and the four sub-regions (West, Central, Eastern and Southern Africa). There are also articles on continental developments, Africa and the United Nations, and European-African relations. The series is published by Brill Academic Publishers.

Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2012
A. Mehler, H. Melber & K. van Walraven (vol. 9)

African Studies Collection
This series is open to all Dutch Africanist authors as well as African scholars affiliated to a Dutch academic institution. The African Studies Collection includes PhD dissertations, monographs and edited volumes, and occasionally also publishes Masters theses of exceptional quality.

Reversed Fortunes in the South: A Comparison of the Role of FDI in Industrial Development in Kenya and Malaysia
B. Kinuthia (vol. 47)

The Diverging South: Comparing the Cashew Sectors of Tanzania and Vietnam
B. Kilama (vol. 48)

Safety in the Midst of Stigma: Experiencing HIV/AIDS in Two Ghanaian Communities
B.A. Kwansa (vol. 49)

Lahla Ngubo: The Continuities and Discontinuities of a South African Black Middle Class
N. Mabandla (vol. 50)

Improving Health Insurance Coverage in Ghana: A Case Study
A.M. Kotoh (vol. 51)

Grandparents as Parents: Skipped-Generation Households Coping With Poverty and HIV in Rural Zambia
D. Reijer (vol. 52)

Balancing Men, Morals and Money: Women’s Agency Between HIV and Security in a Malawi Village
J. Verheijen (vol. 53)

Dwelling in Tourism: Power and Myth Amongst Bushmen in Southern Africa
S.P. Koot (vol. 54)

Farmers on the Move: Mobility, Access to Land and Conflict in Central and South Mali
K. Nijenhuis (vol. 55)
African Public Administration and Management Series

This series is produced jointly by the ASC, Groningen University and Mzumbe University, Tanzania and records the research results of Tanzanian scholars in African public administration and management. The series is made possible by funding from the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Nuffic). There were no publications in this series in 2013.

Langaa and the African Studies Centre Series

This series is produced by the ASC and the Langaa Research and Publishing Common Initiative Group in Cameroon. It publishes books by both African and non-African scholars and aims to reduce the gap between African and non-African publishing. All the books in this series are subject to a double-blind peer review.

Bridging Mobilities: ICTs Appropriation by Cameroonians in South Africa and the Netherlands

H.M. Nyamnjoh

Side@Ways: Mobile Margins and the Dynamics of Communication in Africa

Editors: M.E. de Brujin & I. Brinkman

ASC Working Papers

Working papers can be considered as ‘work in progress’. This series is open to all Dutch Africanists as well as African scholars affiliated to a Dutch academic institution.

Is Khat a Social Ill? Ethical Arguments About a Stimulant among Learned Ethiopians

G. Dessie (ASC Working Paper no. 108)

Will Sub-Saharan Africa Follow North Africa? Backgrounds and Preconditions of Popular Revolt in the Light of the ‘Arab Spring’

S. Bouhdiba (ASC Working Paper no. 109)

Coping with Shocks in Rural Ethiopia


Promoting Gender Equality and Female Empowerment: A Systematic Review of the Evidence on Property Rights, Labour Markets, Political Participation and Violence Against Women

M. Dekker (Working Paper no. 111)

Urban Water Interventions and Livelihoods in Low-Income Neighbourhoods in Kisumu, Kenya


ASC Infosheets

ASC Infosheets are intended for policy makers, journalists, aid workers and the general public and briefly describe the results of ASC research.

Considering Geopolitical and Historical Contexts in Explaining Conflicts over Natural Resources: Do They Really Matter?

M. Rutten & M. Mwangi (Infosheet no. 15)

Biofuels or Grazing Lands? Heterogeneous Interests in the Tana Delta, Kenya: A Cross-Community Perspective

M. Rutten & U. Pickmeier (Infosheet no. 16)
How Well Are Water Resource User Associations in the Upper Ewaso Ng’iro River Basin Functioning?
M. Rutten & J. Aarts (Infosheet no. 17)

Brazil-Africa: Booming Business across the Atlantic
P. Konijn & F. Lenfant (Infosheet no. 18)

ASC Thematic Maps
ASC Thematic Maps provide statistical information on a variety of topical issues in an attractive visual form using infographics.

Drinking Water in Africa: Access to Improved Drinking Water Sources and Improvement Index (Thematic Map no. 6)

Sanitation in Africa: Access to Improved Sanitation Facility and Improvement Index (Thematic Map no. 7)

Africa’s Economic Growth From a Labour Perspective: Selected Decent Work Indicators (Thematic Map no. 8)

West African Politics and Society (WAPOSO) Series
This series is the result of an agreement between the ASC and the French Institute for Research in Africa/Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique (IFRA-Nigeria) based at the University of Ibadan and Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. The series publishes original, cutting-edge research by West African, especially Nigerian, scholars working in the social sciences and the humanities. To ensure academic quality, all manuscripts are subject to double-blind peer review. There were no publications in this series in 2013.

ASC Occasional Publications
Occasional publications are ones that do not fit in any of the other ASC series. They include short booklets for specific events (anniversaries, farewell publications), research summaries for a wider audience in booklet form, ASC research brochures and various books in Dutch.

The Richer Harvest: Economic Development in Africa and South East Asia Compared: The Tracking Development Study (2006-2011)
D. Vlasblom (vol. 15)

Bottom of Form

T. Dietz & the PADev Team (vol. 16)

Liberia: Van Vrijheidsideaal Naar Verloren Paradijs
F. van der Kraaij (vol. 17)

African Studies Abstracts Online (ASA Online)
ASA Online is the successor to the ASC’s original printed abstracts journal that was first published in 1968, initially as Documentatieblad and later as African Studies Abstracts (1994-2002). It provides a quarterly overview of journal articles and edited works that are available in the ASC’s library on Africa in the field of the social sciences and the humanities.

African Studies Abstracts Online (vol. 41)
African Studies Abstracts Online (vol. 42)
African Studies Abstracts Online (vol. 43)
African Studies Abstracts Online (vol. 44)
SEMINARS

24 January
Lewanika’s Workshop and the Vision of Lozi Arts: Establishing and Maintaining an Identity in Western Zambia, 1880-1980
Dr Karen Milbourne

25 January
Prof. Stephen Ellis

31 January
Het conflict in oostelijk Congo en mijnbouw: Zijn er lokale oplossingen mogelijk? / Mining and Conflict in Eastern Congo: Are Local Solutions Possible?
Dr Koen Vlassenroot, Ken Matthysen & Pim Kraan

28 February
Les entrepreneurs militaires et la démocratisation à Madagascar
Dr Juvene Ramasy

5 March
Dr Klaas van Walraven

7 March
Gewapend conflict in Mali
Prof. Han van Dijk, Ludo de Brabander, Rosan Smits & Klaas Drupsteen

14 March
The BRICS and the ‘New Scramble for Africa’
Prof. Ian Taylor

28 March
Workshop on Energy Access and Climate Finance in Africa
Dr Nthabiseng Mohlakoana, Wim Jonker Klunne & Dr Jonathan Quartey

28 March
The Bungha Building as a Site for the Contestation of History
Brenton A. Maart

9 April
‘The Englishman’s Game’: Cricket and Colonial Identity in South Africa, 1880-1910
Dr Dean Allen

18 April
The War Ate the Rains: Transnational Civil War and Environmental Destruction in Southern Africa, 1960s-1990s
Prof. Emmanuel Kreike

25 April
Film Culture and Rwanda: A Historical-Anthropological View
Dr Guido Convents
15 May
Africa: From Poverty to Creativity
Workshop organized by the ASC and Itiwana (Leiden University’s cultural anthropology student association)

16 May
Let’s Be Friends: The US, Post-Genocide Rwanda and Victor’s Justice in Arusha
Prof. Luc Reydams

30 May
Colonial Administration, Native Taxation and Fiscal Subjects in Former Portuguese Africa
Dr. Philip J. Havik

3 June
Assessing Development from the Bottom Up: End Users’ Perceptions of Change
Seminar with members of the PADev project team

4 June
Handel en OS: Hoe plukken lokale boeren daar de vruchten van?
Matthias Olthaar

13 June
Unlikely Allies: Zambia, Yugoslavia and the Quest for Non-aligned Economic Development
Dr Jessica Achberger

14 June
China’s Global Backyard: Comparing Chinese Relations with South East Asia and Africa
Dr Danielle Tan & Dr Jessica Achberger

20 June
‘The Devil Who Heals’: Fraud and Falsification in the Evangelical Career of John G. Lake, Missionary to South Africa, 1908-1913
Dr Barry Morton

27 June
Dutch Development Aid in Rwanda: Possibilities and Challenges
Leoni Cuelenaere

4 July
Untimely Utopia: Senegal’s Pan-African Heritage
Dr Ferdinand de Jong

11 July
Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah

5 September
Complexities and Dangers of Remembering and Forgetting in Rwanda
Dr Olivier Nyirubugara

17 September
Episodes from Timbuktu in Times of Distress
Dr Shamil Jeppie

26 September
The Definition of Unemployment in Africa
Dr William Baah-Boateng

2 October
Artisanal Mining and Youth in Tanzania
Dr Deborah Bryceson
16 October
Wetenschappers in het nauw: Muzikaal theater en debat
Raymi Sambo, Prof. Felix Kaputu & Evelien Groenink

17 October
‘Let Business Lift Africa out of Poverty’: Corporate Social Responsibility and the New South African Dream
Dr Dinah Rajak

18 October
Half-day community meeting on Liberia and the launch of Liberia: Van vrijheidsideaal naar verloren paradys by Dr Fred van der Kraaij

24 October
Kalahari Capers: Researching the Bushmen
Prof. Keyan G. Tomaselli

7 November
Poor Numbers: How We Are Misled by African Development Statistics and What To Do About It
Dr Morten Jerven
ASC’s Annual Public Lecture

14 November
Kenya in 2013: The Elections, the Constitution and the Jubilee Government: Lessons from the First Six Months
Dr Charles Hornsby

21 November
Making It in Nairobi: Matatu Culture and Political Economy in the New Africa
Prof. Kenda Mutongi

22 November
Africa: Opportunities and Challenges – A View from the IMF
Roger Nord

28 November
Are Religious Leaders a Silver Bullet in the Global Fight Against Female Genital Mutilation?
Marit Tolo Østebø

11 December
Commemorative event to mark the death of Nelson Mandela. Organized in collaboration with ZAM Magazine.
Speakers Ineke van Kessel, Harry Wels and Jos Damen, panellists Bart Luirink and Yinka Akinyoade, and poet Carina van de Walt

12 December
Containing and Accommodating Salafism: Lessons from the Republic of Niger
Prof. Sebastian Elischer

16 December
Islam, Youth and Modernity in the Gambia: The Tablighi Jama’at
Dr Marloes Janson
Annual Report 2013, African Studies Centre

Editors
Ann Reeves and Marieke van Winden

Photographs
Wouter van Beek, Michiel van den Berg, Trudi Blomsma, Marleen Dekker, Kim van Drie, Dick Foeken, Franca de Kort, Monique Kromhout, Nazarena Lanza, Mathijs van Leeuwen, Henrietta Nyamnjoh, Gitty Petit, Edith de Roos, Stefanie Uit den Boogaard, Zjos Vlaminck, Rufus de Vries, Michael Weldeghiorgis Tedla, Maaike Westra, Marieke van Winden, Issa Younoussi

p. 4: A typical street view in Burundi. Photo: Mathijs van Leeuwen
p. 7: ASC staff. Design: Monique Kromhout
p. 20: Women ploughing their land, Burundi. Photo: Mathijs van Leeuwen
p. 30: School girl participating in a bird and environmental awareness project in Burkina Faso. Photo: Michiel van den Bergh
p. 60: Rwanda, Burundi & Uganda country meeting. Photo: Edith de Roos

Layout & cover design
UFB / GrafiMedia Leiden

Printing
Atelier Lukes, Leiden