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10th Annual Researching Africa Day Workshop

Saturday 9th May 2009 St Antony's College, Oxford

Redefining Research Practice in Africa

9.00 – 9.30 am: Registration in Foyer of Nissan Lecture Theatre

9.30 – 9.40 am: **Opening Address- Professor David Anderson (Oxford)**

9.40 – 11.20 am: Panel I - **Critical reflections on research design and research methods**

Chair: Dr Stacey Hynd

Kamna Patel (Birmingham)

Measuring Reciprocity: A Place for Innovative Research Methods in Urban Ethnography?

Daniel Ostendorff (Queen's University Belfast)

New Resources, New Questions, New Challenges: A Security Service Window on Africa

Joshua Olaniyi Alabi (Leeds)

Validity, Reliability and Value of Research Methods: An Analysis of Qualitative and Quantitative Methodological Approaches

Jon Earle (Cambridge)

National Historiography versus Ethnic Historiography: The Instance of Buganda under Idi Amin

11.20 – 11.35 am: Coffee Break in The Buttery

11.40 – 1.20 pm: Panel II - **Placing Africa in global context**

Chair: Dr Nic Cheeseman

Hazel Gray (SOAS)

'Tanzania and Vietnam: Growth and Primitive Accumulation Under Liberalisation'

David Ehrhardt (Oxford)

Apples and Oranges? Comparing the 'migrant integration' in Kano and Amsterdam

Hannah Cross (Leeds)

Clandestine migration from West Africa to Europe: researcher mobility in a dispersed field

Emer Brangan (Bath)

Physical activity, chronic disease and wellbeing in urban South Africa

1.20 – 2.15 PM: **Buy-your-own lunch in the St Antony's Canteen**

2.15 – 4.00 pm: Panel III – **Methods and Problems in Interviewing Research Subjects**

Chair: Dr David Pratten

Jenny Diggins (Sussex)
Research Transparency and Researching Secrecy in Sierra Leone

Tim Gibbs (Oxford)
Interviewing ‘ANC Patriots’ and ‘Apartheid Collaborators’: Reflections on Researching South Africa’s Divided Past

Tom Fisher (Edinburgh)
Researching Ethnicity ‘From Above’: Elites and Identity in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

George Mose (Reading)
The Role of ICTs in Redefining Rural Development Processes in Kenya: A Case of Three Districts in Southern Kenya

4.00 – 4.15 pm: Tea Break in The Buttery

4.15 – 6.00 pm: Panel IV - **Ethics and accountability of the researcher**

Chair: Prof. Jocelyn Alexander

Matthew Wilhelm-Solomon (Oxford)
‘If it’s Raining, Then You Decide Where You Should Shelter’: Ethics and Uncertainty in Qualitative Medical Research

Chris Willott (Bath)
Factions, Crackpots and Onitsha Traders: Conducting Ethnography in a Nigerian University

Kate Fayers-Kerr (Oxford)
Does Mursi Body Art Generate Health? A re-evaluation of a traditional theme of social and cultural anthropology – body art—from a medical anthropological perspective

Melanie Bunce (Oxford)
‘Between Puppet and Hero’: Researching International Journalists as the Report from Africa

6.00 – 6.15 pm: **Closing Address – Professor Terence Ranger (Oxford)**

6.15 – 7.15 pm: Wine Reception in The Buttery