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**12th Annual Researching Africa Day Workshop
Saturday, 14 May 2011
St Antony's College, Oxford**

Critical reflections on research practice and knowledge production in Africa

Workshop Programme

- 9:00-9:15** **Registration at Nissan Centre, St Antony's College**
- 9:15-9:30** **Opening Address, Dr. David Pratten, African Studies Centre, Oxford**
- 9:30-10:45** **Panel 1: Research design and methods: What stories can our methods tell?**
Chair: Dr. Helene Neveu-Kringelbach

Confessions of an instrumentalist: reflections on the research design of a multi-site ethnography (Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria and Uganda)
Kevin Bardosh, University of Edinburgh

Navigating between local and migrant populations – or floating somewhere in the middle? Notes from a small-scale fishing frontier (Guinea Bissau)
Helen Cross, University College London

Boxing and Sexuality in Lagos, Nigeria, 1950 – 1970
Samuel Daly, University of Cambridge

On How to Listen and to Whom: Four reflections on the Study of Music and Society (Liberia)
Michael Stasik, University of Bayreuth

10:45-11:15 **Tea break**

- 11:15-13:00** **Panel 2: Negotiating access to information and contacts: Whose/ which stories get told?**
Chair: Dr. Jan-Georg Deutsch

Experiences from Firm Survey in Ghana
Emmanuel Codjoe, School of Oriental and African Studies

On publicizing the private: Researching bourgeois sociabilities in Kenya
Dominique Connan, European University Institute

Elite Interviews in the DRC: issues of Access and Accuracy
Alexandra Martins, University of Oxford

Challenges of negotiating access to information and contacts: Reflections from a study of stakeholder interactions in the smallholder tea sub-sector in Kenya
Robert Mbeche, University of Reading

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- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch**, St. Antony's College Hall
- 14:00-15:15** **Panel 3: Ethics and accountability in research: Questions of power and privilege**
 Chair: Dr. Jocelyn Alexander
- Children's Voices and Adhering to the Promises of Confidentiality: Researching child schooling problems in a rural context (Ethiopia)**
 Tigist Grieve, University of Bath
- Bullies, Bureaucrats, Butanga and Buzike: Asking difficult questions in a difficult place (Zambia)**
 Jack Hogan, University of Kent
- Defining Ethics: Negotiating a History of Uganda Leprosy Patients**
 Kathleen Vongsathorn, University of Oxford
- Contentious Childhoods: Exploring Tensions of Representation in Ethnographic Research with 'Orphaned' and 'Vulnerable' Children's Charities in Rural South Africa**
 Annelise Weckesser, University of Warwick
- 15:15-15:45** **Tea break**
- 15:45-17:30** **Panel 4: Developing one's authorial voice in writing up research**
 Chair: TBC
- Claiming Culture in Conflict: Rites of Passage, Manhood, and Civil War in Liberia**
 Abby Hardgrove, University of Oxford
- Storytelling and the Anthropology of HIV (Malawi)**
 Jessica Johnson, University of Cambridge
- Unpacking Medical Statistics: Interpreting Annual Medical Reports in French West Africa, c.1900-1940**
 Christian Strother, University of Cambridge
- Doubt, Documentation, and the Ethnographic Challenges of Sexual Rights Advocacy in Africa (Uganda and Malawi)**
 Ryan Thoresen, University of Oxford
- 17:30-17:45** **Closing Address**, Dr. Henrik Vigh, University of Copenhagen
- 17:45-18:30** **Wine Reception**