



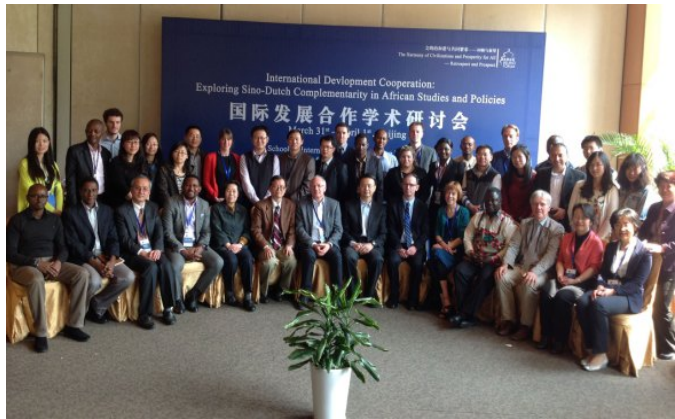
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## [ASC Blog](#)

Three researchers from the ASC have started blogging about the work, experiences and people they have encountered in their field of research and interest. Among them are the ASC director [Ton Dietz](#), senior researcher [Mirjam de Bruijn](#) and senior researcher [Marcel Rutten](#). Read the blogs [here](#). For example: Ton Dietz wrote his last blog on his visit to a conference called 'International Development Cooperation: Exploring Sino-Dutch Complementarity in African Studies and Policies', organized by Peking University in Beijing on 31 March and 1 April. [Read his blog here](#) to get to know his thoughts!



## [ASC Country Portal now online](#)

This new initiative by the ASC provides you with an abundance of information on African countries. The aim of this database is to bring together sources of digital information, grouped per country: news, publications, maps, images, statistics (UN, Worldbank, elections turnout) and much more! Click [here](#) to go straight to the Country Portal platform.



## [Announcement: International Conference Africa Works! 16 to 17 October 2014](#)

Together with the [Netherlands African Business Council NABC](#) the second edition of the *Africa Works! Creating New Partnerships* conference will be organized. The objective of *Africa Works! 2014* is to explore the challenges and opportunities Africa poses to companies, government bodies, NGO's and knowledge centers through informing, inspiring, and expanding professional networks. Read [more](#).

## [Blog Research Masters – Portraying the African Child](#)

This month's African Studies blog is written by Research Masters Student Iorver Ikeseh. Iorver was born in Nigeria and is especially interested in art, children and anthropology. "I am so proud to be an artist. I started art at a very early age. Creating art is best when the artist sees his art as a lifestyle, not as a job. Art is often defined as self-expression. But the question is... self-expression of what?" Read the whole blog [here](#).

### [New Visiting Fellows April - June](#)

The ASC has a very active Visiting Fellowship Programme. These Visiting Fellows use their time at the ASC for data analysis and/or writing, often on a joint project with one or more ASC staff members. They have full access to the resources provided by the African Studies Centre and Leiden University.

The ASC is currently hosting four Visiting Fellows. Take a look at their profiles for more information: [Romain Dittgen](#), [Bekele Gutema Jebessa](#), [Samuel Nteuwusu](#) and [Kees van der Waal](#).



### [Inaugural address Jan-Bart Gewald at Leiden University – 6 June](#)

[Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald](#) will give his inaugural address 'To Grahamstown and Back: Towards a Socio-Cultural History of Southern Africa' at the Department of Humanities at Leiden University on the occasion of his appointment as a Professor of History of Southern Africa. You are all very welcome. Please register [here](#).

### [15 May : Seminar: Beyond enclaves. Unpacking Chinese economic engagements in Africa](#)

This presentation by [Dr Romain Dittgen](#) explores two contrasting case studies which mirror two of the predominant features of the Chinese economic foothold in Africa, namely extractive and commercial activities. One is set in Chad and takes a closer look at CNPC's (China National Petroleum Corporation) recent engagement in the Chadian oil sector. The other deals with the rapid and on-going expansion of Chinese wholesale and distribution centres in Johannesburg (South Africa). Based on these empirical examples, the paper depicts the way in which different Chinese entities – a state-owned oil company and privately owned malls – relate to their respective host environment. Read [more](#).

This is a joint seminar by ASC and [IIAS](#). [Ward Warmerdam](#) will be discussant. Please send an email to [asc@ascleiden.nl](mailto:asc@ascleiden.nl) to register.

### [22 May: Seminar: Who's throwing the stones? Preliminary findings and reflections on urban youth and protests in Kampala and Conakry](#)

[Dr Joschka Philipps](#) will be addressing the young men who are seen as key actors in protests and riots in African cities. Often depicted in ambivalent terms as "Makers and Breakers" or "Vanguard or Vandals", their diversity and ambiguity obviously challenge theory building—recent contributions have thus turned to interpreting youth as discursive or “ideological” formations (see van Dijk et al. 2011). This presentation argues instead for a more systematic empirical inquiry into youth and politics by taking a comparative perspective. Read [more](#).

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### [Farewell Interview Dick Foeken](#)

Dick Foeken retired after 27 years of dedicated work at the ASC. Maaike Westra interviewed him on his long academic career.

“When he left school, Dick had no clear idea as to what he wanted to do next and, not coming from an academic family, he had to find his own way through the maze of different university courses on offer. This was at the end of the 1960s and a booming time for computer science so he looked into system development, with an eye to jobs with good career prospects.”  
Read the whole interview [here](#).



### [New Exhibition : Paintings of the San \(Bushmen\) and the Kuru Art Project](#)

The ASC is hosting a new exhibition until 27 June. It will be open for visitors on weekdays from 09:00 to 17:00hrs. The exhibition was opened by Cees Otto, chair of the [Kalahari Support Group](#). The paintings are for sale. Read all about it [here](#).

### [PhD defense Mary Davies](#)

Everybody is welcome to attend the PhD defense of Mary Davies on 21 May. Her thesis is entitled "The Locality of Chieftainship: Territory, Authority and Local Politics in Northern Malawi, 1870-1974". Prof. [Robert Ross](#) is her promotor and Prof. [Jan-Bart Gewald](#) her co-promotor. Look [here](#) for more information. No registration is needed.

### [Conference: Africans and Hague Justice: Realities and Perceptions of the International Criminal Court in Africa – 23 and 24 May 2014](#)

With this multi-disciplinary conference, the [NVAS](#) aims to highlight African perspectives on the International Criminal Court and the jurisdiction with which it operates. The conference theme closely connects to the current African cases at the International Criminal Court and the vocal and mixed reactions from the African continent towards them. The NVAS is proud to host internationally renowned scholars, such as Kamari Clarke (Yale University), Charles Jalloh (Florida Int. University), Phakiso Mochochoko (ICC) and Makau Mutua (Sunny Buffalo Law school), featuring as key-note speakers at the conference. Read [more](#).

### [Africa Thesis Award 2014 – Deadline 11 July 2014](#)



The ASC organizes its yearly Africa Thesis Award. This award aims to encourage student research and writing on Sub-Saharan Africa and to promote the study of African cultures and societies. Any final-year student who has completed his/her Masters thesis with distinction (80% or higher or a Dutch rating of at least an 8) at a university in Africa or the Netherlands may apply. See the [flyer](#) and [website](#) for more information.

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