

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information about AEGIS, its member institutions and activities is available on the AEGIS website: <http://www.aegis-eu.org>. This site also provides useful links to African studies issues elsewhere in Europe and Africa. Whenever possible, enquiries should be addressed in the first place to the AEGIS member centre nearest you – as opposed to the AEGIS secretariat.

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AEGIS

Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies

A NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE IN AFRICAN STUDIES

AEGIS is a research network of European African studies centres, which aims to create synergies between experts and institutions. With primary emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities, AEGIS' main goal is to improve understanding about contemporary African societies.

**Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Bordeaux,
Brussels, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Göteborg, Hamburg,
Leiden, Leipzig, Lisbon, London, Mainz, Naples,
Oxford, Paris, Trondheim, Uppsala**

WHY AEGIS?

AEGIS was set up in 1991 in order to build upon the resources and the research potential available within the Africanist institutions of the European Union. As the dynamics of contemporary change in Africa and the continent's response to globalisation are intimately linked, understanding the continent's evolution is the major academic and policy challenge AEGIS seeks to address. AEGIS consequently aims to:

- Share intellectual resources for research, teaching and advisory purposes
- Help conceptualise and debate new research themes
- Improve and disseminate knowledge about Africa
- Provide academic guidance and foster institutional exchanges of students, researchers and academic staff
- Promote interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Africa

THE INSTITUTIONS

Nineteen centres from twelve European countries constitute the core of the AEGIS network. New centres that share AEGIS' objectives are encouraged to apply for membership of the network. It is hoped that AEGIS will eventually include members from every European country.

Belgium	Brussels Centre of African Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles /Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Denmark	Center for Afrikastudier, Københavns Universitet
France	Centre d'Étude d'Afrique noire, IEP de Bordeaux, Université Montesquieu–Bordeaux IV Centre d'Études Africaines, EHESS
Germany	Institut für Afrika–Studien, Universität Bayreuth Institut für Afrika–Kunde, Hamburg Institut für Afrikanistik, Universität Leipzig Institut für Ethnologie und Afrikastudien, Universität Mainz
Italy	Dipartimento di studi e ricerche su Africa e paesi arabi, Istituto Universitario Orientale, Napoli
Netherlands	Afrika-Studiecentrum, Leiden
Norway	Programme of African Studies, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim
Portugal	Centro de Estudos Africanos, Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa, Lisboa
Spain	Centre d'Estudis Africans, Barcelona
Sweden	Centrum för Afrikastudier, Göteborgs Universitet Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Uppsala

Switzerland	Zentrum für Afrikastudien, Basel
United Kingdom	Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh Centre of African Studies, University of London Centre of African Studies, University of Oxford

Associate membership is welcome by African studies centres from European countries that are not part of the European Union.

AEGIS is registered as a Foundation in the Netherlands and is governed by a Board. The Board implements the policies of the network as set forth in the AEGIS Annual Plenary Meeting and coordinates AEGIS' activities, which are organised by the various members. AEGIS has an agreement with Brill Publishers to publish and distribute a scholarly Series of monographs or edited volumes on Africa. Editorial decisions for the Series are made by an AEGIS Brill Editorial Board, appointed by the Annual Plenary Meeting. AEGIS also supports the publication of the AFRICA YEARBOOK, whose editors hail from Hamburg, Leiden and Uppsala. The Working Group on New Technologies is responsible for the AEGIS website and the use of electronic media. The AEGIS network receives no outside funding. Its modest financial requirements are supported by regular annual contributions from its members and from ad hoc project/conference funding.

ACTIVITIES

The principal AEGIS activities involve the exchange of ideas, people, knowledge and resources on Africa. These include:

- biennial European Conferences of African Studies, to be held in rotation in different member countries: Leiden 2007, Leipzig 2009;
- biennial Summer Schools – that is advanced teaching and research meetings for post-graduate students and junior faculty, organised by one of the member centres on a rotation basis;
- guidance and expertise towards the development of joint graduate teaching and research supervision in African Studies – agreements have been signed between some member institutions to enable joint research supervision;
- the organisation of methodological, theoretical or subject-based state-of-the-art workshops/conferences.

AEGIS also has a policy of inviting African scholars to member institutions. Conversely, AEGIS researchers from Europe can benefit from institutional affiliations with African institutions associated with AEGIS.