

**CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**  
**"African Borderlands Research: Emerging Agendas and Critical Reflections", 13-14 June 2007**

*Draft Programme*

**13TH JUNE**

9.30 - 9.45: *Introduction and welcome by Prof. Paul Nugent, Director of CAS*

9.45 - 11.15: *PANEL ONE: GETTING BEYOND THE EXCEPTIONALITY OF AFRICA: BOUNDARIES AND BORDERLANDS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE*

*David B Coplan (University of Witwatersrand): "Inseparable Since Birth: Twin Towns and Unitary Concepts in Border Studies"*

*A.I. Asiwaju (African University Institute, Imeko, Nigeria): "European Borderlands Research: Prospects and Challenges of Perspective on Africa"*

11.15 - 11.45: *COFFEE BREAK*

11.5 - 1.15: *ROUNDTABLE ONE: BORDER SPACES AND REGIONAL ECONOMIES*

*Mattia Fumanti (University of Keele): "How to Rethink the Namibian-Angolan Border: Commodities, Social Stratification and State Practices in the Kavango and Cuando Cubango Regions"*

*Wolfgang Zeller (University of Helsinki): Reconfiguring Sovereignty: Boomtowns on the Namibia-Zambia border"*

*Kate Meagher (University of Oxford): 'Parallel Commodity Chains: Cross Border Trade and Informal Economic Governance in Nigeria'*

1.15 - 2.30 *LUNCH*

2.30 - 3.30 *PANEL TWO: ETHNIC FRONTIERS AND COLONIAL BORDERS*

*David Skinner (University of Santa Clara): "Mande Participation in the 'Maba jihad' and the Baddibu Wars"*

*Christian Kordt Højbjerg (University of Copenhagen): "Historical Imagination among Mande Peoples in the Guinea-Liberia Border Area"*

*Thomas Hüskén (University of Bayreuth): "States, Tribes, Associations and Gangs: Interlacing Modes of Political Organization in the Border Region of Egypt and Libya"*

3.30 - 4.00: *COFFEE BREAK*

4.00- 5.00 *DISCUSSION OF PANEL TWO*

7.00 PM: DINNER AT "THE SHORE" RESTAURANT, LEITH

## 14TH JUNE

9.30 - 10.30: Discussion of Possible Shape of African Borderland Research Network

10.30 - 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 - 1.00: ROUNDTABLE TWO: INSERTING THE HISTORY INTO BORDERS AND BORDERS INTO HISTORY

*Gillian Mathys (University of Ghent): 'Borders In The Context Of Planned Migration Across The Rwandese/Congolese Frontier During The Colonial Period'*

*Francesca Locatelli (University of Edinburgh): "Ideas for a project on 'Borders and Identities in the Horn of Africa: a Historical Perspective'"*

1.00- 2.00: LUNCH

2.00 - 3.30: ROUNDTABLE THREE: BORDERS, IDENTITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR RESEARCH

*Gregor Dobler (University of Basel): "Shared Identities from Different Practices: Traders, Peasants and Casual Workers in Border construction in Oshikango"*

*Markus V. Hoehne (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany) "Borders In The Horn Of Africa: Preliminary Report On Some Advantages And Disadvantages Of Being Divided"*

*R.T. Akinyele University of Lagos): "Caribs and The Development Of Borderlands In Nigeria"*

3.30 - 4.00: COFFEE

4.00 - 5.00: CLOSING SESSION