

Conference: Kenya at Fifty

The Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies,

The Johns Hopkins University

African Studies Program

Thursday, September 26th and Friday, September 27th, 2013.

- **Thursday, September 26th**

8:00-9:00 Breakfast.

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Introduction.

Peter Lewis, Director, African Studies Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS.

David Throup, Professorial Lecturer, Johns Hopkins SAIS.

9:15-10:45 Keynote Address.

"Kenya's History from Cambridge, by Candlelight",

John Lonsdale, Professor of African History, Emeritus, and Fellow of Trinity College,
University of Cambridge,

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break.

11:00-1:00 Historians' Perspectives.

Chair: *Richard Downie*, Deputy Director, Africa Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Derek Peterson, Professor, Department of History, and Associate Director of
the African Studies Center, University of Michigan,
"Cultural Innovation in Mau Mau Detention Camps".

Emma Hunter, Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, and Lecturer in History,
University of Cambridge,

"Between ujamaa na kujitemegea and harambee: ethnicity, nationalism and political culture in post-colonial East Africa".

Tim Parsons, Professor, Department of History, Washington University, St Louis,
“Mad Men in Nairobi: Syracuse University’s Role in the Competition to Shape the
National Kenya Bureaucracy”.

Mozella Brown, Office of African Analysis, Department of State
“Kenya: Preserving the Civil-Military Balance”.

1:00-2:15 Lunch.

A conversation between former *Assistant Secretary Johnnie Carson*, *Ambassador Mark Bellamy*, *Sarah Margon* of Human Rights Watch, and *Karuti Kanyinga* of South Consulting on the US and Kenya, chaired by *Sarah Pray* of the Open Society Foundations.

2:15-4:15 Ethnicities, Land and Localism.

Chair: *David Throup*, Professorial Lecturer, Johns Hopkins SAIS

David M. Anderson, Professor of African History, University of Warwick,
“ ‘The Somali Question’: Disaffection and Dissent in Northern Kenya, 1963-2013”.

Gabrielle Lynch, Associate Professor of Politics, University of Warwick,
“Ethnic Voting and Narratives of (In)justice: The Case of the Kalenjin”.

Mai Hassan, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Government, Harvard University,
“A State of Change: District Creation in Kenya after the Beginning of Multi-Party
Politics”.

Kathleen Klaus, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, University of
Wisconsin Madison,
“Land and Patterns of Violence in Kenya’s Recent Elections”.

4:15-4:30 Coffee Break.

4:30-6:30 Politics: The Grand Narrative.

Chair: *Peter Lewis*, Director of the African Studies Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS.

Charles Hornsby, Author of *Kenya: A History Since Independence* and political scientist
in private practice,
“Politics, Ethnicity and Patriarchy: Kenya’s underlying political divisions and the
evolution of political dynasties”.

Dan Branch,
Professor in African History, University of Warwick,
“Kenya’s Evolving Politics, 1963-2013”.

John Harrington, Professor of Law, Cardiff University, and Senior Fellow, British Institute
in Eastern Africa,
“Satire and the Politics of Corruption in Kenya”.

Susanne D. Mueller, Research Fellow, African Studies Center, Boston University,
“The Resilience of the Past: Government and Opposition in Kenya”.

7:30-10:30, pm.

Dinner, Chez Joel and Sandy Barkan, 3004, Cortland Place, NW, Washington, DC, 20008. (See attached directions).

- **Friday, September 27th**

8:00-9:00 Breakfast.

9:00-10:45 Economic and Social Changes.

Chair: *Joel D. Barkan*, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, University of Iowa, and Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Mwangi wa Githinji, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst,
“Ethnicity as Economic Identity: Politics and Economic Outcomes in Three Regimes”.

Mwangi wa Kimenyi, Senior Fellow and Director of the Africa Growth Initiative, The Brookings Institution, and
Josephine Kibe, Professor, Department of Accounting, Strathmore University, Nairobi,
“Kenya at Fifty: Development, Policies, Successes and Challenges”.

Meghan FERENCE, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, Brooklyn College, City University of New York,
“Monopolizing Movement, Franchising Privilege: The Evolution of the Informal Transportation System in Nairobi, Kenya, 1963-2013”.

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break.

11:00-1:00 Contemporary Political Issues.

Chair: *Sabhita Raju*, ex-Commonwealth Secretariat, Interpeace and MSF

Warigia Bowman, Assistant Professor, William Jefferson Clinton School of Public Service, University of Arkansas,
“Censorship and Violence: The Media, Messaging and Elections in Kenya”.

Stephen Brown, Professor, School of Politics, University of Ottawa,
“Dire Consequences or Empty Threats? Western Pressure for Peace, Justice and Democracy in Kenya”.

Sebastian Elischer,
Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics, Leuphana University, Luneburg,
“Coming to Terms with the Imperial Presidency? Kenya’s New Formal Institutions in Comparative Perspective”.

Christina Murray, Professor of Law, University of Cape Town,
“The Evolution of Devolution, 2000-2010”.

John Harbeson, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, City University of New York, and
Professorial Lecturer, Johns Hopkins SAIS,
“Towards a Democratic State in Kenya at Fifty: A Preliminary Appraisal”.

1:00-2:30 Lunch

“Present at the Creation”: A Conversation with Joel Barkan, John Harbeson, Frank Holmquist and Susanne D. Mueller, chaired by David Throup.

2:30-4:30 Prognosticating the Future: More Contemporary Political Issues.

Chair: *David M. Anderson*, Professor of African History, University of Warwick.

Joel Barkan, Professor of Politics, Emeritus, University of Iowa and Senior Associate,
Africa Program, Center for Strategic and international Studies,
“Kenyan Elections: What Have We and the Politicians Learned since 1992?”

Elvis Melia, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-
Essen,
“Devolution and Growth? Governors and Industrial Policy Strategies in Kenya’s New
Counties”.

James D. Long, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Washington,
“The Impact of Elections on Kenya’s Path to Democratization”.

Karuti Kanyinga, Professor, Institute of Development Studies, University of Nairobi, and
Director, South Consulting,
“Why Kenyans Voted the Way They Did”.

Ken Opalo, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, and
columnist on *The Standard*,
“The Politics of Institutional Change and Development: The Case of the Kenyan
Legislature”.

Frank Holmquist, Professor of Politics, Emeritus, Hampshire College, Amherst,
“Reflections on Kenya and Nationhood at Fifty”.

5:00-7:00 Cheese and Wine reception, with books’ launch and discussion between Charles
Hornsby, *Kenya: A History Since Independence*, and Sebastian Elischer, *Political Parties in*

Africa: Ethnicity and Party Formation, chaired by Jennifer G. Cooke, Director, Africa Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies.