ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Leeds University Centre for African Studies (LUCAS) is an interdisciplinary centre that brings together scholars with an active interest in Africa from across different schools and faculties at the University of Leeds.

Here at LUCAS, we promote African Studies at the University of Leeds and in the city of Leeds, and are also part of the Yorkshire African Studies Network (YASN).

Our centre began in 1964 as the African Studies Unit, and has grown from a small cataloguing enterprise to the largest Africanist research centre in the north of England. We put on an annual African Studies Lecture, alternating academic speakers with figures such as Chinua Achebe and Wole Soyinka; we run our own regular seminar programme and co-organize several others – in 2016-17 we have organized more than twenty academic events; and we publish an annual African Studies Bulletin, which promotes postgraduate and African scholarship, is freely available online, and is mailed free of charge to a large number of university libraries across Africa. With the generous sponsorship of the Morel Trust, we have also for many years run a large book distribution scheme to African universities and institutions. For more than a decade we have led the Schools Africa Project, a scheme that recruits postgraduate African students to go into British schools and deliver lessons about Africa to British pupils. We teach three modules at undergraduate and MA levels.