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## Migrants and Diversity: Understanding Trends & Traditions

Wednesday 23rd September 2009 from 9.30am to 7.00pm  
Rooms ST274/275 and Reception in ST276 Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, London

- 9.30 am**      *Registration & Coffee*
- 9.50 am**      *Welcome*      Philip Murphy  
(Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies)
- 9.55 am**      *Introduction*      Shihan de Silva  
(Institute of Commonwealth Studies)
- 10.00 am**      **Imperial Slave Soldiers: British and French Enlistment of Africans during the Napoleonic Wars 1795-1815**  
(Bryan Claxton, Institute of Historical Research)
- 10.40 am**      **African Migrants in Asia: Displacement and Diversity**  
(Shihan de Silva, Institute of Commonwealth Studies)
- 11.20 am**      *Break*
- 11.40 am**      **The colonial response to African slaves in British India – two contrasting cases**  
(Rosie Llewellyn-Jones, Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society)
- 12.20 pm**      **African Settlers on the West Coast of India: The Sidi Elite of Janjira**  
(Faaeza Jasanwalla, University of Aberystwyth)
- 1.00 pm**      *Lunch Break*
- 2.00 pm**      **The Emancipation of Slaves in Traditional Ethiopia as decreed in the “Fetha Nagast”, or Law of the Kings**  
(Richard Pankhurst, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia)
- 2.40 pm**      **Diversity and Collaborative Advantage**  
(Richard Ennals, Kingston University)
- 3.20 pm**      *Break*
- 3.40 pm**      **Understanding Diversity through Traditional Arts of India**  
(Saurabh Gupta, London Metropolitan University)
- 4.20 pm**      *Round Table Discussion:*  
Parvati Raman (School of Oriental & African Studies)  
Hassan Arero (British Museum)  
Tajender Sagoo (Pop Samiti)  
Leon Wainwright (Manchester Metropolitan University)  
Hermione Harris (School of Oriental & African Studies)

**5.00 pm**

*Wine & Cheese Reception*

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Registration fee: £5 (payable on the day)