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1. Introduction

The Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies (IAGAS), formerly Institute of African Studies was established in 1970 with a mandate to carry out research into socio-cultural issues. In 1986, the Institute's mandate was expanded to include training in Anthropology and later, in 1999, to offer courses in Gender and Development.

The Institute has an established faculty of more than 20 who teach and conduct research in the various fields of social science. Currently there is an active research program within medical anthropology with DBL-Institute for Health Research and Development as its most active collaborating partner. Academic staff members also do research on other socio-cultural issues and in archeology.

2. Courses offered

Academic programs at IAGAS together with entry requirements are summarized below. Applicants must fulfill the general University of Nairobi entry requirements.

BA in Anthropology

- ☑ Those who have a minimum aggregate of C+ (C plus) in K. C. S. E. or those with the equivalent of a K. C. S. E. from an Institution recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.
- ☑ Those who have a minimum aggregate of C (C plain) in K.C.S.E. plus a Diploma from an Institution recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.
- ☑ Those with at least Division II with a credit pass in English in 'O' Level (E. A. C. E. or K. C. E.) plus a Diploma from an Institution recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.
- ☑ Those who have at least two (2) principal passes in 'A' Level (E. A. A. C. E. or K. A. C. E.) or its equivalent from an Institution recognized by the Univ. of Nairobi Senate.
- ☑ Those with a Degree from the University of Nairobi or from an Institution recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.

BA in Gender and Development

- ☑ Those who have obtained an aggregate of C+ in the Kenya

Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent;

- ☑ Those with at least Division II in “O” level certificate plus three years relevant work experience;
- ☑ Those who have obtained at least two principal passes of D plain in A-level certificate or its equivalent;
- ☑ Those with a degree or diploma from a recognized University or other institutions of higher learning.

PGD in Cultural Studies

- ☑ Candidates must have a University degree or its equivalent from a recognized University.
- ☑ They must have had at least one year's working experience.

PGD in Gender and Development

- ☑ Holders of a degree from the University of Nairobi or from other institutions recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.

PGD in Management of Heritage and Museum Collections

- ☑ Holders of a bachelor's degree from the University of Nairobi or from other institutions recognised by the University of Nairobi Senate. In addition, one requires a working experience of two years in a museum or a heritage institution whose responsibilities include conservation, care and use of museum collections.

MA in Anthropology

- ☑ Holders of Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology, Sociology or related social science subjects of the University of Nairobi with at least an upper second class honors.
- ☑ Graduates of other Universities recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate and whose undergraduate degree is accepted by Senate to be equivalent to the Bachelors degree of the University of Nairobi.

MA in Gender and Development

- ☑ Holders of a Bachelor's degree of the University of Nairobi with at least an Upper Second Class honors or equivalent qualification from other Institutions recognized by the University of Nairobi

Senate.

- ☑ Holders of a Bachelor's degree with a Lower Second class honors and a post-graduate Diploma from the University of Nairobi or other institutions recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.
- ☑ Holders of a pass degree with working experience of three years and a post-graduate diploma from the University of Nairobi or other institutions recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology

- ☑ Holders of Master of Arts degree in Anthropology, Sociology or related social science subjects of the University of Nairobi.
- ☑ Graduates of other Universities recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate and whose Master of Arts degree is accepted by Senate to be equivalent to the entry requirement specified above.

3. Student enrolment

In 2012, the Institute had 313 students (111 males, 202 females) enrolled in its programmes. At the Undergraduate level there were 197 students (92 males, 105 females) while the graduate level had 103 students (10 males, 93 females) enrolled. In addition, the Institute has 13 students (9 male, 4 female) enrolled in the doctoral programme.

4. Number of graduands

During the 2012 calendar year, the Institute graduated 90 students at Bachelors and Masters level in Anthropology and Gender and Development Studies. This is summarized below.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Number graduating</i>		
	Male	Female	Total
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology	16	17	33
Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Development Studies	2	17	19
Master of Arts in Anthropology	1	5	6
Master of Arts in Gender and Development Studies	2	28	30
PhD in Anthropology	1	1	2

5. International students

The Institute continues to attract international students to its programmes. In the 2012 calendar year, we hosted foreign students who enrolled in the various courses of the Institute. At the undergraduate level we hosted five students from Italy (one), France (two), and Canada (two).

6. Research interests and international links and collaborations

- **REACT Project:** The project funded by EU was concluded. Those who participated in the project are in the process of preparing peer-reviewed papers for publication. The project was a multi-country project involving different institutions, namely IAGAS; KEMRI; DBL-Institute for Health Research and Development; IDS-University of Dar es Salaam; National Institute for Medical Research, Tanzania; Primary Health Care Institute, Iringa, Tanzania; Dept. of Community Health, University of Zambia; Institute of Economic and Social Research, Zambia; Institute of Tropical Medicine – Department of Public Health, Belgium; Umeå International School of Public Health, Sweden; and Center for International Health of UoB, Norway.
- **Gender empowerment and access to financial services in Machakos County Project:** Prof. Simiyu Wandibba (PI, IAGAS), Dr. Steve Nangendo (Co-PI, IAGAS) and Dr. Benson Mulemi (Co-PI, Catholic University of Eastern Africa). The project is funded by the Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI), University of California at Irvine.
- **Study on Cash transfers for OVCs in Kenya:** Onyango-Ouma, W. (2012). Beneficiary and community perspectives of the Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programme in Kenya. Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and DFID. June-Dec. 2012.
- **Study on New Vaccines:** Onyango-Ouma, W. (2012). New Vaccines: From Licensing to Adoption – Determining the factors of Pneumococcal vaccine adoption and the impact on Health systems of the new vaccine adoption, LSHTM and Global Vaccine Initiative (GAVI). May 2011 – May 2012.

- *An Anthropological study of the impact of cervical cancer and genital warts in Vietnam and Kenya*: Siso, J (2012) led this study as the National Anthropologist. The study was conducted in Kenya and Vietnam. July 2011 to November, 2012.
- Involved in a research project with International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), to undertake the *Social Science aspect of the study on Rift Valley Fever* (Bukachi, S. 2012) as part of a bigger Consortium on Dynamic Drivers of Diseases in Africa
- **Grant Proposals**: Faculty at the Institute participated in developing grant proposals which are under consideration by the various funding agencies. Currently there are proposals under consideration by the World Health Organization/IDRC. Another proposal on *barriers to choosing ophthalmology as a career in East Africa* was submitted to the Eastern Africa College of Ophthalmologists (EACO) with Bukachi, S as a Co-PI. The Research proposal was **accepted** and the field work is to begin in 2013

7. International Links and collaborations

The Institute seeks to forge linkages with other Institutions in the South as well as in the North. We have active MoUs with DBL-Institute for Health Research and Development – Denmark; Kyoto University, Japan and Bryn Mawr College, USA, University of Bergen, Norway and Steno Health Promotion Center of the Steno Diabetes Center, Denmark. In addition, the Institute also receives research scholars and students. These affiliations provide avenues for exchange of ideas with staff and students of the Institute. We are extending our external links to Norway where we are discussing with potential partners on areas of collaboration.

8. Publications/consultancies

The faculty was involved in publishing and consultancy work as summarized below:

- (i) Nyamongo, I. K. and Michuki, G. (2012) Rapid Situation Assessment of the Status of Drug and Substance Abuse in Kenya. National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse. NACADA, Nairobi. (IKN – PI, GM – Co-PI). Also available from <http://www.nacada.go.ke>.
- (ii) Khisa, A. M. and Nyamongo, I. K. (2012) Still living with fistula: Stigma and the post-corrective surgery experience of obstetric fistula survivors in Kenya. *Reproductive Health Matters, Vol. 20(40): 59-66*.
- (iii) Olang'o, C. O., Nyambedha, E. O. and Nyamongo, I. K. (2012) Children as caregivers of parents and relatives living with HIV/AIDS in Nyang'oma division in Western Kenya. *African Journal of AIDS Research, Vol. 11(2): 135-142*.
- (iv) Onyango-Ouma, W. and Samuels, F. (2012). Transforming Cash Transfers: Beneficiary and community perspectives of the Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program in Kenya. London: Overseas Development Institute (ODI).
- (v) Keesbury, J, Onyango-Ouma, W., Chi-Chi Undie, Maternowska, C., Mugisha, F., Kahega, E., and Askew, I. (2012). "A review and evaluation of multi-sectoral response services ('one-stop centers') for gender-based violence in Kenya and Zambia." Nairobi, Kenya: Population Council.
- (vi) Onyango-Ouma, W. (2012). An Assessment of Multi-Sectoral Response Services (One-Stop Centres) for Gender-Based Violence, UNICEF and Population Council. September 2011 – January 2012. (*Consultancy*)
- (vii) Siso, J. (2012). National Survey on Alcohol and Drug Abuse situation in Kenya (Nyanza and North Rift Regions). This study was commissioned by NACADA (National Campaign against Drug Abuse Authority). March–April 2012. (*Consultancy*).
- (viii) Bukachi, S. (2012). Consultant with United Nations-World Food Programme on the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Market study.

9. Papers presented at conferences

- (i) Wandibba, S. (2012a) Traditional and contemporary forms of community land tenure systems. Paper presented at the Task Force on Community Land and Evictions and Resettlement Bills Planning Retreat, 1st-3rd November, 2012, Elementeita Country Lodge, Gilgil.
- (ii) Wandibba, S (2012b) Heritage sites in Kenya. Paper presented at the Task Force on Community Land and Evictions and Resettlement Bills Planning Retreat, 1st-3rd November, 2012, Elementeita Country Lodge, Gilgil.
- (iii) Nyamongo, I. K. (2012) Female Genital Cutting: Some thoughts from KDHS / Qualitative Surveys. Social norms measurement conference, University of California, San Diego, Center on Global Justice/UNICEF, San Diego, CA USA. Nov 9 – 10, 2012.
- (iv) Nyamongo, I. K (2012) Neglected Tropical Diseases: How visible are social scientists (sciences) in NTD research? Keynote Paper presented at the 6th Annual Symposium of the Neglected Tropical Diseases Branch, Center for Global Health Research, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), December, 10th & 11th 2012.
- (v) Broomhall, Lorie L., Nyamongo, Isaac & Ballard, Elisa (2012) Gender-based violence, survival sex and HIV risk among female sex workers in south Sudan. XIX International AIDS Conference, Washington, USA, July 22-27, 2012.
- (vi) Siso, J. (2012). HIV Specific Health Clinics: Utilization of Patient Support Centre Services at Keumbu Sub-District Hospital in Kisii Central district, Kenya. PAAA Conference, Nairobi Safari Club (13th-14th August 2012.
- (vii) Bukachi, S. (2012). Participatory situational analysis of the Kwale landscape report. Paper presented at the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Kwale Project Strategic Planning Workshop, Diani, 13th-15th March, 2012.
- (viii) Bukachi, S. (2012). Anthropology and Neglected Tropical Diseases. Paper presented at Pan African Association of

Anthropologists (PAAA) conference, Nairobi Safari Club (13th-14th August 2012).

- (ix) Bukachi, S. (2012). Introduction to qualitative methodology. Seminar presentation at the Department of Ophthalmology, College of Health Sciences, University of Nairobi, 27th November, 2012.

10. Staff matters and community service/outreach

- **Promotions** – Dr. Charles Owuor Olungah was promoted to Senior Research Fellow.
- **National and regional meetings** – The Institute organized an international conference on *Africa: Anthropology and Millennium Development Goals* which was attended by Anthropology from Kenya, other African countries, India, Germany and USA. In addition, members of faculty – Prof. Simiyu Wandibba, Prof. Isaac K. Nyamongo, Dr. W. Onyango-Ouma, Dr. Salome Bukachi, Dr. Charles Owuor Olungah, Mr. Dennis Shilabukha, Isaac Were, Mr. Jared M. Siso and Dr. Tom Ondicho – attended various meetings at national and regional level.
- **Other Appointments** – Prof. Nyamongo was elected President of the Pan African Anthropological Association. Prof. Simiyu Wandibba was appointed as a member of the Task Force on Community Land and Evictions and Resettlement Bills by the Minister for Lands on 21st September, 2012. Mr. Isaac Were was reappointed by the President for another term of two years as Chairman of the Kenya National Archives. Dr. Bukachi was appointed as a reviewer of Annual Research Project reports for The Lake Victoria Research (VIcRes) Initiative Program of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA). She also serves as a reviewer for PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases and as a Trainer/ Facilitator in the 2nd Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign (AU-PATTEC) held at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE). April, 2012.
- **External Examination:** Prof Wandibba continued as External Examiner at Maseno University and Moi University while Prof.

Nyamongo continued as External Examiner for University of Dar es Salaam and was appointed to serve as External Examiner for Moi University for a period three years.

- ***Community Service/outreach*** – Prof. Simiyu Wandibba, Mr. George Mathu, Dr. W. Onyango-Ouma, and Jared Siso serve as members of Board of Governors for various schools and as Chairs of various community organizations. Prof. Wandibba is Chairman Board of Governors, Mabanga Girls Secondary School, Bungoma and member of the District Education Board, Lang’ata District, Nairobi; Dr. W. Onyango-Ouma Chairs the Board of Governors, Lundha Mixed Secondary School; Mr. Mathu chairs the Terebeta Farmers Association; Jared Siso is a board member of Literate Kenya and a Patron of Gesima Primary School Old Pupils’ Association.