

Clarification of the peer review status of periodicals and publishers relevant to African Studies

The AEGIS Working Group on the Evaluation of Academic Output (presently consisting of Clara Carvalho, Pierre Boilley, Leo de Haan, Andreas Mehler, Dieter Neubert and Carin Norberg) was asked by the Bordeaux Plenary of 2008 to complete the provisional list of periodicals and publishers relevant to African Studies (presented at the Bordeaux Plenary) with the help of the member centres and then to clarify the peer review status of at least the most popular periodicals and publishers.

The Working Group arrived at the following conclusion, which was endorsed by the AEGIS Plenary at its Leipzig meeting on 3 June 2009. The list of periodicals and publishers is based on the most frequently used (i.e. mentioned 3 times or more) publication channels of the Centres in Basel, Birmingham, Bologna, Bordeaux, Hamburg, Leiden, Lisbon and Uppsala.

Periodicals relevant to African Studies and their peer review status

1 = non-refereed; 2 = refereed; 3 = double-blind refereed; 4 = journal on the ISI list

Status	Periodicals	Frequency
2	Afriche e Orienti	17
4	Journal of African History	13
4	African Affairs	12
4	Africa	11
4	Africa Spectrum	11
3	Cadernos de Estudos Africanos	11
3	Politique africaine	11
3	Lusotopie	10
3	Review of African Political Economy	9
1	Africana Studia	6
3	Journal of Contemporary African Studies	6
3	Cahiers d'Études africaines	6
3	African Studies Review	5
3	Africa Today	5
1	APAD Bulletin	5
3	Canadian Journal of African Studies/Revue canadienne d'études africaines	5
3	CODESRIA Bulletin	5
1	History in Africa	5
4	Journal of Modern African Studies	5
4	Quest: An African Journal of Philosophy/Revue Africaine de Philosophie	5
1	The Round Table	5
3	Anthropology and Medicine	4
1	Big Issue Namibia	4
4	Journal of Southern African Studies	4
1	Africa Server Magazine	3
1	Civis Mundi	3

3	Commonwealth & Comparative Politics	3
3	Development Policy Review	3
4	Habitat International	3
4	L'homme	3
1	Polylog	3
3	Dialogue	3

Publishers relevant to African Studies and their peer review status

1 = not using referee system; 2 = using referee system; 3/4 = world semi-top and top publishers

Status Publishers

3	London & New York: Routledge	30
3	Leiden: Brill	29
3	Paris: Karthala	25
	Münster: LIT Verlag No review system. Quality depends on editor	21
2	Uppsala: The Nordica Africa Institute :Monographies and Anthologies	18
2	GIGA: Working Paper Series only open to GIGA and aff authors	15
1	ASC Working Papers only open to ASC and aff authors	14
3	Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers	13
1	Uppsala: The Nordica Africa Institute: Discussion Paper	13
2	Leiden: ASC Research Reports; as of 2007 African Studies Collection	15
1	Uppsala:The Nordica Africa Institute/ Cape Town: HSRC Press	12
3	Basingstoke/New York: Palgrave Macmillan	11
2	Paris, L'Harmattan	10
2	Uppsala: The Nordica Africa Institute: Current African Issues	9
3	Hampshire: Ashgate Publishers	5
1	Maastricht: Shaker Publishing	5
2	Carolina Academic Press	4
1	Geneva: ILO	4
4	Oxford, Oxford University Press	4
2	Uppsala: The Nordica Africa Institute: Policy Dialogue	4
2	Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz	4
2	Baden-Baden: Nomos	3
3	Boulder/London: Lynne Rienner	3
2	Edinburgh University Press	3
2	London: John Harper Publishing	3
1	Lund: Studentlitteratur	3
1	New York: Fitzroy Dearborn	3
2	Oxford: James Currey	3
1	Paris, La Découverte	3
1	Stockholm: Sida	3
1	Uppsala: The Nordica Africa Institute: Research Report	3
2	Utrecht/Leiden: Development Policy Review Network/African Studies Centre	3