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## The *Africa Bibliography*...Goes Digital

**Cambridge University Press** and the **International African Institute** are proud to announce the launch of the *Africa Bibliography* as a fully-searchable online database. The annual *Africa Bibliography*, long considered the leading bibliographic guide to all works in African studies, has been fully digitised by the team behind the esteemed Cambridge Journals Online platform in consultation with Africanist librarians.

The online *Africa Bibliography* features full bibliographic records comprising books, journal articles and chapters: each entry is classified and searchable by region, country and subject. It offers a variety of advanced search functionality including quick search, advanced Boolean, faceted search and browse options.

The inclusion of full-text linking through CrossRef and Google Scholar will enable users to access a source immediately simply by clicking on an entry in the *Bibliography*. In addition this crucial research tool offers multiple search export formats compatible with a variety of citation management software tools. This advanced functionality and the wealth of bibliographic data have been combined to create a rich and interactive resource for all scholars in the field.

The *Africa Bibliography* will initially feature digitised content from 2004 to the current volume, with further volumes back to 1984 published subsequently. Ultimately, it will incorporate over 120,000 categorised entries from c.900 publishers including books, individual chapters and the relevant articles from c.1,100 serial publications. This collection of data makes it an indispensable and invaluable tool for both researchers and general readers alike interested in any aspect of African studies. The reach and accessibility of the existing *Africa Bibliography* archive will be expanded through this new site, making it more readily available to students and scholars throughout the world.

'We are particularly excited to offer a fresh iteration of a perennial research tool with our work in digitising the *Africa Bibliography*' remarked Simon Ross, Journals Director of Cambridge University Press. 'It marks the culmination of months of classification, consultation, development and testing and we hope this will prove to be a truly unique and indispensable research tool for scholars of African studies'

Stephanie Kitchen, Publications Committee chair at the IAI comments, 'We are delighted about the partnership with Cambridge University Press that has enabled this major digitisation project, fulfilling the Institute's long-held ambition to adapt its major reference work and longstanding contribution to African studies scholarship to the modern information era. We hope the fully searchable online *Africa Bibliography* will henceforth be most readily available and useful to students and scholars throughout the world.'

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