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*International African Seminars*

THE 11th in the series of the Institute's International African Seminars will be held in collaboration with the Institut Africain de Développement Economique et de Planification in March–April 1972 at Dakar, Senegal. The theme of the Seminar will be Modern Migration in Western Africa.

The distribution of peoples in Western Africa in 1971 already differs markedly from that at the turn of the century and the considerable movements of population from the interior towards coastal areas and from rural areas into towns continue to develop. This has resulted especially from a growing movement of people, ideas, and goods from areas of rural subsistence economy into rapidly growing towns which have become the centres of administration, trade, and industry. These movements have posed many practical problems of policy and administration for governments and theoretical problems concerning the provision and analysis of data for research by social scientists. One of the main objects of this Seminar will be to take stock of such research and its value for the development of resources and institutions under rapidly changing conditions. It will consider the economic and social causes and effects of migration in Western Africa both rural-rural, urban-urban, rural-urban, and inter-territorial and inter-regional. The Seminar will be an occasion for appraising the assumptions, methods, and models of the various disciplines concerned with the problems of migration. There appears to be a need for wider communication and the different approaches would benefit from inter-disciplinary critiques. It is hoped that their methods, findings, and recommendations can be brought into relation with one another at both the theoretical and practical levels.

Plans for a Seminar on Pastoral Societies in Tropical Africa to be held in co-operation with the Centre Nigérien de Recherches en Sciences Humaines at Niamey in December 1972 are being worked out in consultation with its director, Dr. Diouldé Laya. The emphasis will be on the relations of the traditional ecology and the impact of modern factors to social organization and the problems of adjustment. Professor Théodore Monod of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle has agreed to act as Chairman of this Seminar.