Centre of African Studies
Occasional Talk & Book Launch

Monday 27 April 2015 at 5pm in Room S1
Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DT

Talk: Current Trends in African Christian Scholarship
David Maxwell (Cambridge)
John Peel (SOAS)
Chaired by Andrea Grant (Cambridge)

Book launch: Text and Authority in the South African Nazaretha Church
By Joel Cabrita
Published by Cambridge University Press

“This terrific book ought to help us rethink the whole enterprise of Christian theology. For the members of the Nazaretha church, the Christian canon was not closed. They documented their prophet’s spectacular deeds, chronicled their own exemplary triumphs, and created an archive. These records in turn became material for sermons, fodder for rituals, and templates for liturgy. By taking us into the procedures by which miraculous events were recorded, edited, rehearsed, and relived, Joel Cabrita’s book shows theology to be a popular endeavor, an imaginative work in which commoners, not only prophets and academics, participate.”

– Derek R. Peterson, University of Michigan

This seminar is held in conjunction with the Centre of African Studies & CRASSH Faculty Research Group ‘Locating Religion’

A drinks reception to which all are welcome will follow