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by Professor Keith Hart (University of Pretoria and LSE) on 22 May

2015 Audrey Richards Annual Lecture
by Professor James Ferguson (Stanford University) on 26 March

Conference on Pursuing Justice in Africa at CRASSH
27-28 March 2015

Conference held with the African Studies Association of the UK at Robinson College, 7 - 9 September 2016, featuring the:

2016 Audrey Richards Annual Lecture
by Professor Derek R Peterson (Michigan University)