Here is the programme for our informal research workshop. The principle is that participants commit themselves to read the papers in advance. Accordingly, the papers must be short: no more than 4,000 words excluding references, tables and diagrams) please, except for those coming from overseas, who have 6,000 words. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes to allow enough time for discussion. All are welcome to participate. If you are coming, please inform Gareth Austin (if you have not already done so) so that the papers can be made available in advance. The deadline for paper-givers is 19th April: again, send them to g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk

2.00-4.20: PRECOLONIAL AND COLONIAL

Gareth Austin (LSE), ‘Reflections on the Assimilative and Commercial Aspects of Slavery in Precolonial West Africa, c1500-c1900’

Karin Pallaver (University of Bologna), ‘Nyangwezi participation in Nineteenth-century East African Trade: some Evidence from Missionary Sources’

Berhanu Tesfaye (SOAS), ‘The political economy of gabber-naftegna system in Gedeo, Southern Ethiopia, 1897-1920’

Erik Green (University of Lund), ‘Limits to Labour: Structures of Diversification and Agrarian Change in Malawi, mid-1930s to mid-1950s’

4.45-6.30: DECOLONIZATION AND POST-COLONIAL

Stephanie Decker (LSE), ‘British Companies and Economic Nationalism in Nigeria and Ghana, 1945-77’

Miatta Fahnbulleh (LSE/Institute of Historical Research), ‘Re-evaluating Development Policy in Ghana and Kenya: Political vs. Technocratic Logic’

Morten Jerven (LSE), ‘The Regression Literature on African Growth - a Critique of the Method and the Evidence’

6.30-7.00: Roundtable Discussion on the State of the Field