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We are pleased to announce that the Hans Zell African studies collections and archive have been donated to the Library of the **Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (JHIA)** in Nairobi <https://www.jhia.ac.ke/>, an “institute geared to preserving memory and promoting historical knowledge”, where it has found a good home and will be made widely accessible. The collections comprise the following:

- A copy of every book published under the Hans Zell Publishers imprint <https://www.hanszell.co.uk/history.htm> during different periods from 1976 to 2008, as well as those titles published/commissioned while Hans Zell was developing the lists of Africana Publishing Corporation in New York, and later that of the University of Ife Press (now Obafemi Awolowo University Press) in Nigeria.
- A general collection of many acclaimed reference resources, encyclopaedias, and monographs on Africa, African studies, and African literature (non-fiction only).
- Signed books: A small collection of some 50 author signed books, by well-known African writers and scholars, including past winners of the Noma Award for Publishing in Africa. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noma_Award_for_Publishing_in_Africa

Together the collections amount to a total of over 400 books and reference works, the majority of them published in hardcover/cased editions.

In accepting the donation, Dr. Jean Luc Enyegue, SJ, JHIA Director, stated:

“In the past few weeks, JHIA has received an important batch of books that will contribute to increasing its collections, especially on African literature and research on African studies. We are grateful to Hans and Anthea Zell who, through their donation, are contributing to the mission of the Historical Institute to make it a place of reference for African sources on African soil. It is not only the Institute that thanks them for their generosity, but, in anticipation, all the generations of researchers and students who will benefit from the Hans Zell Collection for the development of Africa and all humanity.”

Catalogue of the collection:

A catalogue of the collection and archive can be found [here](#), as part of a special issue of the *JHIA Newsletter*, no. 17, April 18, 2023.

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