

The Speaker - Stephen Codrington

Dr Stephen Codrington is the author or co-author of 59 books, mainly books that focus on his life-long passion for Geography. He now serves as Director of School Governance and Leadership Development at Alphacrucis College, and also works as a consultant on school board effectiveness in his position as President of Optimal School Governance.

Stephen is a former President of both the Geographical Society of New South Wales and the Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales (twice), as well as being current Treasurer of The Geographical Society. His work has taken him to 142 countries. He maintains a website with details of his travel diaries at www.stephencodrington.com

Stephen's earlier talks to the Traveller's Club:

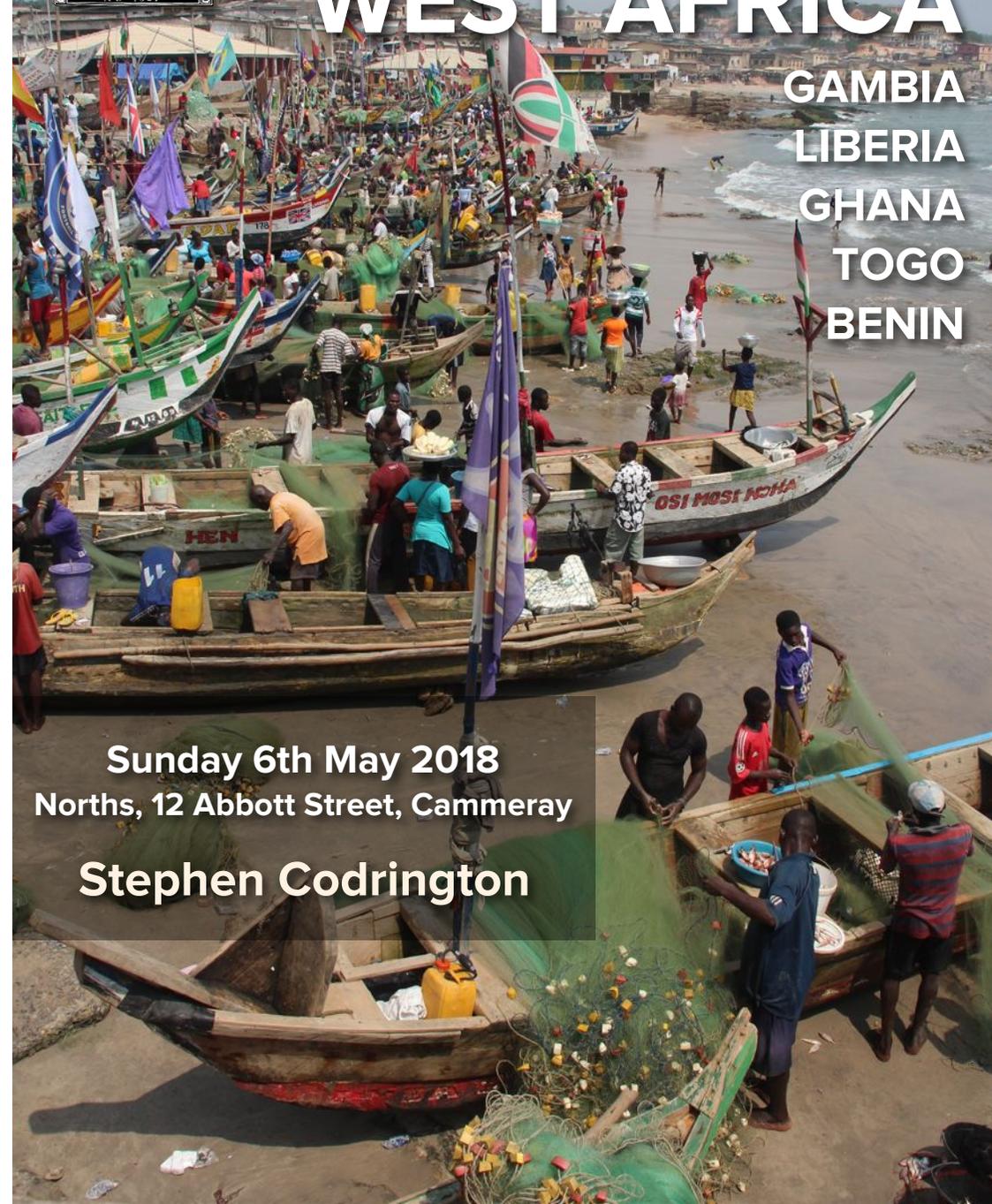
- 1989 - Eastern Europe and the USSR
- 1990 - Change in the Highlands of Irian Jaya
- 1992 - The former Soviet Union today
- 1994 - Bolivia
- 1996 - Hidden Burma
- 2005 - Mali - the Jewel of West Africa
- 2006 - North Korea - the world's least known, least understood country
- 2007 - Iceland - Land of Ice and Fire
- 2008 - China's Ancient Tea Horse Route
- 2009 - Ethiopia - cradle of humanity
- 2010 - Guardians of the Red Sea (Yemen, Eritrea and Djibouti)
- 2011 - Middle East Hotspots (Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria)
- 2012 - Last Threads of the Iron Curtain - Transnistria and North Korea's border regions
- 2013 - Iran - what is it really like?
- 2014 - Beyond Siberia - Russia's Wild Far East -
- 2015 - Tunisia and Algeria - Springs of the Arab Spring
- 2016 - The African Sahel - Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso
- 2017 - Three Pacific Micronations - Kiribati, Nauru, Palau
- 2017 - Turkmenistan



The Geographical Society of New South Wales presents

COASTAL WEST AFRICA

GAMBIA
LIBERIA
GHANA
TOGO
BENIN



Sunday 6th May 2018
Norths, 12 Abbott Street, Cammeray

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Did you know...

- The highest point in **Gambia** is just 53 metres above sea level.
- **Liberia** is the only country in Africa never to have been colonised by Europeans.
- By contrast, **Togo** has been colonised by Portugal, Germany and France.
- **Ghana** has about 40 'slave castles' along its coastline.
- Voodoo began in **Benin**, where it still flourishes.

For Australians, Coastal West Africa is a rarely visited and largely unknown part of the world. Nonetheless, it has a vast array of rich cultures, beautiful landscapes, and unique perspectives to share about its varied history.

This richly illustrated presentation will open up a selection of five countries in Coastal West Africa — **Gambia, Liberia, Ghana, Togo and Benin**. You will have an armchair travel experience of nations that may be among the economically poorest countries on earth, but which have a richness and wealth of culture that deserve to be the envy of the rest of the world.

TO HELP WITH CATERING, PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING BY 29TH APRIL 2018

There is a \$15 entry fee to cover the cost of catering, payable when you arrive.

To let us know you will attend, please phone Bronwyn on 0413 894 454 or send her an e-mail at b.bate@westernsydney.edu.au

We meet in the McKinnon Room on the 1st floor at Norths from 2:00pm (for drinks and snacks) until 4:00pm.

The presentation starts at 2:30pm and goes to about 3:30pm.

At Norths, there are 30 surface parking places in front of the building, plus hundreds more free places in the multi-storey car park (entrance from Palmer Street). The 4th (top, open) level is the same level as the ground floor of Norths with a direct walkway. There are stairs and an elevator to the Irvine Room on the 1st floor.