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**Syllabus**

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**Conflict, Governance and Development**

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**The violence, hunger and poverty of Africa, and the economic potential, energy and mineral resources, that are often described in our newspapers, (on the bottom right-hand corner of the third section of your daily newspaper right after the sports briefs) do not exist in a vacuum. They are the products of historical and social forces that go back a number of centuries and also reflect current day world divisions about race, religion, gender and culture.**

**In this highly individualized course we will look at the origins of these forces, the reason for sub-national violence and their consequences as they affect the African continent. Of particular importance is the question: is there a "new" Africa in terms of governance, conflict, institutional development and economic and social change? Are patterns of change national, regional or continental.**

**The purpose of this course is to destroy myths and understand causality. It is to get course participants, in a small seminar environment, to start thinking and talking about the causes of poverty, political conflict, development and underdevelopment and to stimulate an interest in a part of the world which is very far away from and very different from the United States. It is an ambitious course in that it will require participants to have the ability to read and digest (as well as think about) a large amount of material in a short period of time.**

**Every effort has been made to recommend material that is clearly and interestingly written. However, there will be many concepts and terms that are not immediately familiar to you. If so, write them down and ask about them during class. In tackling the reading, take your time with it, re-read and ask questions of your colleagues and of the course instructor.**

**This course will be a mixture of lecture, presentation and discussion. Hopefully it will be structured and informal at the same time. Feel free to interject comments and raise questions at any point during the class. Generally, the first hour of class will be devoted to an informal lecture on the topic of the week. Following the break we will spend the remainder of the class discussing the reading for that week or listening to individual comments on a piece of reading. This format assumes that all class participants will have completed their reading in advance of the week's class.**

**Methodology: You should note that no two persons in this class are expected to read the same material. All students should read the material listed below as they are assigned. Other assigned reading will be read for use in presentations, discussion and research reports. Note: From time to time, I may hand out specialized readings upon request.**

**Assignments: Details on these assignments will be provided at a later point. The following will make up each grade:**

1. **Short Biography. Each student is to prepare a short biography with a picture to be turned in the second week of class. This bio should also identify an African region and a policy issue you are interested in. It should also identify your experience in Africa and your geographical and issue concerns (10%).**
2. **Weekly discussion: 15-20 minute discussion session. Discussion will focus on materials from the week before and include required texts , your regional books and discussion readings. (30%)**
3. **Regional Policy Research Papers: Each person will make a formal presentation to the class and prepare a well written regional analysis paper (15-20 pages) which will be turned in at the end of the semester. You may opt to do a policy paper that is not limited to one region of Africa. The assignments will be established according to your region of interest (30%).**
4. **Final Take Home exam Paper. There will be a final paper (10-15 pages) that is based upon the required readings in the course. This is not a research paper but is designed so that the student can make use of the reading identified and recommended in this class. The exam question is “Is Africa Unique in terms of its social, economic and political challenges? Answer and defend your view.” (30%).**

**All papers will be judged on their quality and their creative use of the reading materials assigned in the following pages. PhD students, rather than writing a paper based on readings, may prepare an article length research paper or a fundable research proposal (20-30 pages) based on a prospectus approved by the instructor which uses both available readings from the class and independent research.**

**Separate from this syllabus a list of readings will be provided to students to use in the preparation of regional and policy papers. It is expected that preparation will start from this list; however these research papers should include library research. The use of the internet is authorized, with caution. Academic books and articles should also be consulted. For final exam papers, even for Masters’ degree students, though they are not research papers, full citations are expected.**

**We would suggest not buying books until you have met with the class and discussed your choice of work assignments. Please note that it is often more economical to order books through an internet site such as amazon.com, Ebay, or Half.com rather than from a retail outlet. Some books are available as e-books. Some materials are in the public domain. Students are encouraged to share books with other members of the class. Please let the Graduate Assistant know of any required articles and books that you find on the internet.**

**Required Books (Also on Reserve)**

**Robert H. Bates, Markets and States in Tropical Africa: The Political Basis of Agricultural Policies (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014).**

**Daniel Bergner, In the Land of Magic Soldiers (New York: Picador, 2003). A tragic story often repeated.**

**Patrick Chabal and Jean-Pascal Daloz, Africa Works: Disorder as a Political Instrument (Bloomington: Bloomington University Press, 1999). Focus on the practical.**

**Pierre Englebert and Kevin C. Dunn, Inside African Politics (Boulder: Lynn Rienner Publishers, 2013). The Textbook, so to speak.**

**Mahmood Mamdani, Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1996). Passive nature of Africans caused by colonial control processes. An important book. Well thought through though dense. To be read early in the day.**

**Norman Rush, Whites (New York: Alfred Knopf, 1986) Southern Africa.**

**Crawford Young, The Postcolonial State in Africa: Fifty Years of Independence, 1960–2010 (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2012). By the Griot. This book says almost all there is to say about the subject.**

**Topics and Assignments**

**January 5- Introduction: Pre-Colonial Africa**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 1**

**Mamdani, Chapter 1**

**Young, Chapter 1**

**Sentongo, "Mulyankota," From Larson, African Short Stories, pp. 147-170.**

**Wiedner, Chapters 1-3**

**Oliver and Fage, Chapters 1-2 and 6**

**Bessie Head, "The Deep River," in Bessie Head, Collector of Treasures, pp. 1-6.**

**January 12- The Origins of Colonial Rule**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 2-3**

**Mamdani, Chapter 2**

**Davidson, Chapter 7**

**Diop “Birth of the ‘Negro Myth” in Markovitz, African Politics and Society**

**Rodney, How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapters 2 and 3**

**Michael Crowder, "Indirect Rule-French and British Style," in Markovitz, African Politics and Society, pp. 27-36**

**Abeh Nicol, "As the Night the Day," From Richard Rive, Modern African Prose**

**January 19- Colonialism, Ethnicity and Nationalism**

**Mamdani, Chapter 3, 5**

**Young, Chapter 3**

**Young, in Rothchild and Chazan, pp. 66**

**Rodney, Chapter 4**

**Gluckman, "Tribalism in British Tropical Africa," In Markovitz, African Politics and Society, pp.82-93**

**Van den Berghe, Race and Ethnicity in Africa, pp. 79-104**

**Diop, "Birth of the ‘Negro Myth’," Markovitz, African Politics and Society, pp. 19-25**

**Paul Theroux, “Tarzan is an Expatriate”, in Paul Theroux, Sunrise with Seamonsters, pp. 31-39**

**January 26- The Promise and Reality of Independence**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 4**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapter 3**

**Mamdani, Chapter 4**

**Bates, Chapter 1**

**Young, Chapter 2**

**Barbara Kimenye, “The Winner,” in Charles Larson, African Short Stories**

**Alex La Guma, “A Matter of Taste, in Larsen, African Short Stories, pp. 101-106**

**February 1- Ethnicity, Violence and the Post-Colonial State**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapter 4**

**Young, Chapter 8**

**Bergner, pp. 3-95**

**Young, The Politics of Cultural Pluralism, Chapters 3-5**

**Sylvain Bemba,"The Dark Room," From Charles R. Larson, African Short Stories, pp. 85-100.**

**James Mathews, "The Park" In Richard Rive, Modern African Prose**

**February 8- Culture, Settlers and Politics**

**Van den Berghe, Race and Ethnicity in Africa, pp. 1-75 and 276-299.**

**L.H. Gann and P. Duignan, White Settlers in Tropical Africa Chapters 1-2**

**Patrick Keatley, Politics of Partnership, Parts 3 and 4**

**Sparks, Mind of South Africa, Chapters 1-3**

**Nadine Gordimer, "Where Do Whites Fit In?" in The Essential Gesture, pp. 31-37**

**Ousmane, "Black Girl," in Larson, African Short Stories**

**Richard Rive, "No Room in Solitaire," in Richard Rive Quartet, pp. 82-91**

**February 15-One Party Rule, Patrimonialism and the Military**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 5**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapter 1**

**Young, Chapter 4**

**Bergner, pp. 96-213**

**Jackson and Rosberg, Chapters 1-2**

**February 22-Socialism, Capitalism and Race in the Administrative State**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 6**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapter 7**

**Mamdani, Chapter 6**

**Bates, Chapter 2**

**Young Chapter 5**

**Nadine Gordimer, "Town and Country Lovers," in Gordimer, A Soldier’s Embrace, pp. 71-93.**

**Richard Reeve, "Strike," in Quartet, pp. 3-15.**

**March 1-Authoritarianism, Conflict and State Failure**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 7**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapter 6**

**Mamdani, Chapter 7**

**Young, Chapter 6 and 7**

**James Ngugi, “A Meeting in the Dark,” in Larson, Short Stories**

**Kuldip Sondhi, "Bad Blood," in Mphahele, African Writing Today, pp. 99 - 107**

**Welch, "Cincinatus in Africa," in Michael Lofchie, State**

**of the Nations, pp. 215-237.**

**March 8- Spring Break**

**March 15- Markets, Planning and Structural Adjustment**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapter 2**

**Bates, Chapters 3 and 4**

**Norman Rush, "Bruns," in Whites**

**Norman Rush, "Alone in Africa," in Whites**

**Edmond J. Keller, "Afro-Marxist Regimes" in Keller and Rothchild, Afro- Marxist Regimes, pp.1-21.**

**Young, Ideology and Development, Chapters 1, 2 and 3**

**Louis A. Picard, "Socialism and The Field Administrator"**

**Markovitz, "Ghana without Nkrumah: The Winter of Discontent," in**

**Markovitz, African Politics and Society**

**Ake Loba, "A Justice of the Peace," in Mphehlele, African Writing Today, pp. 213-22**

**Cameron Duodu, “The Tax Dodger, in Larson, African Short Stories**

**Avirgan and Honey, Chapters 7-10**

**March 22- Governance, Civil Society and the “New Africa”**

**Bates, Chapter 5**

**Mamdani, Chapter 8**

**Young, Chapter 8 and 9**

**Norman Rush, "Near Pala," in Whites**

**Norman Rush, "Official Americans," in Whites**

**March 29- Human Security, Foreign Aid and African conflict**

**Abioseh Nicol, “A Truly Married Woman” in Larson, African Short Stories**

**Englebert and Dunn, Chapter 8**

**Chabal and Daloz, Chapters 8-9**

**Bates, Chapters 6,7, two prefaces and Introduction**

**Norman Rush, "Thieving," from Whites**

**Norman Rush, "Instruments of Seduction" from Whites**

**Buss, et. al., African Security and the African Command,**

**April 5- Institutions and the Future of the Development State Model**

**Paula Brown, "Patterns of Authority in West Africa," in Markovitz, African Politics and Society, pp. 59-80.**

**Picard, State of the State, Chapters 5 and 6**

**Picard, et. al. Sustainability and Human Security in Africa, Chapters 2, 12, and 13**

**Picard and Buss, Fragile Balance, Chapters 8, 9 and 10**

**April 12- Preparation for presentations and Papers**

**April 19- Paper Presentations**

**April 26- Final Exam Due**

**Reserve Reading**

**Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey, War in Uganda: The Legacy of Idi Amin (Westport,CN: Lawrence Hill,** 1982).

**Terry F. Buss, Joseph Adjaye, Donald Goldstein, and Louis A. Picard, eds. African Security and the African Command: Viewpoints on the U.S. Role in Africa (Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2011). Everything you wanted to know about AFRICOM and were afraid to ask.**

## Naomi [Chazan, Peter Lewis, Robert A Mortimer, Donald Rothchild, and Stephen John](https://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?an=Chazan%2C+Naomi+and+Lewis%2C+Peter+and+Mortimer%2C+Robert+A.+and+Rothchild%2C+Donald+and+Stedman%2C+Stephen+John&cm_sp=det-_-bdp-_-author) Stedman, Politics and Society in Contemporary Africa (Boulder Co., Lynne Rienner, 1999).

**Basil Davidson, Africa in History (New York: Collier, 1993). Note: Earlier edition does not contain assigned material.**

**L.H. Gann and P. Duignan, White Settlers in Tropical Africa (London: Penguin, 1962). Portrait of a prior era.**

**Nadine Gordimer, The Essential Gesture: Writing, Politics and Places (London: Penguin, 1988). South Africa.**

**Nadine Gordimer, A Soldier’s Embrace (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1980).**

**Bessie Head, The Collector of Treasures (London: Heinemann, 1977).**

**Robert Jackson and Carl Roseberg, Personal Rule in Black Africa: Prince, Autocrat, Prophet, Tyrant (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1981). Bad leadership problems.**

**Patrick Keatley, The Politics of Partnership: The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (London: Penguin, 1963). This Book is available on line.**

**Edmond J. Keller and Donald Rothchild, eds. Afro-Marxist Regimes, Ideology and Public Policy (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1987).**

**Charles R. Larson, ed. African Short Stories (New York: Collier, 1970).**

**Michael F. Lofchie, The State of the Nations: constraints on development in independent Africa (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1971). Historical essays.**

**Irving L. Markovitz, ed., African Politics and Society (New York: Free Press, 1970).**

**Ezekiel Mphahlele, African Writing Today (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1970).**

**Rolland Oliver and J.D. Fage, A Short History of Africa (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1988). The classic pre-colonial and colonial history.**

**Louis A. Picard, "Socialism and the Field Administrator: Decentralization in Tanzania," Comparative Politics (July, 1980), pp. 439-457. Article available on-line.**

**Louis A. Picard, The State of the State: Institutional Transformation, Capacity and Political Change in South Africa (Johannesburg; University of Witwatersrand Press, 2006).**

**Louis A. Picard and Terry Buss, A Fragile Balance: Re-examining the History of Foreign Aid, Security and Diplomacy (Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2009). The Foreign Aid Biz.**

**Louis A. Picard, Terry Buss, Taylor B. Seybolt and Macrina C. Lelei, eds. Sustainability and Human Security in Africa: Governance as the Missing Link (New York: Taylor and Francis/CRC Press, 2015). Special Discussion.**

**Richard Rive, ed. Quartet (London: Heinemann Books, 1963)**

**Richard Rive, ed. Modern African Prose (London: Heinemann Books, 1963)**

**Walter Rodney, How Europe Underdeveloped Africa (Washington D.C.: Howard University Press, 1982.**

**Donald Rothchild and Naomi Chazan, eds. The Precarious Balance: State and Society in Africa (Boulder: Westview, 1988).**

**Allister Sparks, The Mind of South Africa (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1990).**

**Paul Theroux, Sunrise with Seamonsters: A Paul Theroux Reader (New York: Mariner Books, 1985).**

**Pierre L. van den Berghe, ed. Race and Ethnicity in Africa (Nairobi: East African Publishing House, 1975). An anthropological summary with origins in colonialism.**

**Donald L. Weidner, A History of Africa South of the Sahara (New York: Vintage, 1962). A liberal historian’s view of African history on the eve of independence.**

**Crawford Young, Ideology and Development in Africa (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1982). On the politics of economic policy.**

**Crawford Young, The Politics of Cultural Pluralism (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1976). Models of ethnic conflict in Africa and beyond.**