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## ANTH 330.01: Peoples of Africa

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**Peoples of Africa**  
Anthropology 330  
Tues/Thurs 12:40–2:00  
Fall 2002

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**Course Description:**

Anthropology 330 is a course about current issues in the four regions of contemporary sub-Saharan Africa—Southern, East, Central, and West Africa. This course is structured to explore current issues from a cultural perspective that draws upon local history, analyses of forms of social organization, and an examination of traditional and ‘modern’ political modes and structures. Students will learn about key issues from the perspectives of African guest speakers, non-African anthropologists and social scientists who specialize in Africa, journalists, and medical providers from the non-African developing world. African food, art, and music will be discussed as well as more serious subjects such as the Rwandan genocide, the plight of long term refugees and the HIV/AIDs outlook for the region.

**Texts:**

Mamdani, M. When Victims Become Killers, Princeton University Press, 2001.

O’Meara, P., and Martin, P. Africa, Indiana University Press, 1995.

Puertas Donoso, B. Across the Footsteps of Africa, Africa World Press, 1999.

Wrong, M. In the Footsteps of Mr. Kurtz, Harper Collins, 2001.

**Requirements:**

Regular reading assignments

2 minor exams (25%)

1 final exam (25%)

Write-up of group/individual research project (50%) or, responsibility for class presentation of research project (50%)

Schedule:

Week/Date	Topic/Reading	Due	Notes
1	Tuesday: Introduction and structure of course		
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday: General themes— regions, environments, issues <i>Martin and O'Meara, Chpt 2</i>		
2	Tuesday: General themes— regions, environments, issues <i>Martin and O'Meara, Chpt 7</i>		
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday: West Africa <i>Martin and O'Meara, Chpt 9</i>		
3	Tuesday: Guest speaker— Sarah Halvorson: Chad		
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday: Ethnicity, colonialism and conflict <i>Martin and O'Meara, Chpt 8</i>		
4	Tuesday: library orientation	Exam	Meet in library on Tuesday
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday: First minor exam		First minor exam Thursday in class
5	Tuesday: Central Africa <i>Mamdani, Chpt 3</i>		
Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday: Central Africa <i>Mamdani, Chpt 7</i>		
6	Tuesday: Guest Speaker— Fatuma Emmad— Islam in Africa <i>Martin and O'Meara, Chpt 5</i>	Oral presentation	
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday: presentation		

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7  Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday: Southern Africa  Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	
8  Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday: Film 1 on San foragers  Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	Follow your handout whilst watching the films this week and next...
9  Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday: Film 2 on San foragers  Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	
10  Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday: No class <i>Wrong, entire book</i>  Thursday: Exam	Exam	No classes on Tuesday (Election Day)  Second minor exam Thursday in class
11  Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday: Guest speaker – Jean-Louis Etoga on Congo <i>Wrong, entire book</i>  Thursday: East Africa		
12  Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday: African demographic patterns <i>Martin and O'Meara Chpt 16</i>  Thursday: HIV in Africa <i>Martin and O'Meara Chpt 20</i>		

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<b>13</b>  <b>Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Tuesday: Guest speaker – Elias Okach on cultural factors underlying the HIV crisis in Africa  Thursday: Thanksgiving		Thanksgiving week
<b>14</b>  <b>Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Tuesday: Political trends following decolonization <i>Puertas Donoso, entire book</i>  Thursday: Political disruption and refugees <i>Puertas Donoso, entire book</i>	Papers	
<b>15</b>  <b>Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Tuesday: Wrap up/summary of major issues  Thursday: Review for final, evaluations		Last week of classes
<b>16</b>  <b>Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Wednesday: Final @ 10:10-12:10	Final exam	Finals week

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