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**University of Montana
Department of Political Science**

**Political Science 326
Politics of Africa
Spring Semester 2011/12**

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Course description and objectives

The study of politics of Africa involves the study of African political history, the idea of Pan-Africanism and the struggle for independence, political systems and the forms of government in the post-independence period, the Cold War and super powers involvement in Africa, and attempts to democratization in the continent during the last two decades. The course-African Politics will provide the opportunity to discuss various thematic issues such as cultural diversity, economic development and poverty, structural adjustment policies, international trade and foreign aid, health issues, education in Africa etc. In doing so, it will introduce selected theoretical perspectives related to the analysis of African politics and government, inter-state relations in Africa, and Africa's relations with the rest of the world. It will provide a framework to explore selected African countries comparatively, deals with specific examples, cases as appropriate and events unfolding even more recently. The specific objectives of the course presented in the form of learning outcomes are the following.

By the end of the course it is anticipated participants will be able to,

1. grasp major issues and themes in the study of politics in Africa with the emphasis on the post independence period
2. be aware of key concepts and perspectives in the analysis of African politics, state and society in Africa
3. develop skills in identifying and explaining political dynamics in different parts of the continent, and
4. demonstrate how knowledge about Africa could be useful to propose alternative approaches to the challenges facing Africa.

Required Reading

1. William Tordoff, **Government and Politics in Africa** (2002, 4th Ed.)
2. Jean-Francis Bayart, Stephen Ellis, Beatrice Hibou, **The Criminalization of the State in Africa** (1999)

Course Requirement

Class participation and presentations (30%)
Mid Term Examination (30%)
Individual Assignments (40)
(Submit on Thursday April 26)

Includes group presentations
End of 3rd week of March 2012
Writing paper on selected topics

Regular class attendance is essential, and the course requires active participation of students. Students are expected to submit assignments on the designated dates and delays to submit may be subject to reduction of grades. Overall assessment of the results will be based on the specific requirements outlined above. Students are also encouraged to use consultation hours with the instructor for additional questions and discussions.

Course outline and activity schedules

- 1. Discussion of items in the syllabus and course introduction (24 & 26 Jan)**
- 2. Colonialism and forms of responses to colonial rule in 1950s & 60s (31st Jan & 2 Feb)**

Tordoff Chapter 1 & 2,

Amilcar Cabral 'the Weapon of Theory', 1966 speech,

The Weapon of Theory, 1966, Amilcar Cabral

Mamdani and Chomsky-youtube video (partially) on 'the Scramble for Africa', and Maps of Africa-1894 & after decolonization

- 3. One-party and military rule in Africa (7 & 9 Feb)**

Tordoff Chapter 5 & 7

Benyamin Neuberger, 1974 'Has the one party state failed in Africa' in African Studies Association, Vol. 17, No. 1, pp.173-178.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2307/523584>

Uma O. Eleazu, 1973, 'the Role of the Army in African Politics: A Reconsideration of Existing Theories and Practices' in the Journal of Developing Areas, Vol. 7, No.? pp. 265-286.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/4190002>

'Why Military Rule must be discouraged in Africa' at

<http://www.newstimeafrica.com/archives/2027>

- 4. The post colonial state in Africa 1960s & 70s (14 & 16 Feb) & *presentations¹**

Colin Leys, 1976, 'the 'Overdeveloped' Post Colonial State: A Re-Evaluation' in Review of African Political Economy, Vol. 3 No.5, pp. 39-48

¹ * refers to a group presentation of assignments

www.jstor.org/stable/3997807

Crawford Young, 2004, 'The end of the post-colonial state in Africa? Reflections on changing African political dynamics' in *African Affairs* (London), Vol. 103 No. 410, pp. 23-49

<http://afraf.oxfordjournals.org/gca?submit=Get+All+Checked+Abstracts&gca=afraf%3B103%2F410%2F23>

5. Pan-Africanism, African unity, OAU, regionalism (21 & 23 Feb) & *presentations

Tordoff Chapter 9,

Micah S. Tsomondo, 1975, 'From Pan -Africanism to Socialism: Modernization of an African Liberation Ideology' in *A Journal of Opinion*, Vol. 5, No. 4, pp. 39-46.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1166523>

Anthony Ngororano, 1972, 'Some Aspects of Regional Economic Integration in the Third World with Special Reference to East Africa' in *Africa Spectrum*, Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 21-29.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/40173737.pdf?acceptTC=true>

6. African & the Cold War, the UN & NAM (28 Feb & 1 Mar) & *presentations

Samuel M. Makinda, 1982, 'Conflicts and the Superpowers in the Horn of Africa' in the *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 93-103, www.jstor.org/stable/3991509

Dona R. Jackson, 2010, 'the Ogden War and the Demise of Détente' in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*

<http://ann.sagepub.com/content/632/1/26>

'Third Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries' in *International Legal Materials*, 1971, Vol. 10, No.1, pp.215-219

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/20690727.pdf?acceptTC=true>

7. Underdevelopment and structural adjustment programs, 1980s, IMF, WB and EU (6 & 8 March) & * presentations

UNECA, 1989? 'African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation (AFF-SAP)'

http://www.uneca.org/publications/ESPD/old/afaf_sap.pdf

Pierre Englebert, 2000, 'Pre-Colonial Institutions, Post-Colonial States, and Economic Development in Tropical Africa' in *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 53, No. 1, pp. 7-36
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/449244>

Olufemi Babarinde & Gerrit Faber, 2003, 'From Lome to Cotonou: Business as Usual', Conference Paper for the *Eight Biennial Conference of the European Studies Associations*, March 27-29 2003, Hilton Suites, Nashville Tennessee, Tennessee
<http://aei.pitt.edu/2817/1/084.pdf>

8. Africa after the Cold War, democratization agenda's in 1990s (13 March) & *presentations

Robert Kaplan, 1994, 'the Coming Anarchy' in *the Atlantic Monthly*, February 1994, Vol. 273, No. 2, pp 44-76.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1994/02/the-coming-anarchy/4670/>

Barry Munslow, 1993, 'Democratization in Africa', in *Parliamentary Affairs*, Vol.46, No.4, pp. 478-490

<http://pa.oxfordjournals.org/content/46/4/478.full.pdf> (Requires a subscription)

Christopher Clapham, 1993, 'Democratization in Africa: Obstacles and Prospects' in *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 14 No. 3, pp. 423-438

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/3992479.pdf>

9. Multi-partism & electoral politics, with examples from selected countries (20 March Mid-term exam, 22 march) & * presentations

Samuel M. Makinda, 1996, 'Democracy and Multi Party Politics in Africa' in *the Modern African Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 555-573 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/161588>

Larry Diamonds, 2002, 'Elections without Democracy: Thinking about Hybrid Regimes' in *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 13, Number 2, April 2002, pp. 21-35,

www.journalofdemocracy.org/articles/gratis/diamond2.htm (ASK Gofie: this link pulls up a table)

Lisa Blaydes, 2006, 'Who Votes in Authoritarian Elections and Why: Determinants of Voter Turnout in Egypt 2006', Paper for 2006 APSA Annual Meeting

www.stanford.edu/~blaydes/Turnout.pdf

'Richard Snyder, 2006? 'Beyond Electoral Authoritarianism: the Spectrum of Undemocratic Regimes'

http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Political_Science/documents/BeyondElectoralAuthor..pdf

10. Conflicts in Africa and their Resolution (Rwanda, DRC-Congo, Somalia (27 & 29 March) & *presentations

Alfred Nhema and Paul Tiyaambe, 2009, 'the Roots of African Conflicts: The Causes and Costs' in Africa Today, Vol. 55, No. 4, pp. 129-134

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2979/AFT.2009.55.4.129> (won't open; requires user name and password)

Resource Conflict-water resources-Youtube Aljazeera video (Dr. Yacob on the Nile waters)

Desalegn Chemedet et al. 2007, 'Indigenous Systems of Conflict Resolution In Oromiya, Ethiopia', Haramaya University, Ethiopia, ILRI Ethiopia, International Water Management Institute, Ghana, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand

http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/publications/CABI_Publications/CA_CABI_Series/Community_Law/protected/Ch%2009.pdf

11. Foreign policies of states, human rights and democracy, US, EU etc (10 & 12 April) & *presentations

P. Boone, 1995, 'Politics and the Effectiveness of Foreign Aid', by the Centre of Economic Performance (Discussion Paper No. 272)

http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/20690/1/Politics_and_the_Effectiveness_of_Foreign_Aid.pdf

Dambisa Moyo, 2009, 'Dead Aid: Why aid is not working...Africa' <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123749211536187585.html> (excerpt)

12. Diseases- HIV AIDS, poverty and MDGs (17 & 19 April) & *presentations

'Assessing the Progress in Africa towards Millennium Development Goals' (MDG Report) 2011

http://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Publications/ADFB-MDG-EN_WEB_2.pdf (this is 152 pages long...)

The 2011 Human Development Report (HDR) www.hdr.undp.org (won't open)

13. Human security & terrorism, and forms of transnational involvement, Experiences from the Horn of Africa (24 April) & *presentations

Jakkie Cilliers, ?, 'Terrorism in Africa'

<http://www.issafrica.org/Pubs/ASR/12No4/Cilliers.pdf>

'Combating Terrorism in the Horn of Africa and Yemen', BSCIA 2005 Paper, John F. Kennedy School of Government

http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/documents/BCSIA_CombatingTerrorismInTheHornOfAfricaAndYemen.pdf

Washington Post, 'US pushes anti-terrorism to Africa'

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/07/25/AR2005072501801.html>

14. Dictatorships & emigration, lessons from North Africa (26 April)

Douglas M. Messy, 1998, 'Economic Development and International Migration in Comparative Perspective' in *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 14, No. 31, pp 383-41 <http://www.ccp.ucr.ac.cr/~icamacho/problemas/massey-pdr.pdf>

Thimoty J. Hatton & Jeffrey G. Williamson, 2003, 'Demographic and Economic Pressure on Emigration out of Africa' in *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 105. No.3, pp 465-486 <http://ideas.repec.org/p/iza/izadps/dp250.html>

The Zeleza, August 21, 2011, 'The Fall of...Dictatorship and the Lessons for Africa and the Middle East' (media blog)

<http://www.zeleza.com/blogging/african-affairs/fall-gadhafi-dictatorship-lessons-africa-and-arab-world>

Afro Barometer surveys <http://www.afrobarometer.org> (have to paste link into browser)

Note: The reading materials are selected in a way they help students become familiar with literature dealing with African politics at different times in different contexts. They are kept to the minimum with a view also to allow time for discussions and student presentations on related topics (presentation and assignment topics will be assigned in consultation with the students).

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