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MC324b/Fall 2006

T/Th 12:40–2:00pm, Room 339 Case Hall

## ***AFRICA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS***



*L to R* Presidents Mbeki (South Africa), Obasanjo (Nigeria), Bush (USA) and Wade (Senegal)

### **Course Summary**

*According to the Congolese scholar, Valentine Mudimbe, what we understand today, as 'Africa' is in fact an, 'invention' by the modern European enlightenment project! Mudimbe's metaphor places the Continent at the center of global relations in intricate and provocative ways. MC324b provides students of international politics and relations with an in depth analysis of the African continent's agency and 'play' in global politics. Despite the apparent recentness of the globalization project, in taking a historical and structural perspective in the presentation of African affairs, the course will begin its examination of Africa's international relations by tracing the Continent's initial European contact, setting off global events such as the 'triangular trade', colonialism, de-colonization, the establishment of modern independent African statehood during the post World War II era, and the Continent's post-colonial 'age of development'. The course will present these historical formations as the bases for the important current transformations in African affairs, including the continent's economic and health crisis, neo-liberalism, 1990s conflict and resolution, democratization and regional integration. MC324b will also focus on normative international relations theory by examining IR Security theories including realism, liberalism and the new globalisms in the context of Africa's contemporary 'place' in international relations. Moreover, in presenting case studies on the African Union and Nepad, the course content will cover 'Africa' as a dynamic region constituting fifty-three diverse and sovereign independent nations with distinctive foreign policies that present challenges to a single continental policy. As well, following the 'Africa' public affairs desks of international organizations, the course will address the Continent's political diversity by examining sub-regional and country case studies as diverse as the small-state post-conflict transitions of Liberia, transformations from conflict to peace in the Great Lakes Region (the DRC and Rwanda), change and hegemony in Africa's large states: Nigeria and South Africa, foreign policy transformation in Francophone Africa (Cote D'Ivoire, Senegal), and the politics of ethno-religion, Islam and anti-terrorism in the Sudan and Somalia.*

## BOOK REQUIREMENTS

### Required Books (You Must Purchase All Book in this Category)

1. Edozie, Rita Kiki compiler **Africa in International Affairs Course Reader**, printed by Coursepack Plus, Fall 2006 (available in Neds bookstore 135 East Grand River)
2. Curtis Keim, (1999). **Mistaking Africa: Curiosities and Inventions of the American Mind**. Boulder. Westview
3. Ferdinand Oyono. (1960). **Houseboy**. Portsmouth. Heinemann
4. Gilbert Khadiagala and Terrence Lyons (2001) **African Foreign Policies: Power and Process**  
Lynne Rienner

### Recommend Books (You Must Purchase One Book in this Category: Assigned Review)

1. Colin Leys **The Rise and Fall of Development Theory**, Indiana University Press, 1996 0-253-21016 (assigned review)
2. Kevin C. Dunn, **Imagining the Congo: The International Relations of Identity**. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003 (assigned review)
3. David Birmingham (1995) **The De-colonization of Africa**, Ohio University Press (assigned review)

### Review Books (You Must Purchase One: Volunteer Review)

1. Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, **Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns, and Africans: Race and Self-Determination in International Law**, University of Minnesota Press 0-8166-2666-9 (available in reprinted version- coursepack plus in Neds)
2. Murithi, Timothy, **The African Union: Pan-Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development**, Ashgate, 2005 0754639533
3. James Ferguson, **Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order**, Duke University Press, 2006 0-8223-3717-7
4. Richard E. Mshomba, **Africa in the Global Economy**, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000 1-55587-443-6

## ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Assignment (1) (10 pts)** Understanding Africa Roundtable (Two page talking points on assigned chapters) **DUE DATE:**
2. **Assignment (2) (10 pts)** Essay (Two and a half page book essay on Houseboy) **DUE DATE**
3. **Assignment (3) (20 pts)** Two Group Book Review Presentations (five page book review) **DUE DATE:**
4. **Assignment (4) (15 pts)** Midterm Exam (in class exam) **DUE on schedule**
5. **Assignment (5) (10 pts)** Formal Reading Presentation in TWO Roundtable Seminars on (submit one page presentation on day presented for documentation) **DUE DAY OF SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**
6. **Assignment (6)** Final Research Paper on an African Affairs –three page outline due on 12/5 (5 pts);
7. **Assignment (7) (25 pts)** Final Research Paper on an African Affairs –ten page research paper **DUE DATE final exam scheduled date**
8. **Assignment (8 (5pts)** Class Participation and Attendance (based on rate and quality of participation and pattern of attendance)

### GRADING SCALE: EVERYTHING CURVES DOWN (sorry!)

1. at least 95 – 4.0	2. at least 90 – 3.5	3. at least 85 – 3.0
4. at least 80 – 2.5	5. at least 75 – 2.0	6. at least 70 – 1.5
7. at least 65 – 1.0	8. 64 and below– 0	

### CODE OF CONDUCT

- \*\* See me for **Honors Credit Assignment** for this course
- \*\* Refer to Student Handbook for **Academic Honesty Policy**
- \*\* Remember that this is a 4 credit course based on JMC’s distinctive **office hours model** (this means that office hours and other professor–student sessions are highly encouraged. My office is open and I am happy to assist you in any way that I can)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# PART ONE: GEOGRAPHICAL, DISCOURSE AND HISTORICAL ORIENTATIONS

## Topic 1 *Getting to Know You! And Course Introduction*

### Required Reading

Get your books!

### Recommended Reading

Get your books!

### Schedule

8/29: Lecture Introduction to the Course

8/31: Lecture on Who/What is African Affairs: Geo–Historical Navigation

Movie  on Intro to Africa:

### Assignment

- Prepare for this course

## Topic 2 *“Africa” Discourse and the Image of African Politics*

### Required Reading

Curtis Keim, (1999). Mistaking Africa: Curiosities and Inventions of the American Mind.  
Boulder. Westview

## Recommended Reading

Nnoli, Okwudiba, 'The Image of African Politics' in Government and Politics in Africa, AAPS, 2000 (COURSE READER)

Werbner and Terence Ranger, "The African Crisis: context and interpretation' in Postcolonial Identities in Africa (COURSE READER)

## Schedule

9/5 **Lecture** on Africa and "Representation"

9/7 **Roundtable Discussion** on Mistaking Africa




9/12 **Book Review Panel 1 (Volunteer)**

Imagining the Congo: the International Relations of Identity

## Assignment (1) and (3)

- Understanding Africa Roundtable (two page talking points on assigned chapters)
- Book Review Presentation and Paper I
- Read and participate in class

**Topic 3**  *Understanding the Legacy of Colonization and Africa's Incorporation into the World System:*

## Required Reading

Ferdinand Oyono. (1960). Houseboy. Portsmouth. Heinemann

## Recommended Reading

Jomo Kenyatta. 195.. 'The Kikuyu System of Government' in Facing Mount Kenya (COURSE READER)

Peter Gutkind and Immanuel Wallerstein, (1985) 'The Three Stages of African Involvement in the World Economy' in Political Economy of Contemporary Africa Sage publications (COURSE READER)

## Schedule

9/14 Lecture on Colonialism

9/19 Roundtable Discussion on Houseboy

## Assignment (2) (10 pts)

- Presentation and Essay (Two and a half page essay on Houseboy)

**Topic 4**  *Forging the Modern African State: Achievements and Distortions*

## Required Reading

David Birmingham (1995) The De-colonization of Africa, Ohio University Press  
Recommended Reading

Crawford Young, (1982) Ideology and Development in Africa, Yale University Press (COURSE READER)

Ali Mazrui and Michael Tidy.(1984). 'The De-colonization of Africa: unity or balkanization' in Nationalism and New Nation States in Africa, Heinemann (COURSE READER)

## Schedule

9/21 Lecture on De-colonization, State Formation and Post-Colonialism

9/26 Movie  on Lumumba

9/28 Book Review Panel 2 (Assigned)

The Decolonization of Africa 

## Assignment (3)

- Read and participate in class
- Group Book Review Panel 2

# PART TWO DEVELOPMENT AND AFRICA

## Topic 5 *Development Theory and Africa*

### Required Reading

Colin Leys The Rise and Fall of Development Theory, Indiana University Press

### Recommended Reading

Crawford Young, (1982) Ideology and Development in Africa, Yale University Press (COURSE READER)

### Schedule

10/3 **Lecture** on Development in Africa


10/5 **Book Review Panel 3 (Assigned)**

The Rise and Fall of Development Theory



## Assignment (3)

- Read and participate in class
- Group Book Review Panel 3

**Topic 6**  *Issues in Development in Africa I: Neo-liberalism/the AIDS Crisis*

## Required (Seminar) Reading

Darryl Thomas, 'Between Globalization and Global Apartheid: African Development in the New Millennium' The International Journal of African Studies (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Joseph Stiglitz, 'Broken Promises' in Globalization and its Discontents, Norton and Company. 2000 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Claude Ake, 'A Confusion of Agendas' (1999) Democracy and Development (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Knight, 'Expanding Petroleum Production in Africa' in Review of African Political Economy (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Catherine Boone and Jake Batseil, 'Politics and AIDS in Africa: Research Agendas in Political Science and International Relations', Africa Today, 2001 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Brroke Grundfest Schoepf, 'Museveni's Other War: Condoms in Uganda' Review of African Political Economy 2004 (COURSE READER)


Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

## Recommended Reading

Richard E. Mshomba, Africa in the Global Economy, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000 1–55587–443–6

## Schedule

10/10 Seminar on Neoliberalism and

Movie  on T-Shirt Travels

10/12 Seminar on AIDS Crisis


10/17 Book Review Panel 4 (volunteer)

Africa in the Global Economy



## Assignment (3) and (5)

- One page presentation
- Read and Participate
- Group Book Review Panel 4

Topic 7  *Issues in Development in Africa II: Globalization and Democratization*

## Required Reading

Michael Bratton and Robert Mattes, (2001) 'Africans' Surprising Universalism' Journal of Democracy, 12.1 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Disciplining Democracy 'Economic Liberalization and Democratic Erosion' Rita Abrahamsen, Zed Books, 2000 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter (s)\_\_\_\_\_

## Recommended Reading

James Ferguson, Global Shadows: Africa in the Neo-liberal World Order, Duke University Press

## Schedule

10/19 Seminar and Lecture on Democracy

10/24 Movie  on Democracy (Hopes on the Horizon)

10/26 Book Review Panel 5 (volunteer)

Global Shadows: Africa in the Neo-liberal World Order



## Assignment (3) and (5)

- One page presentation
- Read and Participate
- Group Book Review Panel 5

**October 31**

Midterm Exam Assignment 4



## PART THREE

# INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES AND AFRICAN FOREIGN POLICIES

## Topic 8 *Conflict, Peace and Regionalism*

### Required Reading

Gilbert Khadiagala and Terrence Lyons (2001) African Foreign Policies: Power and Process  
Lynne Rienner

Chapter 10 ‘African Foreign Policy Making at the Millennium’

Chapter 2, ‘Foreign Policy Decision-making in Anglophone West Africa’

Chapter 8, ‘South African Foreign Policy Decision-making in the African Context’

### Recommended Reading

Siba N’Zatioula Grovogui, Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns, and Africans: Race and Self-Determination in International Law, University of Minnesota Press (available in reprinted version- coursepack plus in Neds)

### Schedule

11/2 **Lecture** on A Survey of Conflict in Africa, 1950–Present

11/7 **Book Review Panel 6 (Volunteer)**

Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns and Africans



### Assignment (3)

- Read and Participate

- Group Book Review Panel 6

## Topic 9 *Conflict Profile I: Rwanda and the DRC*

### Required (Seminar) Reading

Khadiagala and Lyons, Chapter 5, 'Foreign Policy Making in the Great Lakes Region'

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Ngolet, Francois 'African and American Connivance in Congo-Zaire' *Africa Today*. 2000  
(COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_


Joel Settenheim, 'The Arusha Accords and the Failure of International Intervention in Rwanda' in *Journal of African and Asian Studies*, 2001

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

**Reading in Course Reader Here on Rwanda from Slate Online**

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_


### Schedule

11/9 Movie  on Rwanda: Sometimes in April  
<http://www.hbo.com/films/sometimesinapril/synopsis/>

11/14 **Lecture and Seminar** on Rwanda and DRC

### Assignment (5)

- Seminar Talking Points
- Read and Participate

**Topic 10**  *Conflict Profile II: The War on Terror (the Horn and the Sudan); and La Francophone (Cote D'Ivoire & Senegal)*

**Required (Seminar) Reading**

Khadiagala and Lyons Chapter 6, 'The Foreign Policies of the Horn: the Clash Between Old and New'

Princeton N. Lyman and J. Stephen Morrison, 'The Terrorist Threat in Africa' Foreign Affairs, Jan-Feb 2004 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Robert Collins, 'Africans, Arabs, and Islamists: From the Conference Tables to the Battlefields in the Sudan' in African Studies Review. 1999(COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Gilbert Khadiagala and Terrence Lyons (2001) African Foreign Policies: Power and Process  
Lynne Rienner Chapter 3, 'New Directions in Francophone West African Foreign Policies'

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Cyril Daddieh, 'Elections and Ethnic Violence in Cote D'Ivoire: the Unfinished Business of Succession and Democratic Transition' in African Issues, 2002 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Reading**


Alex de Waal, 'Counter-insurgency on the Cheap' Review of African Political Economy (2004) (COURSE READER)

Place Senegalese COURSE READER reading here

**Schedule**

11/16 Lecture and Seminar on Africa in the War on Terror and the Sudan

11/21 **Lecture and Seminar** on Cote D'Ivoire and

**Movie:**  Faat Kiine Senegalese women


## Assignment (5)

- Seminar Talking Points
- Read and Participate

**November 23**

No Class



**Topic 11**  *Regionalism & Peace-building: Nigeria & South Africa*

## Required Reading

Murithi, Timothy The African Union: Pan Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development, Ashgate 2006

Edozie, Rita Kiki, 'Promoting African Owned and Operated Development: Reflections on the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD)' Asian and African Studies, (COURSE READER)

## Required (Seminar) Reading

Chris Landsberg, 'Promoting Democracy: the Mandela-Mbeki Doctrine' in Journal of Democracy 11.3 (2000) 107-121 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Krista Johnson, 'Liberal or Liberation Framework? The Contradictions of ANC rule in South Africa' Journal of Contemporary African Studies. May 2003 (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

John Ejobowah, 'Who Owns the Oil? The Politics of Ethnicity in the Niger Delta of Nigeria'  
*Africa Today* 47 (2000) (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Rita Kiki Edozie, 'Centralization Trends in African Democratic Politics: Why Institutions like the PDP and the Obasanjo Presidency are Inclined to Dominate Third Wave Democratic Politics in Africa- and How (They) can be Reigned In' (COURSE READER)

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

**Reading on Liberia in COURSE READER is placed here**

Seminar Presenter(s)\_\_\_\_\_

## Recommended Reading

**New American** 'First Europe; Now Africa'. 18:7 July 29, 2002.

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?index=11&sid=1&srchmode=3&vinst=PROD&fmt=4&startpage=1&clientid=3552&vname=PQD&RQT=309&did=141332441&scaling=FULL&ts=1131646684&vtype=PQD&aid=1&rqt=309&TS=1131646703&clientid=3552&cc=1&TS=1131646703>

**African Union: So Far; So Good** Pusch Commey **New African** London, July

2004 <http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?index=37&did=688653621&SrchMode=1&sid=1&Fmt=4&VInst=PROD&VType=PQD&RQT=309&VName=PQD&TS=1131647663&clientid=3552>

***Who Represents Africa on the UN Security Council?*** Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, ***New African***, London, 2005

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?index=3&did=855310791&SrchMode=1&sid=1&Fmt=4&VInst=PROD&VType=PQD&RQT=309&VName=PQD&TS=1131647317&clientid=3552>

## Schedule

11/28 Book Review Panel 7 (Volunteer)

The African Union: Pan Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development



11/30 Lecture and Seminar on Nigeria and South Africa (Liberia Case)

Movie  on Remembering the Past: Shaping the Future: Saro Wiwa

12/5 Movie  on In My Country: the South African TRC

## Assignment (3) and (5)

- Group Book Review Panel 7
- Seminar Talking Points
- Read and Participate

## Topic 12 *Wrapping Up*

## Schedule

12/7 Seminars on Research Outlines

12/12 -12/14 Final Exam Week

## Assignment (6) and (7)

- Final Research Paper Outline
- Final Research Paper