

PS180- - REGIONALISM IN AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Course Objectives:

This course investigates various forms of regional integration efforts and regionally based solutions to problem-solving in post-colonial Africa with a view toward extracting lessons for the future. Focusing on the intersection of domestic politics and international relations, particular attention is given to issues of national sovereignty as they impinge on regional integration and human rights. Theories of the state, regional integration theory, the “new regionalisms,” international regime theory, and constructivist international relations theory frame the analysis of 5 themes: the construction of regional norms, transnational civil society, peace and security, trade and economic development, and the African system of human and people’s rights. The basic outline of this course is the result of a Curriculum Co-Development project (designed and implemented from 2000-2003) that linked students studying *Regionalism in African International Relations* at Tufts with students in Political Science courses on *Regional Integration* at the University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and *African International Relations* at Makerere University (Uganda). We will attempt to create a learning environment that fosters dialogue and an appreciation of differing perspectives.

Course Organization and Requirements:

Course assessment will be based on a midterm examination, a research paper and a final examination. The final course grade will be determined as follows:

Midterm Exam – March 5 – 30%

Research Paper due – April 18 – 30%

Final Examination – Monday, May 7, 12:00pm-2:00pm – 40%

Make-up exams will be given only with a written, verified, medical excuse. An abstract of the research paper should be prepared for posting on the course site. Papers more than one week late will be penalized.

This is a web-enhanced course that aims to facilitate active participation during class sessions. We will make extensive use of digital documents (texts, images, video clips, and discussion board archives). Students are encouraged to follow the news and current events in Africa, and to bring issues of interest into the class discussions.

Books for purchase in the Tufts Bookstore:

Adekeye Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War*

Jendayi E. Frazer & E. Gyimah-Boadi, eds., *Preventing Electoral Violence in Africa*

Jeffrey Herbst, *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*

Audie Klotz, *Norms in International Relations: The Struggle against Apartheid*

Margaret Lee, *The Political Economy of Regionalism in Southern Africa*

Aili Tripp, Isabel Casimiro, Joy Kwesiga, Alice Mungwa, *African Women's Movements: Changing Political Landscapes*

I. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

The Idea of African Unity: Legacies & Debates about Strategy

Jan 23 Kwame Nkrumah, Africa Must Unite, Ch. 21, "Continental Government for Africa," pp. 216-222

ECA Press Release No. 107/2011

"ECA's forthcoming flagship underscores role of the State in governing development"

Photos will be taken at the end of today's class.

Assignment: Prepare your Personal Homepage for the course's Trunk site.

Jan 25 African Regional Integration Julius Nyerere, "A United States of Africa," Journal of Modern African Studies, Vol. 1, No. 1 (March 1963): 1-6

Opoku Agyeman, "The Osagyefo, the Mwalimu, and Pan-Africanism: a Study in the Growth of a Dynamic Concept," Journal of Modern African Studies, Vol. 13, No. 4 (1975): 653-675

II. PROBLEMATIZING THE AFRICAN STATE

Theories of State-building

Jan 30 Jeffrey Herbst, States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control

Ch. 1 – The Challenge of State-Building

Ch. 2 – Power and Space in Precolonial Africa

Ch. 3 – The Europeans and the African Problem

Feb 1 Herbst, States and Power in Africa

Ch. 4 – The Political Kingdom of Independent Africa

Ch. 5 – National Design and the Broadcasting of Power

Ch. 6 – Chiefs, States, and the Land

Feb 6 Herbst, States and Power in Africa

Ch. 7 – The Coin of the African Realm

Ch. 8 – The Politics of Migration and Citizenship

Ch. 9– The Past and the Future of State Power in Africa

The Curse of Berlin

- Feb 8 Adekeye Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War*
PREFACE – Aili Mazrui, “Black Berlin and the Curse of Fragmentation:
From Bismark to Barack,” pp. ix-xxviii
Ch. 1 – Introduction
PART I: THE QUEST FOR SECURITY
Ch. 2 – Prophets of Pax Africana
Ch. 3 – From Global apartheid to Global Village
- Feb 13 Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War*
PART II: THE QUEST FOR HEGEMONY
Ch. 5 – Messiah or Mercantilist? South Africa in Africa
Ch. 6 – Gulliver’s Troubles: Nigeria in South Africa
Ch. 7 – An Axis of Virtue? South Africa & Nigeria in Africa
Ch. 8 – An Axis of Evil? China, the US & France in Africa
Ch. 9 – The Springbok and the Dragon: South Africa vs China in Africa
- Feb 15 Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War*
Part 3: The Quest for Unity
Ch. 10 – Mandela and Rhodes
Ch. 11 – Thabo Mbeki: A Nkrumahist Renaissance?
Ch. 12 – Towers of Babel? The African Union and the European Union
Ch. 13 – Obamamania
Ch. 14 – The Heirs of Gandhi: How Africa and Asia Changed the World
- Feb 20 Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink, “International Norm Dynamics
and Political Change,” International Organizations, Vol. 52, No 4
(Autumn 1998): 888-917
- Audie Klotz, Norms in International Relations: The Struggle against
Apartheid
Ch. 1 – The International Politics of Apartheid
Ch. 2 – Norms in International Relations Theory

III. CONSTRUCTING REGIONAL IDENTITIES AND REGIONAL NORMS

Constructivist International Relations Theory

- Feb 22 President’s Day observed. University holiday. No classes.
- Feb. 23 *Substitute Monday’s schedule on Thursday.*
- Klotz, Norms in International Relations
Ch. 3 – The United Nations
Ch. 4 – The Commonwealth
Ch. 5 – The Organization of African Unity

- Feb 27 Klotz, Norms in International Relations
 Ch. 6 – The United States
 Ch. 7 – Britain
 Ch. 8 – Zimbabwe
- Feb 29 Klotz, Norms in International Relations
 Ch. 9 – Sanctions and South African Reform
 Ch. 10 – Norms and Identity
- Mar 5 Midterm Exam**

IV. THE LOGIC OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Regional Integration Theory

- Mar 12 Walter Mattli, The Logic of Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond
 Ch. 1 – The Phenomenon of Regional Integration
 Ch. 2 – A Review of Theoretical Approaches to Integration

Regional Economic Communities

- Mar 14 K.Y. Amoako, executive Secretary of ECA, “Accelerating the Pace of Regional Integration in Africa: The Challenges Ahead: Opening Statement, UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, 4 March 2002
- Margaret Lee, The Political Economy of Regionalism in Southern Africa
 Ch. 1 – Africa and the Political Economy of the Regionalism
 Ch. 2 – From Coordinating Conference to Development Community

- Mar 17-25 ***Spring Recess***

The Anti-Globalization Critique

- Mar 26 Lee, Political Economy of Regionalism in Southern Africa
 Ch. 6 - Further Marginalization or Integration?
 Ch. 8 – The Way Forward
- Yash Tandon, "Globalization and Africa's Options," Newsletter of the African Association of Political Science, Vol. 3, Nos. 1-3 (1998)

V. REGIONAL SECURITY REGIMES

International Regime Theory & Human Security

- Mar 28 Francis Deng, Sadikiel Kimaro, Terrence Lyons, Donald Rothchild and I. William Zartman, Sovereignty as Responsibility: Conflict Management in Africa, Ch. 5 – Regional Dynamics
- The Responsibility to Protect – Report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty
- Apr 2 Jendayi E. Frazer & E. Gyimah-Boadi, eds., *Preventing Electoral Violence in Africa*
 Chapter 1: Jendayi Frazer – Introduction
 Chapter 2: Jayprada Swain – Understanding Electoral Violence
 Chapter 3: E. Gyimah-Boadi – Abating Exclusion, Enhancing Inclusion, Institutionalizing Conflict Prevention, and Democratic Governance in Africa
- Apr 4 Chapter 4: Frazer – Enhancing the Conflict Prevention Role of Elections in Africa
 Chapter 5: D.K. Osei – Diplomacy’s Role in Mitigating Electoral Violence
 Chapter 6: Alhadji Muhammad Mumuni – A Closer Look at Electoral Successes in Ghana
 Appendix A: Key Findings and Recommendations from the Conference on Preventing Electoral Violence and Instituting Good Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa

VI. TRANSNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY

Civil Society Actors – The Women’s Movement

- Apr 9 Aili Tripp, Isabel Casimiro, Joy Kwesiga, Alice Mungwa, African Women’s Movements: Changing Political Landscapes
 Ch. 1 – Introduction
 Ch 2 – Historic Influences on Contemporary Women’s Movements
 Ch. 3 – The Rise of the New Women’s Movements
- Apr 11 Tripp, Casimiro, Kwesiga and Mungwa, African Women’s Movements
 Ch. 4 – The Challenge of New Women’s Movements
 Ch. 5 – Women’s Movements and Constitutional and Legislative Challenges
 Ch. 6 – In Pursuit of Equal Political Representation
- Tripp, Casimiro, Kwesiga and Mungwa, African Women’s Movements
 Ch. 7 – Engendering the State Bureaucracy
 Ch. 8 – Women’s Movements Negotiating Peace
 Ch. 9 – African Women’s Movements and the World

Apr 16 *Patriot's Day Observed. University Holiday. No classes.*

VII. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Apr 18 Research Paper Due

The African Human Rights System

Obiora Chuinedu Okafor, The African Human Rights System: Activist Forces and International Institutions

Ch. 1 – The African human rights system, activist forces, and international institutions: an introduction

Apr 23 Okafor, The African Human Rights System
Ch. 3 – A brief overview of the system, pp. 65-90

Apr 25 Okafor, The African Human Rights System
Ch. 6 – Conditions for the optimization of the domestic impact of the African System, pp. 253-272
Ch. 7 – Quasi-constructivism and the ACHPR phenomenon, pp. 287-295
Ch. 8 – Conclusions, pp. 296-301

Apr 30 Review Session
Last Day of Classes

May 7 **Final Exam**
Monday, 7 May, 12:00pm-2:00pm