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History and Politics Tripos

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Paper 15: The Politics of Africa

Paper Guide

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Aims and Objectives

- To provide a broad overview of major themes in African politics and economic development, including their international dimensions.
- To provide opportunities for linking theoretical and conceptual arguments with in-depth analysis of case studies and close readings of official reports.
- To encourage multi-disciplinary approaches to the study of empirical politics.
- To encourage critical reflection on popular and academic representations of 'Africa'.

Brief Description

The politics of Africa compels students to reckon with the weight of a tumultuous past and the rapidly changing politics of the present to make sense of a crucially important future in world politics. Colonial legacies are as important to today's questions of climate justice and contemporary neo-imperial threats as they are to understanding state formation, configurations of state-society relations and how African states interact with international order. Equally, in a continent with the

world's fastest population growth and rapidly growing economies and urban societies, nothing is determined by the past alone and new political imaginaries are taking flight in ways that require fresh attempts at understanding.

This paper explores the interaction of local and international factors that have influenced the social, political and economic trajectories of communities, states and regional organisations in Africa. Students are encouraged to consider how the study of Africa – and indeed all of the formerly colonised world – can challenge ways of thinking about politics that have been grounded primarily in the western experience, as well as how discourses on 'Africa' or 'the global south' relate to the economic, strategic and ideological projects of those who shape and deploy them.

The course is taught thematically, however students develop case-based knowledge of a diverse range of African experiences through country-specific readings, seminars and essay work. Students are encouraged to give due consideration to the agency of African people and political actors alongside the powerful external pressures on the continent from colonialism until the present day.

The course, in common with much of the literature, has the ambition to talk about themes that are continental but this is no easy task. Literature dealing with 'African' politics and history by necessity involves a large degree of generalisation that sits awkwardly with diverse and plural histories and societies. Studying the politics of African countries involves weighing the validity and usefulness of generalisations against their limitations. For reasons relating to history and language, a majority of the literature on Africa in English is about former British colonies. This bias is reflected in the reading list for this course. Students should feel free to be curious well beyond the paper guide in building their understanding of the continent.

Students are expected to demonstrate the ability to discuss the applicability and limits of competing theories in light of particular cases in supervision essays and in the examination. To this end, it is essential that students pursue interests in particular country case studies, and choose at least two to study in depth. Over Michaelmas and Lent terms, four seminars will be offered in which students have the opportunity to discuss readings about a particular country or region under the guidance of an area specialist. However, if you have a particular interest in a country other than those featured in seminars, you are encouraged to read about it as much as you can: not only in the academic literature, but follow relevant news sources, blogs and social media accounts to keep up to date with contemporary events and debates.

Structure of the Paper

The paper is divided into six parts, three in each of the first two terms. Michaelmas Term focuses on Africa's global and historical politics. In Lent Term, the focus shifts to contemporary politics, society and economy and African political futures. It will be helpful to keep the following introduction to the structure of the paper front of mind as the year progresses.

Part I: Africa & the world: The past of the present

The paper begins in Lectures 1-3 by reflecting on African politics as a field of study and on knowledge production about Africa. More than simply questions about how we study African politics today, questions of how Africa has been encountered, imagined and 'produced', and *why – for what purposes, and to what and whose ends?* – are central to understanding pre-colonial African political systems, the nature and impact of colonial rule, the ideologies and strategies of anti-colonial struggle, and their legacies in the post-colonial independence era. Part I also introduces students to different socio-historical frameworks, and how they compare in evaluating the significance of the period of European colonial presence for modern African politics.

Part II: Global economic order & African development

In Part II, Lectures 4-6, we examine Africa's place in global economic structures and those structures' repercussions for African politics. The first lecture explores the debate around development and underdevelopment in the late colonial and post-independence period; the second turns to the era of Structural Adjustment Programmes and so-called democratic transitions in the late 1980s and early 1990s; and the third examines contemporary transformations in African economies by the rise of China and the other "BRICS", including the renewed importance of African natural resources, the return of 'developmental states' and the lauding of 'emerging markets'.

Part III: International intervention: democracy, human rights, security

Lectures 7 and 8, the final two lectures in Michaelmas Term, look at international intervention in African politics. The first lecture critically assesses Western interventions claiming to promote liberal democratic institutional orders, whether through electoral democracy promotion, civil society development and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), or human rights. The second lecture turns to the politics of humanitarian intervention into African conflicts, broadly conceived to include relief aid, peacebuilding, and military intervention, all in the name of upholding Africans' human rights.

Part IV: State and society (i): rule, mobilization and identity

Lent Term begins, in Part IV, with a closer examination of how politics – at national and sub-national scales - in Africa is imagined, conditioned and practiced through comparative, interdisciplinary and thematic lenses. Lectures examine the nature of political authority and mobilization, and the relationships between the state and citizens and between violence and politics in Africa. This Part also considers the advantages and drawbacks of analyzing African political experience through ethno-linguistic, religious and class lenses.

Part V: State and society (ii): coercion and contestation

Part V takes the state and society inquiry to the nature of, and reasons for, political violence and non-violent struggle across the continent. This begins with the historical experience and contemporary character of warfare and armed struggle. The second lecture examines collective action and popular protest, past, present, and future.

Part VI: Futures of African politics

The final part of the course asks about possible futures of African politics, drawing upon the debates explored in earlier lectures. The continent is changing rapidly, its trajectories and tendencies many and varied. The specific angles on these questions are: politics in Africa in a digital age; youth, students and social reproduction, at a time of rapid demographic and social change; and new or renewed political imaginaries that are remaking Africa in the world.

Mode of teaching

Teaching comprises of 16 one-hour lectures, 4 two-hour classes and 6 supervisions (3 in each of Michaelmas and Lent Terms). In Easter Term, there will be two one-hour revision lectures. Films may be shown during the course as ancillary to lectures and supervisions. All students are expected to attend all classes, to read one core text and some of the supplementary texts in preparation for each, and to participate in discussions. Every member of the group will also be required to lead

class discussions once per term, through a brief presentation about the relevance of another reading to the debates raised in the core text. This will be organised at the first lecture each term.

Mode of assessment

Students will be assessed through a written examination in the Easter Term.

The examination paper will consist of at least twelve questions, which will address topics covered in both Terms' lectures. Students must answer three questions in three hours (subject to assessment format changes during the pandemic).

Outline of Lectures and Classes

Michaelmas Term

Part I: Africa & the World: The Past of the Present

1. Africa in World Politics: Exception or Comparator? Victim or Agent? Self or Other?
2. Pre-colonial and Colonial Africa
3. Independence and the Politics of the 'Third World'

Class: African political thought around independence (Thursday, 1:30-3:30pm, Week 4, SG2)

Part II: Global economic order & African development (*Dr Srinivasan*)

4. Underdevelopment, Developmental States, Neo-Colonialism
5. Debt and Development: From Structural Adjustment to Good Governance
6. Rising Global Powers and Changing African Economies

Class: Zambia and the political economy of development (Thursday, 1:30-3:30pm, Week 6, SG2)

Part III: International intervention: democracy, human rights, security

7. Debating Democratization, Civil Society, and Human Rights
8. Intervening in Political Violence: Humanitarianism, Peacebuilding, and Security

Class: When Peace Kills Politics: Sudan, Darfur and South Sudan (Thursday, 1:30-3:30pm, Week 8, SG2)

Lent Term

Part IV: State and society (i): rule, mobilization and identity

9. Political Mobilization, Control and the State
10. Identity, Ethnicity and Political Competition
11. Class and Politics: Peasants and Workers, Rulers and Capitalists

Class: Kenya – Patrimonialism, ethnicity and party politics (Thursday 12-2pm, Week 4, SG2)

Part V: State and society (ii): coercion and contestation

12. Conflict, Society and the State
13. Social Movements and Popular Protest

Class: Contemporary African Social Movements and Uprisings (Thursday 12-2pm, Week 6, SG2)

Part VI: Futures of African Politics

14. African Politics in the Digital Age
15. Youth, Students and Struggle
16. Reimagining and Remaking Africa in the World

Class: Debating African futures (Thursday 12-2pm, Week 8, SG2)

Easter Term - Revision Lectures

17. Explaining African politics in historical perspective
18. Rethinking African politics in the 21st century

Resources

The following are basic introductory texts that come at the issues from rather different perspectives, and may be read before term starts. The series of Basil Davidson films on YouTube are very watchable (see link in week 2 reading list).

*Young, Tom, *Africa: A Beginners Guide*, Oxford: OneWorld, 2010.

*Thompson, Alex, *An Introduction to African Politics*, Basingstoke: Routledge 2016 (4th edition)

An excellent foundational book, covering important history of African politics and with a strong line of argument is:

* Cooper, Frederick. *Africa since 1940: the past of the present*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019 (new edition)

The **key texts** below are relevant across the paper's topics. Students should be aware that many texts speak to different lecture topics, and so cherry-picking individual lecture reading lists alone is often not sufficient. This list may be used as a check-list later in the year, to ensure that you have read relevant foundational texts for the course.

1. Bates, Robert H. *Markets and states in tropical Africa: the political basis of agricultural policies*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1981, Introduction and Chs 1 and 2.
2. Jean-Francois Bayart, "Africa in the World: A History of Extraversion" *African Affairs*, no. 99, April 2000.
3. Berman, Bruce, "Ethnicity, Patronage and the African State: The Politics of Uncivil Nationalism" *African Affairs*, 97, 1998.

Or, Lonsdale, John, 'Moral Ethnicity and Political Tribalism' In Kaarsholm and Hultin, eds., *Inventions and Boundaries*, Roskilde, Denmark, 1994, available at <http://rossy.ruc.dk/ojs/index.php/ocpa/article/view/3608/1790>

4. Clapham, Christopher, *Africa and the International System: The Politics of State Survival*, Cambridge University Press, 1996.
5. Collier, P and Hoeffler, A (2004) "On the Incidence of Civil War in Africa." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46: 13.
6. Cooper, Frederick, *Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present*, Cambridge University Press, 2019 (new edition)

Or, Nugent, Paul, *Africa since Independence: A comparative history*, Palgrave Macmillan: Basingstoke, 2004.

7. Ekeh, Peter, 'Colonialism and the Two Publics in Africa: A theoretical statement', *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 17, no. 1 (1975): 91-112
8. Frantz Fanon, *Wretched of the Earth*, Penguin Classics, 1961: 'Concerning Violence' and

‘Pitfalls of National Consciousness’

9. Ferguson, James. ‘Seeing Like an Oil Company: Space, Security, and Global Capital in Neoliberal Africa’ *American Anthropologist* 107:3, 2005

Or, Ferguson, James, *The Anti-Politics Machine: “Development”, Depoliticisation and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho*, University of Minnesota Press, 1990, Preface, Conclusion

10. Herbst, Jeffrey, *States and Power in Africa*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.
11. Mamdani, Mahmood, *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism*, Princeton University Press, 1996.

Mamdani, Mahmood, *Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics and the War on Terror*, Pantheon, 2010, Ch. 2, conclusion

12. Mbembe, Achille, *On the Postcolony*, Berkley: University of California Press, 2001, Chapters 1 and 2
13. Mkandawire, Thandika, ‘Thinking About Developmental States in Africa’, *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 25, no. 3 (2001): 289-314

Mkandawire, Thandika, and Charles Soludo, *Our Continent, Our Future: African Perspectives on Structural Adjustment*, CODESRIA, 1999, Introduction, Ch. 1-3

14. Ake, Claude, ‘[The Unique Case of African Democracy](#)’, *International Affairs*, Vol. 69, No. 2 (Apr., 1993), pp. 239-244.
15. Nyabola, Nanjala, *Digital Democracy, Analogue Politics: How The Internet Era Is Transforming Kenya*, Zed Books, 2018, Introduction.
16. Ranger, Terrence, ‘The Invention of Tradition in Africa’, in *The Invention of Tradition*, Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger, Canto 1996.

The *Oxford Encyclopaedia of African Politics*, while not used directly during the year, is comprehensive and up to date with some strong contributions from recognized leading thinkers. See: <https://oxfordre.com/politics/page/african-politics/the-oxford-encyclopedia-of-african-politics>

Reference material

The reading list divides material into two categories. Under each of the lecture descriptions you will find lists of *Core* and *Supplementary* readings. Students are expected to read the *Core* readings prior to lectures, and to prepare for exams, and these are all *starred in this document. The *Supplementary* reading lists offer alternative takes on the issues, delve into particular aspects of the issues, and offer further case-studies. Note that many of the readings are relevant for more than one lecture or section of the course – the best student work in supervision essays and exams tends to see the links between issues and to draw these out.

All of the starred books should be available at either the **Seeley Library** (Faculty of History) or the **Centre of African Studies Library**, ARB 3rd Floor. The library website is: www.african.cam.ac.uk/library/

Many of the other texts can be found in the Seeley Library or the Centre of African Studies Library or are accessible through the University Library electronic resources portal. Chapters or Articles available on-line via either via Camtools or the Library portal are marked **OL**.

Discussion of African politics is vibrant and diverse, with rich crossover between scholarly debates and policy research and practice. Those wanting to follow the debates, from a variety of different perspectives, should explore the following specialist publications and academic journals (those in italics are particularly prominent; most or all are available either on-line, at the Seeley library or at the Centre of African Studies library):

Africa: Journal of the International African Institute
African Affairs,
Africa Confidential,
Africa Today,
African Studies Review,
African Studies Quarterly,
Commonwealth and Comparative Politics,
Development and Change,
Journal of African and Asian Studies,
Journal of Modern African Studies,
Journal of East African Studies,
Journal of Southern African Studies,
Journal of African Economies,
New African,
Review of African Political Economy,
Round Table,
Third World Quarterly
Agenda: Empowering Women for Gender Equity
Feminist Africa

The following internet sites are good for news and research about Africa:

The on-line resources on the Centre of African Studies are at (www.african.cam.ac.uk/library/), including links to the NIPAD database (<http://biblioline.nisc.com/scripts/login.dll>). A large number of articles and speeches by radical African leaders of the independence era on nationalism and anti-imperialism are available at: www.marxists.org/subject/africa/index.htm

More contemporary material

African Arguments <https://africanarguments.org/>
Africa is a Country <https://africasacountry.com/>
Pambazuka.org <http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
Rev. Afr. Pol. Econ. <http://roape.net/>
AllAfrica.com <http://allafrica.com/>
Africa news online www.africanews.org/index.html
BBC news <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/default.stm> /
http://allafrica.com/partners/bbc/focus_on_africa.ram
News.Africa.Com <http://www.news.africa.com>
Political resources.net www.politicalresources.net/africa.htm
Stanford Africa guide www.sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html
Afrobarometer www.afrobarometer.org
UN IRIN news <http://www.irinnews.org>

World Bank <http://www.worldbank.org/afr/>
Think Africa Press <http://www.thinkafricapress.com>
Africa Research Institute <http://www.africaresearchinstitute.org>

There is also the **Cambridge African Film Festival** , which each year shows excellent new films on and from the continent: <http://www.cambridgeafricanfilmfestival.org.uk/>

A note on dealing with primary materials

Documents written by or for African Governments, donor agencies, activist groups, think tanks and NGOs are sometimes referenced in the reading list. Students should also search the web for relevant, up to date, publicly available policy material about particular cases and places. This so-called ‘grey literature’ often presents data and analysis in a non-contestable form, generating what sound like anodyne and technocratic policy proposals designed to appeal to ‘common sense’. That’s no reason to take it at face value - as with the scholarly literature, students should be alert to the questions of who is making an argument and why, whose interest and ideologies it reflects and serves.

Nonetheless, it is not always wise to critique policy literature in quite the same terms as academic studies. Political actors tend to be self-aggrandizing and not to respect standards of evidence that would be considered appropriate in the academy. Explaining why they are doing what they are doing rhetorically can be interesting, and critiquing an NGO campaign *can* be done insightfully, but beware knocking over straw men – of criticizing a TV advert for a lack of nuance, for example. Similarly, essays that efface differences within those writing from similar institutional backgrounds, comparing the positions of ‘donors’, ‘African Governments’, ‘NGOs’ and ‘critics’, as if those labels explain everything we need to know about an argument, are rarely interesting.

Part I: Africa & the world: The past of the present

Lecture 1. Africa in world politics: Exception or comparator? Victim or agent? Self or Other?

Sample questions

- Is the study of African politics trapped in its past?
- What explains the continuities in Africa's portrayal in the West?
- How is Africa being re-invented?

Core readings

- * Hegel, G.W.F., [*Lectures on the Philosophy of World History*](#), CUP, 1975, Appendix, pp. 174-90
- * Mazrui, Ali Al' Amin, "The Re-invention of Africa: Edward Said, V. Y. Mudimbe, and Beyond", *Research in African Literatures*, 36 (3), 2005: 68-82.
- * Wainaina, Binyavanga, '[How to write about Africa](#)', *Granta*, 2006, <http://www.granta.com/extracts/2615>
- * Cole, Teju, "[The White Savior Industrial Complex](#)," *The Atlantic*, 21 March 2012, <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/03/the-white-savior-industrial-complex/254843/>
- * James Ferguson, *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*, Duke University Press, 2006, Introduction pp. 1-23.
- * Pillay, Suren, 2018. "Thinking the State from Africa: Political Theory, Eurocentrism and Concrete Politics". *Politikon*, 45(1), pp.32-47.
- * Sarr, Felwine, (trans by Drew S. Burk, and Sarah Jones-Boardman). [Introduction: Thinking Africa](#). In *Afrotopia*, Ix-Xvi. Minneapolis; London: University of Minnesota Press, 2019.
- * Amina Mama. 2007. [Is It Ethical to Study Africa? Preliminary Thoughts on Scholarship and Freedom](#). *African Studies Review*, vol 50 (1) (2007): 1-26.
- * Ndlovu-Gatsheni, S.J., 2015. [Decoloniality as the Future of Africa](#). *History Compass*, 13(10), pp.485-496.

Supplementary readings

Popular representations of Africa

- Kaplan, Robert, "The Coming Anarchy: How Scarcity, Crime, Overpopulation and Disease are Rapidly Destroying the Social Fabric of our Planet", *The Atlantic Monthly*, 1994.
- Lindqvist, Sven, *Exterminate All the Brutes*, The New Press, 1996
- Césaire, Aime, *Discourse on colonialism*. NYU Press, 2001.

Branch, Adam, "Dangerous Ignorance: The Hysteria of Kony 2012," Al Jazeera English, 12 March 2012, www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/03/201231284336601364.html; "Kony Part II: Accountability, Not Awareness," 7 April 2012, www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/04/201247943869166.html

Burman, Erica, 'Innocents Abroad: Western Fantasies of Childhood and the Iconography of Emergencies', *Disasters* 18, no. 3 (1994): 238-253

Williams, David, 'Aid as autobiography', *Africa* 72, no. 1 (2002): 150-63

Jarosz, Lucy, 'Constructing the Dark Continent: Metaphor as Geographic Representation of Africa', *Geografiska Annaler, Series B, Human Geography* 24, no. 2 (1992): 105-115

Farrell, Nathan, 'Celebrity Politics: Bono, Product (RED) and the Legitimising of Philanthrocapitalism', *The British Journal of Politics & International Relations* 14, no. 3 (2012): 392-406

Jefferess, David, 'For Sale—Peace of Mind', *Critical Arts: A Journal of North-South Cultural Studies* 16, no. 1 (2002): 1-21

Repo, J. and R. Yrjola, 'The Gender Politics of Celebrity Humanitarianism in Africa', *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 13, no. 1 (2011): 44-62

Ekine, Sokari, 'White saviours, black victims: An old story', *Pambazuka News*, no. 578, 21 March 2012, <http://pambazuka.org/en/category/features/80923>

Harrison, Graham, *The African Presence: Representations of Africa in the Construction of Britishness*, Manchester University Press, 2013

Pieterse, Jan Nederveen, 'Into the Dark Continent', in *White on Black: Images of Africa and Blacks in Western Popular Culture*, Yale University Press, 1995

Jean-Francois Bayart, "[Africa in the World: A History of Extraversion](#)" *African Affairs*, no. 99, April 2000.

Mbembe, Achille. 2016. [Africa In The New Century](#). *Africa is a Country* (<https://africasacountry.com/>)

The Politics of Studying Africa

Mudimbe, V.Y., [The Invention of Africa: Gnosis, Philosophy, and the Order of Knowledge](#), Indiana University Press, 1988, Introduction, Ch. 1, conclusion

Samir Amin, Eurocentrism, *Monthly Review Press*, 1988, Introduction

Mbembe, Achille, 'African Modes of Self-Writing', *Identity, Culture and Politics* 2, no. 1 (2001)

Zeleza, Paul Tiyambe, *The Study of Africa: Volume I: Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Encounters*, Codesria, 2006, Introduction, Ch. 6, 7, 8, 10

Zeleza, Paul Tiyambe, *The Study of Africa: Volume II: Global and Transnational Engagements*, Codesria, 2007

Zeleza, Paul Tiyambe, 'African Studies and Universities since Independence', *Transition* no. 101 (2009): 110-135

Hountondji, Paulin, 'Ethnophilosophy', in *African Philosophy: Myth and Reality* (trans. Henri Evans), 1976.

Lonsdale, John, 'African Studies, Europe and Africa' Plenary Lecture at 2005 Annual AEGIS conference: <http://aegis-eu.org/old/archive/ecas2005/Plenary%20Lonsdale.htm/> and Reprinted in *Africa Spectrum* 40(3) (2005), pp. 377-402.

Robinson, Pearl, 'Ralph Bunche and African Studies: Reflections on the politics of Knowledge', *African Studies Review* 51, no. 1 (2008): 1-16

Bates, Robert, et. al, *Africa and the Disciplines: the contribution of research in Africa to the social sciences and humanities*, Chicago University Press, 1993, Introduction and Ch. 3.

Gilroy, Paul, 'The Black Atlantic as a Counterculture of Modernity', in *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness*. Harvard University Press, 1993

James, C. L. R., 'Black Studies and the Contemporary Student', in *At the Rendezvous of Victory—Selected Writings*, Allison & Busby, 1984

Hanchard, Michael, 'Contours in Black Political Thought', *Political Theory* 38, no. 4 (2010): 510-536

Nyamnjoh, Francis B, "'Potted Plants in Greenhouses": A Critical Reflection on the Resilience of Colonial Education in Africa', *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 47, no. 2 (2012): 129-154

Nyamnjoh, Francis B. 'Blinded by Sight: Divining the Future of Anthropology in Africa', *Africa Spectrum* 47, no. 2-3 (2012): 63-92

Oyekan Owomoyela, "With Friends Like These...A Critique of the Pervasive Anti-Africanism in Current African Studies Epistemology and Methodology" *African Studies Review* 37(3), 1994: 77-101.

Mazrui, Ali Al'Amin, "Where is Africa?" in *The Africans: A Triple Heritage*, London: BBC Publications, 1986, Ch. 2.

Mbembe, Achille, *On the Postcolony*, Berkley: University of California Press, 2001.

Mbembe, Achille and Sarah Nuttall, "Writing the World from an African Metropolis," *Public Culture* 16, no. 3 (2004): 347-372.

Mudimbe, V.Y. *The Idea of Africa: African Systems of Thought*, Indiana University Press, 1994.

Rhodes Must Fall

#RhodesMustFall (2015). "Mission Statement". In *The Johannesburg Salon* (Iss. 9): 6–8. Available Online: <https://www.facebook.com/rhodesmustfall/posts/uct-rhodes-must-fall-mission-statementwe-are-an-independent-collective-of-studen/1559394444336048/>

Simamkele Dlakavu (2017) “Say No, Black Woman”: The Giant is Falling and the erasure of Black women in South Africa, *Agenda*, 31(3-4): 89-95, DOI: 10.1080/10130950.2017.1391615

Pillay, Suren, ‘Decolonizing the University’, 7 June 2015, available at <http://africasacountry.com/decolonizing-the-university/>

Mampilly, Zachariah, ‘Decolonizing the United States: Lessons from Africa’, *Ufabamu: A Journal of African Studies* 38, no. 3 (2015)

Lester, Claire-Anne, Carilee Osborne, and Michael Nassen Smith (2017). “Falling Rainbows: Anatomy of a False Choice”. In: *New Agenda: South African Journal of Social and Economic Policy* Q1 (64), pp. 36–38.

Platzky Miller, Josh (2019) “Imagination and Decolonisation”. in *Politics, Education and the Imagination in South African and Brazilian student-led mobilisations* (2015-16). Cambridge: University of Cambridge Doctoral Thesis: pp.61-64. <https://doi.org/10.17863/CAM.51079>

Lecture 2. Pre-colonial and colonial Africa

Sample questions

- Did Colonial rule simply reproduce European ideas of the state in Africa?
- In what ways and why did Colonial elites 'invent' tradition in Africa?

Core readings

- *Mamdani, Mahmood, *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism*, Princeton University Press, 1996 – particularly Introduction and Ch.II, III
- *Herbst, Jeffrey, *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton University Press, 2000, Chs 2 and 3.
- *Young, Crawford, *The African Colonial State in Comparative Perspective*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1994: 1-12.
- *Ranger, Terrence, 'The Invention of Tradition in Africa', in *The Invention of Tradition*, Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger, Canto 1996.
- *Ekeh, Paul, 'Colonialism and the Two Publics in Africa: A Theoretical Statement', *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 17/1,1975: 91-112.

Supplementary readings

- Iliffe, John, *Africans: History of a Continent*, Cambridge University Press, 1996. Chs. 6-10
- Ayittey, George (ed), *Africa Betrayed*, Palgrave MacMillan, 1993.
- Chamberlain, M.E., *The Scramble for Africa*, 2nd edition, Longman, 1999.
- Clapham, Christopher, *Africa and the International System: The Politics of State Survival*, Cambridge University Press, 1996, pp 28-43.
- Crowder, Michael, "Indirect Rule: French and British Style" *Africa* 34 (1964), pp. 197-205.
- Davidson, Basil, 'Africa: A Voyage of Discovery', [youtube.com/watch?v=bPTUnzLONjU&list=PLI_tIxrH8tQxTWcZ7-sMv276Z2QqA8wAY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPTUnzLONjU&list=PLI_tIxrH8tQxTWcZ7-sMv276Z2QqA8wAY)
- Hodgkin, Thomas, *Nationalism in colonial Africa*, London: Frederick Muller, 1956.
- Robinson, R. J. Gallagher and A. Denny, *Africa and the Victorians: The Official Mind of Imperialism*, 2nd edition, Macmillan, 1981.
- Thompson, Alex, *An Introduction to African Politics*, Oxford: Routledge, 2016, Ch. 2.
- Young, Tom *Africa: A Beginners Guide*, Oxford: OneWorld, 2010, Ch. 1.

Cases

- Caplan, Gerald L. 'Barotseland's Scramble for Protection' *J of African History*, 1969, 10

Hochschild, Adam, *King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, Heroism in Colonial Africa*. Houghton, 1998.

Kenyatta, Jomo, *Facing Mount Kenya*, New York: Vintage Books, ch. 9, 1965.

Ranger, Terrence, *Revolt in Southern Rhodesia, A Study in African Resistance*, Evanston: North Western University Press, 1967.

Lecture 3. Independence and the politics of the 'Third World'

Sample questions

- Did African nationalism fail independent Africa?
- What role did ideology play in the politics of independent Africa?
- Did the superpowers call the shots in Africa during the Cold War?

Core readings

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Part II: Global economic order & African development

Lecture 4. Underdevelopment, Developmental States, Neo-Colonialism

Sample questions

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- What has been the relationship between the global economy and economic growth in Africa?

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Lecture 5. Debt and Development: From Structural Adjustment to Good Governance

Sample questions

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- Good governance has been characterized as a disciplinary project – is this accurate? If so, who is being disciplined and to what effect?

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Sample questions

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- Is there anything different about today’s developmental states in Africa compared to state-led development in the past?

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Part III: International intervention: democracy, human rights, security

Lecture 7. Debating Democratization, Civil Society, and Human Rights

Sample questions

- Is 'democratisation' a useful lens for understanding Africa's political history?
- Are NGOs in Africa agents of political emancipation or political control?

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Part IV: State and society (i): rule, mobilization and identity

Lecture 9. Political Mobilization, Control and the State

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- What does clientalism explain and what does it overlook in the study of African politics?

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Lecture 10. Identity, Ethnicity and Political Competition

Sample questions

- What can identity and belonging help to explain regarding African politics?
- Is ethnic politics simply the response of rational actors to weak states and poor societies in Africa?

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Lecture 11. Class and Politics: Peasants and workers, rulers and capitalists

Sample questions

- Are African peasants neglected, or exploited, or both?
- What are the constraints facing political protest by Africa's urban underclass?

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Part V: State and society (ii): coercion and contestation

Lecture 12. Conflict, Society and the State

Sample questions

- Is violent conflict in Africa an unavoidable feature of economic and political development?
- To what extent is violence politically motivated in contemporary Africa?

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Lecture 13. Social movements and popular protest

Sample questions

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- How can we account for the increase in public protest in African cities over the last decade?

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Part VI: African political futures

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- Have digital technologies strengthened protest and/or political change movements in Africa?

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Lecture 15. Youth, Students, and Struggle

Sample questions

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- What roles do students play in African politics?

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Sample examination paper

Answer three of the following questions:

1. Did colonial rule simply reproduce European ideas of the state in Africa?
2. Was African nationalism a failure?
3. Is armed violence in Africa best understood as a social phenomenon?
4. Have African polities been 'disciplined' by the global economic order?
5. Does engaging the world economy provide the best route out of poverty for African states?
6. Is good governance and civil society development a precondition for democracy in Africa or its antithesis?
7. What political mobilisation strategies by elites are the most successful in Africa?
8. Are political elites responsible for the ethnicization of politics in Africa?
9. Do African social movements marginalise women?
10. How do African education systems shape African politics?
11. Are digital communications politically emancipatory in Africa?
12. Which actors in Africa stand to gain and lose the most over the 21st century?

Pol 15 Examination Paper 2020-21 (online, open-book, 6 hour window, 4500 max words)

Answer three of the following questions:

1. How might the study of African politics reduce its reliance on Western political thought?
2. In what ways are debates about Africa's colonial history politically significant today?
3. Why was decolonization in Africa mostly peaceful and what were the effects of this?
4. What does dependency theory illuminate and what does it obscure about the challenges facing post-colonial African economies?
5. Were the failures of Structural Adjustment Programmes in Africa due more to their diagnosis of the problem of African development than their prescription of a solution?
6. Given the growing importance of non-Western trading partners and political allies, why are there not more developmental states in Africa?
7. Does foreign support to develop African civil society enhance African democracy more than undermine it?
8. What is the most important change needed in international interventions in African conflicts in order to advance peace?
9. What is the most persuasive critique of 'neopatrimonialism' as an explanation of political authority and the African state?
10. To what extent should identity be relied upon to explain political mobilization and control in Africa?
11. Is a class analysis essential to understand the differences between rural and urban politics in Africa?
12. In what ways do different explanations of violent conflict in Africa disagree on explanations of African politics generally?
13. Have African protests merely changed the faces of power but not the structures of power?
14. Which types of African governments benefit more from digital technology than others?

15. Are students the vanguard of political change in Africa?
16. What distinctive role can Africa play in remaking world politics in the 21st century?

Pol 15 Examination Paper 2019-20 (online, open-book, 3.5 hour window)

Answer three of the following questions:

1. In what way is the study of politics in Africa political?
2. What was the biggest challenge facing newly independent African states?
3. How has the global economic order shaped economic development in Africa?
4. Is the good governance agenda helpful to the political aspirations of citizens of African countries?
5. Is Africa 'rising' a story of China 'rising'?
6. Who are the major beneficiaries of Western peace and humanitarian interventions in African conflicts and crises?
7. In what ways does neopatrimonialism help with an understanding of political authority and behaviour in Africa?
8. Are unfulfilled expectations for democracy in Africa due to the politics of identity?
9. What does a class perspective explain about African politics?
10. Are violent conflicts in Africa more wars of economic accumulation than of political revolution?
11. Do urban protests in Africa influence political change?
12. Who stands to gain the most from Africa's digital transformations?

Pol 15 Examination Paper 2016-17

Answer three of the following questions:

1. Does the history of colonialism in Africa remain politically contentious today?
2. Have independent states in Africa failed to live up to the promise of nationalism?
3. Is clientelism a symptom or a cause of the problems of political legitimacy in African states?
4. To what extent are elites responsible for the importance of ethnic identity in African politics?
5. Should more attention be paid to class dynamics in the study of African politics?
6. Is violent conflict in Africa best viewed as a cause or a consequence of political crisis?
7. Who has benefited from development in Africa?
8. Has the international economic order hurt the independent African state more than helped it?
9. To what extent have new rising global powers brought new possibilities for development in African states?
10. Do human rights non-governmental organisations in Africa benefit those they claim to serve?

11. Is electoral democracy in crisis in African states?
12. Are patterns of foreign intervention in Africa changing for the better?

Pol 15 Examination Paper 2015-16

Answer three of the following questions:

1. What was colonialism's most important legacy for politics in post-independence Africa?
2. What was the significance of violence in nationalist struggles in Africa?
3. Are African states strong in their weakness, or weak in their strength, or neither?
4. Do variations in political institutions best explain the role of ethnicity in national politics in African countries?
5. What particular features of African politics require a class analysis to be best understood?
6. Why does most conflict in Africa occur within states and not between them?
7. Has development been a discourse of political control or of political struggle?
8. What has been the impact of the international order upon African states' development trajectories?
9. To what extent does the "Africa Rising" narrative reflect a fundamental change in Africa's status internationally?
10. Does violence or non-violence most predominantly characterize contemporary political struggles in Africa?
11. Do we see a push-back against liberal ideas of good governance and human rights from African states today?
12. Are elections a necessary part of democracy in Africa?

Pol 9 Examination Paper 2014-15

Answer three of the following questions:

1. Are the legacies of European colonialism in Africa overstated?
2. In what ways was the anti-colonial struggle in Africa a struggle over history?
3. What does an analysis of the relationship between state and society illuminate about political authority in African states?
4. Is there any trust to the assumption that African politics is all about ethnicity?
5. How useful is the notion of class struggle in understanding African politics?
6. Has the international state system increased or decreased the risk of war in Africa?
7. What best explains Africa's 'lost development decade' in the 1980s?
8. What is new about the good governance agenda in Africa?
9. Are externally supported processes of democratisation in Africa a waste of time and money?
10. Do contemporary social movements in Africa hold promise for political progress emerging from within the continent?
11. Has security and stability in Africa replaced development as the primary concern of Western donor governments?

12. Do Western societies need Africa more than African countries need the West?

Pol 9 Examination Paper 2013-14

Answer three of the following questions:

1. What effects have environmental factors had on the types of political authority that have been common in Africa?
2. Did the nationalism of African anti-colonial movements kill hopes for democracy at independence?
3. Can African ethnicity be a source of progressive political ideas?
4. Is the idea that a social contract underpins African polities fanciful?
5. How much autonomy do African states have to make their own security decisions?
6. How useful is the concept of the labour aristocracy to understanding African politics?
7. Is the conscious planning of African industrialisation inevitably self-defeating?
8. Under what conditions might African states be able to negotiate trade regimes that enable them to flourish?
9. Why has donor thinking about the political management of economic reform in Africa changed over time?
10. Is democracy the only game in town in Africa?
11. What does Africa's experience of the global economic crisis tell us about contemporary opportunities and challenges for development?
12. Does celebrity advocacy for African development matter?

Pol 9 Examination Paper 2012-13

Answer three of the following questions:

1. What was unique about the way European colonialists projected authority in their African territories?
2. To what extent was the motivating force for African nationalism the question of race?
3. Was the Cold War best understood as a resource or a threat for African rulers? Discuss with reference to one or more cases.
4. How have African politicians responded to the difficulty of mobilising popular political support?
5. Does the political engagement of ethnic identities inevitably generate violence in Africa?
6. Is the poverty of African peasants a result of being neglected or exploited?
7. Why has the idea of African industrialisation fallen out of fashion?
8. What sustains African economic dependence on Western countries?
9. Why did democratisation in Africa stall?
10. Does the idea of "the liberal project" provide the best standpoint for criticising governance or security interventions in Africa?

11. What difference has the rise of China made to Africa?
12. Does the development industry depend on cultivating a sense of moral superiority over Africans?