

POLI 4078
African Government and Politics
Spring 2018
12:30-1:30 MWF 209 Coates Hall

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Objective: The course is designed to bring students closer to understanding the complex problems faced by the many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. It combines aspects of comparative politics and international relations as well as historical and contemporary factors that account for the current condition of the African polity today. It is expected that by the end of the semester, students should have acquired the necessary knowledge for instructive explanations of politics in Africa.

Textbooks: Vincent Khapoya: *The African Experience*
Boston: Pearson, 4th edition, 2013

Howard W. French: *China's Second Continent: How a Million Migrants are Building a New Empire in Africa*
New York: Vintage, reprint edition 2015

Tests, Papers & Exams: There will be a small early take-home test, a midterm exam, and a research paper and presentation on (the politics, problems and prospects of) and African country of your choice, and a final exam. Details of these assignments will be made known as need arises.

Student Responsibilities: Attendance in all class sessions is required. Familiarity with reading material is highly encouraged. Also, students should find on-going information on Africa on a regular basis. Given the distance separating Africa from the United States and the paucity of information on Africa in the U.S., students should take an extra initiative in learning for this course.

Grades: The grades for the course will be determined as follows:

Class Participation	10 pts (Daily)
Early Take-Home Test	10 pts (Due Fri. Feb. 19)
(2) NYT Multiple Choice	10 pts (March 07; April 25)
Midterm Exam	15 pts (March 09)
Book Review (5 pg)	10 pts (Due Wed. April 04)
Research Paper & Presentation	20+5 pts (Presentations begin Apr. 13-23/Paper Due Apr. 20)
Final	<u>20 pts</u> (Thurs. May 03; 7:30am)
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57

Mar. 19-April 04	<u>Redefining Africa</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transformation vs. Tenacity : A Moment vs. An Enduring Quest - Africa's New Age: The Civil Society - Recent Traits: Democratic Disarray - The Economic Outcome Readings: Khapoya Chap. 7
Mar. 23	<u>China Text Overview</u>
April 04	<u>China Text / 5 pg Book Review Due</u>
April 06 - 13	<u>Africa's International Relations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Old Trend: Ties with the Outside world - The New Trend: Intra-African Intervention - Africa on the World Stage: Current Struggles Readings: Khapoya Chap. 8
April 16	<u>Conclusion: The Future</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicting Scenarios
April 13-23	<u>Country Research Presentations begin</u>
April 20	<u>Country Research Paper Due/Course Evaluation</u>
April 23-25	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Exam/Return Papers / Pre-Final Grades / Review Session</u>
May 03, Thursday	<u>Final Exam (7:30-9:30 am)</u>