Africa and Globalization: Opportunities and Obstacles

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Office Hours: Mon/Fri 10 – 12 noon, any day by appointment
Class Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 2:00PM-3:30PM

I. September 6: Introduction

II. September 8: Lecture by Ambassador Charles Stith
   Africa and Globalization: The Context

III. September 13:

IV. September 15:
    Rodney, Walter: How Europe Underdeveloped Africa (Howard University Press) 1982 – Chapters 5, 6*
    Stith, Charles: For Such a Time (APARC Press) 2008 – Introduction

V. September 20: A History of Fifty Years of Independence - East Africa: Point and Counterpoint
    Martin, Meredith: The Fate of Africa: A History of Fifty Years of Independence (Jonathan Ball Publishers) 2005 - Chapters 2, 5, 13, 14, 31

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VI. **September 22 & 27:** A History of Fifty Years of Independence - West Africa: Point and Counterpoint


VII. **September 29 & October 4:** A History of Fifty Years of Independence - Southern Africa: Point and Counterpoint


VIII. **October 6:** Factors driving the New Policy framework for African Development


IX. **October 11 & 13:** Policy Frameworks for African Development: US and AGOA


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Representative) May 2001 – pps. 1 – 55, 57, 58, 60, 67, 70, 73, 75 – 79, 82, 85 - 87


X. **October 18:** Policy Frameworks for African Development:

African Union Plan of Action for the Promotion of Employment and Poverty Alleviation (*Assembly of the African Union, Third Extraordinary Session Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso*) 3 – 9 September 2004

XI. **October 20:** Guest lecture: Dr. Linda Heywood, Director, African-American Studies Program, Boston University

XII. **October 25:** Policy Frameworks for African Development: UK and the Commission for Africa

*Our Common Interests: A Report of the Commission for Africa*  
(*Commission for Africa*) March 2005  

XIII. **October 27:** Policy Frameworks for African Development: The European Union

*The EU and Africa: Towards A Strategic Partnership*  
EU-Africa Relations  
[http://dgroups.org/groups/CoOl/docs/Africa-EU](http://dgroups.org/groups/CoOl/docs/Africa-EU)


XIV. **November 1:** No class in lieu of outside lecture

XV. **November 3 & 8:** Policy Frameworks for African Development: The China Card


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XVI. **November 10:**


XVII. **November 15:** West African Integration into the Global Economy

Ghazvinian, John; *Untapped: The Scramble for Africa’s Oil* (Harcourt Publishers) 2007


XVIII. **November 17 & 22:** East African Integration into the Global Economy

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**PAPER DUE NOVEMBER 17TH**

XIX. **November 29 & December 1 & 6:** Southern African Integration into the Global Economy


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XX. December 8: Last Day of Class

Requirements:

One 12 to 15 page term paper (a three year comparative analysis of one of the countries chronicled in The African Leaders State of Africa Report) Due November 17, 2011

A final exam

Class participation

Student’s grade is based 50% on the term paper, 30% on the final exam, and 20% on class participation.

Required Texts:


Ghazvinian, John; Untapped: The Scramble for Africa’s Oil (Harcourt Publishers) 2007

Meredith, Martin; The Fate of Africa: A History of Fifty Years of Independence (Jonathan Ball Publishers) 2005

Rodney, Walter; How Europe Underdeveloped Africa (Howard University Press) 1991*

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“Sino-Africa Relations: A Summary Assessment from an American Perspective”; Stith, Charles. International Politics Quarterly (School of International Studies) Peking University, 2006/4

Stith, Charles; For Such a Time (APARC Press) 2008


Stith, Charles R.; The Evidence of Things Unseen: Is There Hope for Africa? (unpublished manuscript)


Recommended Texts:

Perspectives on China-Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation; The Fourth Tswalu Dialogue, Minister Counselor Liang Guixuan, September 5, 2005


The Chinese Economy and China-South African Cooperation; Asia and Middle East Business Seminar, February 16, 2005

APARC Policy Working Group Reader

NEPAD


Prestowitz, Clyde, Three Billion New Capitalists: The Great Shift of Power to the East (Basic Books Publishers) 2005

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Lang, Gerald, *The White Africans: From Colonization to Liberation* (Johnathan Ball Publishers) 2005


Michel, Serge and Michel Beuret: *China Safari: On the Trail of Beijing's Expansion in Africa* (Nation Books) 2009

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