

POLS 4033/POLS 7036: The State in Africa: Democratisation and Crisis

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Week 1 Introductions and expectations

This course is designed to provide you with a rich analytical toolbox for understanding states on the African continent. But it is also intended to equip you with ways of approaching and criticizing the dominant forms of theory in the social sciences.

It is important to understand at the outset that this is a reading course. You will be required to complete, carefully and attentively, approximately 150 pages of reading per week. This will take you a minimum of four hours. Failure to prepare for each class by completing the readings will be a signal that you are not interested in earning credit for the course.

Assessment:

The final mark for this course will be composed of:

- a mark for your oral participation in the class (10% of final)
- two 2,000 word essays, the first due on 29 August and the second on October 24 (40% of final). *These essays will be submitted on-line using CLE.*
- a final exam in the first week of November (50% of final)

Readings you should already be familiar with:

Fanon, Frantz. *The Wretched of the Earth: A Negro Psychoanalyst's Study of the Problems of Racism and Colonialism*. New York: Grove Press, 1966.

Mamdani, Mahmood. *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism*. Cape Town: James Currey, 1996.

Influential theoretical accounts of the state:

Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation." *The American Economic Review* 91, no. 5 (2001): 1369–1401.

Burchell, Peter, Colin Gordon, and Peter Miller, eds. *The Foucault Effect: Studies in Governmentality with Two Lectures by and an Interview with Michel Foucault*. London: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1991.

Cohn, Bernard S. *Colonialism and Its Forms of Knowledge: The British in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press; Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.

Corrigan, Philip Richard D., and Derek Sayer. *The Great Arch: English State Formation as Cultural Revolution*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1985.

Evans, Peter. *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995.

Giddens, Anthony. *The Nation-State and Violence*. Volume Two of *A Contemporary Critique of Historical Materialism*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1985

- Goody, Jack. *The Logic of Writing and the Organization of Society*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986.
- Machiavelli, Niccolò. *The Prince*. London: Oxford University Press, 1903.
- Mann, Michael. *The Sources of Social Power: The Rise of Classes and Nation-states, 1760-1914*. Vol. 2. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.
- Scott, James C. *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998)
- . *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*. Yale Univ Pr, 2009.
- Stoler, Ann Laura. *Along the Archival Grain: Epistemic Anxieties and Colonial Common Sense*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008.
- Tilly, Charles. *Coercion, Capital and European States, AD 990 – 1992*. (Oxford: Blackwell, 1992) Chapters 1 – 4.

Further reading on States

- Anderson, Perry. *Lineages of the Absolutist State* (London: Verso, 1974) Chapters 1 – 5.
- Breckenridge, Keith, and Simon Szreter, eds. *Registration and Recognition: Documenting the Person in World History*. Proceedings of the British Academy 182. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Skocpol, Theda. *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States*. Harvard University Press, 1992.
- Woodside, Alexander. *Lost Modernities: China, Vietnam, Korea, and the Hazards of World History*. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 2006.

Week 2 The Gatekeeper State and the past of this present

The goals of this seminar are:

(1) to provide the class with a common set of terms and problems that we can use to discuss and debate the characteristics of the state in contemporary Africa.

And (2) to begin to map out some of the primary explanations of the causes of those, apparently, distinctive state characteristics.

It is, as ever, very important to ensure that you leave yourself sufficient time to complete all of the reading which, this week, will be some 190 pages. Typically, this will require at least five hours of focused preparation time. Failure to complete the reading, and to show in discussion that you have done so, will result in your having to complete an additional writing assignment for next week.

Required reading:

Cooper, Frederick. *Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. (Please read the entire book, if you are pressed for time you may skip the final chapter).

OR

Akyeampong, Emmanuel Kwaku, Robert H. Bates, Nathan Nunn, and James Robinson. "Introduction : Africa -- the Historical Roots of Its Underdevelopment." In *Africa's Development in Historical Perspective*, edited by Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert H. Bates, Nathan Nunn, and James Robinson. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

AND

Zeleza, Paul Tiyambe. *A Modern Economic History of Africa*. Dakar, Senegal: CODESRIA, 1993, Chaps 1, 13 – 15.

Optional reading:

Abbott, George C. "A Re-Examination of the 1929 Colonial Development Act." *The Economic History Review* 24, no. 1 (1971): 68–81.

Arndt, Heinz Wolfgang. "Economic Development: A Semantic History." *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 29, no. 3 (1981): 457–466.

Freund, Bill. *The Making of Contemporary Africa: The Development of African Society since 1800*. Boulder: Lynn Rienner, 1998.

Jerven, Morten. *Poor Numbers: How We Are Misled by African Development Statistics and What to Do about It*. Cornell University Press, 2013.

Meredith, David. "The British Government and Colonial Economic Policy, 1919–391." *The Economic History Review* 28, no. 3 (1975): 484–499.

Wicker, E. R. "Colonial Development and Welfare, 1929-1957: The Evolution of a Policy." *Social and Economic Studies*, 1958, 170–192.

Concepts and problems:

- Gatekeeper state
- Burden of development
- Commodity cycle
- Debt crisis
- Structural adjustment

Week 3 What is African about the African State?

In this seminar we will examine the question of whether there is a common political or cultural form to all the states on the African continent. Does it make sense to use the concept of the African state analytically? This is a debate that can be usefully pursued in both directions – you may argue that there is nothing, except perhaps geography and a shared history of being the targets of racism, that combines African countries and their states; or you may insist on the common political effects of demography, property relations, slavery, and a common political – economy of colonialism on the form of the modern state in Africa. Be sure, however, that you are aware of the details of both positions before you make your own case. The reading for this week (180 pp) should take you between four and five hours.

Required reading:

Appiah, Anthony. *In My Father's House: Africa in the Philosophy of Culture*. London: Methuen, 1992, vii-xii, 1-27, 159 – 172, 181 – 192.

OR

Iliffe, John. *Africans: The History of a Continent*. Cambridge Univ Pr, 1995, pp 1 – 125.

Optional reading:

Ake, Claude. *Democracy and Development in Africa*. Brookings Institution Press, 2001.

———. *The Feasibility of Democracy in Africa*. African Books Collective, 2000.

Austin, G. “Resources, Techniques, and Strategies South of the Sahara: Revising the Factor Endowments Perspective on African Economic Development, 1500–2000.” *The Economic History Review* 61, no. 3 (2008): 587–624.

Césaire, Aimé, and Robin D. G. Kelley. *Discourse on Colonialism*. Monthly Review Press, 2000.

Fallers, Lloyd A. *The Social Anthropology of the Nation-State*. The Lewis Henry Morgan Lectures 1971. Chicago: Aldine Pub. Co, 1974.

Hall, Bruce S. *A History of Race in Muslim West Africa, 1600-1960*. African Studies. 115. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Manning, Patrick. “African Population, 1650–2000: Comparisons and Implications of New Estimates.” In *Africa's Development in Historical Perspective*, edited by Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert H. Bates, Nathan Nunn, and James Robinson. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Menkiti, Ifeanyi A. “Person and Community in African Traditional Thought.” *African Philosophy: An Introduction* 3 (1984): 171–182.

Mkandawire, Thandika. "Thinking about Developmental States in Africa."

Cambridge Journal of Economics 25, no. 3 (2001): 289–314.

Samatar, Ahmed, and Abdi I. Samatar. *The African State: Reconsiderations*, 2002.

https://works.bepress.com/ahmed_samatar/7/.

Tempels, Placide, Colin King, E. Possoz, and Margaret Read. *Bantu Philosophy*.

Présence africaine Paris, 1959.

Zezeza, Paul Tiyaambe. *A Modern Economic History of Africa*. Dakar, Senegal:

CODESRIA, 1993.

Concepts and problems:

- Race, racism and racial essentialism
- Demography and state formation
- Disease environments
- Resource endowments
- African philosophy

Week 4 Stateless political traditions

For the five-hundred years before 1500 the dominant forms of political authority and structures of power on the African continent were, mostly, very different from the Feudal states of Europe, the Ottoman empire, the Mandarin bureaucracies of East Asia, or the Mayan and Incan civilizations of the Americas. On most of the continent political relationships before 1600 were very local, fiercely constrained by animals, the forest and by disease. Jan Vansina has called the structure of allegiances and relationships that emerged in the Central African forest the equatorial political tradition. Understanding what this was, how and where it worked is not an easy task, but it is very important to all of the later theoretical accounts of politics on this continent.

Required reading:

Cohen, David William. *Womunafu's Bunafu: A Study of Authority in a Nineteenth-Century African Community*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1977, pp 3 – 122, 131 – 152.

Optional reading:

Jack Goody, *Technology, Tradition and the State in Africa* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1971), 1-38, 73-76

Vansina, Jan. *Paths in the Rainforest: Toward a History of Political Tradition in Equatorial Africa*. Madison WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1990, 71 – 99, 129 – 145, 197 – 234, 239 - 266

Jan Vansina, “Pathways of political development in equatorial Africa and neo-evolutionary theory” in Susan Keech McIntosh, *Beyond Chieftaincies: Pathways to Complexity in Africa* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999)

Vansina, Jan. *Paths in the Rainforest: Toward a History of Political Tradition in Equatorial Africa*. Madison WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1990

Vansina, Jan. *The Children of Woot: A History of the Kuba Peoples*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press: Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1978.

Concepts and problems:

- Homesteads
- Brotherhoods
- Ritual politics
- Infrastructure
- Slave trade

Week 5 States, Empires and Capitalism

Practices and trajectories of state-building were altered and accelerated very dramatically by the establishment of the Atlantic slave trade at the end of the 15th century. Many difficult questions remain unresolved today about the consequences of these processes and this time on the work of politics and the structures of society and the state in the societies most powerfully affected by the slave trade.

Required reading:

Thornton, John. *Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1680*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992, pp 1 – 128.

Optional reading:

Bay, Edna G. *Wives of the Leopard: Gender, Politics and Culture in the Kingdom of Dahomey*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1998.

Burbank, Jane, and Frederick Cooper. *Empires in World History: Power and the Politics of Difference*. Princeton University Press, 2010.

Guyer, Jane I. *Marginal Gains: Monetary Transactions in Atlantic Africa*. Chicago, Ill.: University of Chicago Press, 2004.

Henige, David. "Measuring the Immeasurable: The Atlantic Slave Trade, West African Population and the Pyrrhonian Critic." *The Journal of African History* 27, no. 2 (July 1986): 295–313. doi:10.1017/S0021853700036689.

Inikori, Joseph E. *Africans and the Industrial Revolution in England: A Study in International Trade and Economic Development*. Cambridge University Press, 2002.

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———. *Forced Migration: The Impact of the Export Slave Trade on African Societies*. Hutchinson London, 1982. <http://library.wur.nl/WebQuery/clc/220651>.

———. "Measuring the Atlantic Slave Trade: An Assessment of Curtin and Anstey." *The Journal of African History* 17, no. 2 (1976): 197–223.

———. "Measuring the Atlantic Slave Trade: An Assessment of Curtin and Anstey." *The Journal of African History* 17, no. 2 (1976): 197–223.

———. "Slavery and the Revolution in Cotton Textile Production in England." *Social Science History* 13, no. 4 (1989): 343–379.

———. "The Import of Firearms into West Africa 1750–1807: A Quantitative Analysis." *The Journal of African History* 18, no. 3 (1977): 339–368.

Klein, Martin A., Jan Hogendorn, Joseph E. Inikori, and Stanley L. Engerman. *The Atlantic Slave Trade: Effects on Economies, Societies and Peoples in Africa, the Americas, and Europe*. Duke University Press, 1992.

- Law, Robin. "Dahomey and the Slave Trade: Reflections on the Historiography of the Rise of Dahomey." *The Journal of African History* 27, no. 2 (January 1, 1986): 237–267.
- . "Royal Monopoly and Private Enterprise in the Atlantic Trade: The Case of Dahomey." *The Journal of African History* 18, no. 4 (1977): 555–577.
- Manning, Patrick. "The Warp and Woof of Precolonial African Industry." *African Economic History* no. 19 (January 1, 1990): 25–30. doi:10.2307/3601888.
- Nwokeji, G. Ugo. *The Slave Trade and Culture in the Bight of Biafra: An African Society in the Atlantic World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Ojo, Olatunji. "Slavery and Human Sacrifice in Yorubaland: Ondo, c. 1870-94." *The Journal of African History* 46, no. 3 (January 1, 2005): 379–404.
- Reid, Richard. *Political Power in Pre-colonial Buganda: Economy, Society and Warfare in the Nineteenth Century*. London: James Currey, 2002.
- Wilks, Ivor. *Asante in the Nineteenth Century: The Structure and Evolution of a Political Order*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Cambridge University Press, 1975.
- Wilks, Ivor. "Land, Labour, Capital and the Forest Kingdom of Asante: a Model of Early Change." In *Evolution of Social Systems*, Friedman, J. & Rowlands, M. J. (eds.), Pittsburgh University Press, 1977., 1977.

Concepts and problems:

- World systems
- Local agency
- African and Atlantic Slavery
- Property and accumulation
- Markets and value systems

Week 6 Conquest and the Colonial State

The colonial state has an intriguingly contradictory nature in our contemporary scholarship. It was, on the one hand, a brutal and disruptive force, spreading violence and shattering the ideological and social coherence of the polities across the continent. On the other hand it was ridiculously poor and weak, incapable of much more than the most basic forms of tax collection. In this seminar will try to decide whether one of these accounts of the colonial state is correct, or whether they should be combined. We will also consider closely the long-term effects of the structures and functions of colonial government.

Required reading:

Young, M. Crawford. *The African Colonial State in Comparative Perspective*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1994, 1 – 12, 43 – 76, 77 – 140, 244 – 293.

Optional reading:

Comaroff, Jean, and John L Comaroff. *Of Revelation and Revolution: The Dialectics of Modernity on a South African Frontier*. Vol. 1. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991.

Cooper, Frederick, and Ann Laura Stoler. *Tensions of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World*. University of California Press, 1997.

Canale, Suret. "Chapter 6 Guinea in the Colonial System." *Essays on African History: from the slave trade to neo-colonialism*. (London : Hurst, 1988.)

Lonsdale, John. "The Conquest State of Kenya, 1895-1905." *Unhappy Valley: Conflict in Kenya and Africa*. (London: James Currey, 1992.)

Rodney, Walter. *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. Howard University Press, 1982, 205 – 81.

Concepts and problems:

- Bula Mutari
- Indirect rule
- Violence
- Consciousness
- Tribalism

Week 7 Indirect Rule and its effects

One of the distinctive features of both the colonial and the post-colonial states in Africa has been the reliance on unelected customary authorities for the many tasks of local government, especially (but not exclusively) in the countryside. The effects of this arrangement, which Mamdani has called decentralised despotism, have been diverse and powerful. In this week we examine indirect rule and its consequences for the vast majority of Africans who still live and work on the land.

Required reading:

Berry, Sara. *No Condition Is Permanent: The Social Dynamics of Agrarian Change in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Madison WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1993, 3-21, 22 – 42, 43 – 67, 101 – 134, 159 – 181.

Optional reading:

Afigbo, Adiele Eberechukwu. *The Warrant Chiefs: Indirect Rule in Southeastern Nigeria, 1891-1929*. Cambridge Univ Press, 1972.

Allman, J. M. *The Quills of the Porcupine: Asante Nationalism in an Emergent Ghana*. Univ of Wisconsin Pr, 1993.

Atanda, Joseph Adebawale. *The New Oyo Empire: Indirect Rule and Change in Western Nigeria, 1894-1934*. Longman Ibadan, 1973.

<http://www.getcited.org/pub/101460393>.

Atieno-Odhiambo, Elisha S. “Democracy and the Ideology of Order in Kenya.” In *The Political Economy of Kenya*, 177–201. New York: Praeger, 1987.

Atieno-Odhiambo, Elisha Stephen. “Hegemonic Enterprises and Instrumentalities of Survival: Ethnicity and Democracy in Kenya.” *African Studies* 61, no. 2 (2002): 223–249.

Ayandele, Emmanuel Ayankanmi. *The Missionary Impact on Modern Nigeria, 1842-1914: A Political and Social Analysis*. London Longmans, 1966.

Barkan, Joel D., and Michael Chege. “Decentralising the State: District Focus and the Politics of Reallocation in Kenya.” *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 27, no. 3 (1989): 431–453.

Bush, Barbara, and Josephine Maltby. “Taxation in West Africa: Transforming the Colonial Subject into the ‘governable Person.’” *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* 15, no. 1 (2004): 5–34.

Comaroff, John L. and Simon Roberts. *Rules and Processes: The Cultural Logic of Dispute in an African Context*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981.

Conklin, Alice L. “Colonialism and Human Rights, A Contradiction in Terms? The Case of France and West Africa, 1895-1914.” *The American Historical Review* 103, no. 2 (April 1, 1998): 419–42. doi:10.2307/2649774.

- Crowder, Michael. "Indirect Rule: French and British Style." *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 34, no. 3 (July 1, 1964): 197–205.
- Delius, Peter. *A Lion Amongst the Cattle: Reconstruction and Resistance in the Northern Transvaal*. Oxford: James Currey, 1996.
- Guy, Jeff. *Theophilus Shepstone and the Forging of Natal*. Pietermaritzburg: UKZN Press, 2013.
- Fallers, Lloyd A. *Bantu Bureaucracy*. Cambridge: Heffer, 1956.
- Lugard, Frederick John Dealtry. *The Dual Mandate in British Tropical Africa*.
- Mann, Gregory. "What Was the Indigénat? The 'empire of Law' in French West Africa." *The Journal of African History* 50, no. 3 (2009): 331–353.
- Matthews, Z. K. "An African View of Indirect Rule in Africa." *Journal of the Royal African Society* 36, no. 145 (October 1, 1937): 433–437.
- Ntsebeza, Lungisile. *Democracy Compromised: Chiefs and the Politics of Land in South Africa*. Cape Town: HSRC Press, 2006.
- Okia, Opolot. *Communal Labor in Colonial Kenya: The Legitimization of Coercion, 1912-1930*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
- Oomen, Barbara. *Chiefs in South Africa : Law, Power & Culture in the Post-apartheid Era*. Oxford: James Currey, 2005.
- Roberts, A. D. "The Sub-Imperialism of the Baganda." *The Journal of African History* 3, no. 03 (1962): 435–450.

Concepts and problems:

- Hegemony
- Despotism
- Uncertainty
- Property rights
- Kinship

Week 8 Decolonisation and the Burden of Development

One of the most important – and surprising – results of recent research in to the crisis of the postcolonial state has been the stress which scholars place on the unmanageable burden of the development projects which these states inherited in the 1960s. The crises of development took place in stages – some before decolonisation and others a generation later, but they resulted, by the early 1980s, in extremely weak states across the continent. In this week's seminar we will explore the developmental burden and the shattering of the state through a close study of the society of Zaire / Congo – the most problematic but also, arguably, strategically the most important state on the African continent.

Required reading:

Young, Crawford, and Thomas Turner. *The Rise and Fall of the Zairian State*. University of Wisconsin Press, 1984, extracts.

Optional reading:

Cooper, Frederick. *Decolonization and African Society: The Labor Question in French and British Africa*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Ferguson, James. *The Anti-politics Machine: "Development," Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.

Ferguson, James. *Expectations of Modernity: Myths and Meanings of Urban Life on the Zambian Copperbelt*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999.

Freund, Bill. *The African City: A History*. Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Herbst, J. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton University Press, 2000.

Concepts and problems:

- Expert-led government
- Cold-War
- Developmentalism
- Debt-trap
- Patrimonialism
- Infrastructural politics
- Mining corporations

Week 9 Science, technology and the modernising State

Science and technology have been instruments of state-building in many contexts, but their place on the African continent is a bit mysterious. Colonial conquest was famously aided by strategic technologies like the telegraph and quinine, and it was often justified by the claim that Africans lacked science and key productive technologies. But what was the place of science and technology in the postcolonial state? Was there too much of one or the other, or both, or too little, or was the problem one of the distribution of power and agency?

Required reading:

Hecht, Gabrielle. *Being Nuclear: Africans and the Global Uranium Trade*. The MIT Press, 2012, 85 – 106, 107 – 170, 287 – 339.

Optional reading:

Adas, Michael. *Machines as the Measure of Men: Science, Technology and Ideologies of Western Dominance: Science*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1989.

Alpern, Stanley B. “Did They or Didn’t They Invent It? Iron in sub-Saharan Africa.” *History in Africa* 32, no. 1 (2005): 41–94.

Diouf, Mamadou. “Senegalese Development: From Mass Mobilization to Technocratic Elitism.” *International Development and the Social Sciences: Essays on the History and Politics of Knowledge* (1997): 291–319.

Freed, Libbie. “Networks of (colonial) Power: Roads in French Central Africa after World War I.” *History and Technology* 26, no. 3 (2010): 203–223.

Headrick, D. R. *The Tools of Empire: Technology and European Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century*. Oxford University Press, 1981.

Hodge, Joseph M. *Triumph of the Expert: Agrarian Doctrines of Development and the Legacies of British Colonialism*. Series in Ecology and History. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2007.

Killick, David. “Cairo to Cape: The Spread of Metallurgy through Eastern and Southern Africa.” *Journal of World Prehistory* 22, no. 4 (2009): 399–414.

Kruger, Colleen E. *Pride of Men: Ironworking in 19th Century West Central Africa*. Heinemann Portsmouth, NH, 1999.

Livingston, Julie. *Improvising Medicine: An African Oncology Ward in an Emerging Cancer Epidemic*. Duke University Press, 2012.

Rodney, Walter. *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. Howard University Press, 1982, 1 – 29, 93 – 201.

Rottenburg, Richard. “Social and Public Experiments and New Figurations of Science and Politics in Postcolonial Africa.” *Postcolonial Studies* 12, no. 4 (2009): 423–440.

Miescher, Stephan F. “Building the City of the Future: Visions and Experiences of Modernity in Ghana’s Akosombo Township.” *The Journal of African History* 53, no. 03 (2012): 367–390.

Mitchell, Timothy. *Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-politics, Modernity*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002.

Tilley, Helen. *Africa as a Living Laboratory: Empire, Development, and the Problem of Scientific Knowledge, 1870-1950*. University of Chicago Press, 2011.

Verhoeven, Harry. *Water, Civilization and Power in Sudan: The Political Economy of Military-Islamist State-Building*. The African Studies Series, 131,1. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Zezeza, Tiyambe, and Ibulaimu Kakoma, eds. *Science and Technology in Africa*. Africa World Press, 2003.

Concepts and problems:

- Vernacular / global science
- Networks and infrastructure
- Technology
- Science
- Technopolitics

Week 10 Women, gender and the problems of tradition

Required reading:

Thomas, Lynn. *Politics of the Womb: Women, Reproduction and the State in Kenya*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003, extracts.

Optional reading:

- Awondo, Patrick. "The Politicisation of Sexuality and Rise of Homosexual Movements in Post-colonial Cameroon." *Review of African Political Economy* 37, no. 125 (2010): 315–328. doi:10.1080/03056244.2010.510624.
- Cole, Jennifer, and Lynn M. Thomas. *Love in Africa*. University of Chicago Press, 2009.
- Cooper, Barbara M. *Marriage in Maradi: Gender and Culture in a Hausa Society in Niger, 1900-1989*. Oxford: James Currey: Oxford: James Currey, 1997.
- Coquery-Vidrovitch, Catherine. *African Women: A Modern History*. Translated by Beth Gillian Raps. Westview Press Boulder and Oxford, 1997.
- Epprecht, Marc. *Heterosexual Africa: The History of an Idea from the Age of Exploration to the Age of AIDS*. Ohio University Press, 2009.
- . *Sexuality and Social Justice in Africa: Rethinking Homophobia and Forging Resistance*. Zed Books, 2013.
- Gqola, Pumla Dineo. "How the 'cult of Femininity' and Violent Masculinities Support Endemic Gender Based Violence in Contemporary South Africa." *African Identities* 5, no. 1 (2007): 111–124.
- Hunter, Mark. *Love in the Time of AIDS: Inequality, Gender, and Rights in South Africa*. Indiana University Press, 2010.
- Livingston, Julie. *Improvising Medicine: An African Oncology Ward in an Emerging Cancer Epidemic*. Duke University Press, 2012.
- Lonsdale, John. "Soil, Work, Civilisation, and Citizenship in Kenya." *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 2, no. 2 (2008): 305–314.
- Niehaus, Isak. "Renegotiating Masculinity in the South African Lowveld: Narratives of Male-male Sex in Labour Compounds and in Prisons." *African Studies* 61, no. 1 (2002): 77–97.

Concepts and problems:

- Tradition
- Masculinity
- Sexuality
- Reproduction
- Violence

Week 11 The Rhizome State, Patrimonialism and Bureaucratic Rationality

Required reading:

Bayart, Jean Francois. *The State in Africa: The Politics of the Belly* (London: Longman, 1993), 1-104

Mbembe, Achille. *On the postcolony*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001, 24-65, 66 - 101 is optional.

Optional reading:

Bayart, Jean-Francois, Stephen Ellis, and Beatrice Hibou. *The Criminalization of the State in Africa*. Oxford: James Currey, 1999.

Chabal, Patrick, David Birmingham, Joshua Forrest, Malyn Newitt, Gerhard Seibert, and Elisa Silva Andrade. *A History of Postcolonial Lusophone Africa*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2002.

Chabal, Patrick, and Jean-Pascal Daloz. *Africa Works: Disorder as Political Instrument*. Oxford: James Currey, 1999.

Ellis, Stephen. *The Mask of Anarchy: The Destruction of Liberia and the Religious Dimension of an African Civil War*. New York: NYU Press, 1999.

Isak A Niehaus, Eliazaar Mohlala, Kalla Shlokane. *Witchcraft, Power and Politics : Exploring the Occult in the South African Lowveld (Anthropology, Culture and Society Series)* (New York: Pluto, 2001)

James Ferguson, *Expectations of Modernity: Myths and Meanings of Urban Life on the Zambian Copperbelt* (University of California Press, 1999)

Celestin Monga, *The Anthropology of Anger: Civil Society and Democracy in Africa* (Boulder and London: Lynne Reiner, 1996), 79-107

Week 12 The resource curse, dependency, extraversion and state power : the Angolan exception

Required Reading:

Bayart, J.-F. "Africa in the World: A History of Extraversion." *African Affairs* 99, no. 395 (2000): 217–67.

de Oliveira, Ricardo Soares. "Business Success, Angola-style: Postcolonial Politics and the Rise and Rise of Sonangol." *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 45, no. 04 (2007): 595–619.

de Oliveira, Ricardo Soares. "Illiberal Peacebuilding in Angola." *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 49, no. 02 (2011): 287–314.

Shaxson, Nicholas. "Oil, Corruption and the Resource Curse." *International Affairs* 83, no. 6 (2007): 1123–1140.

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- State ideas and state effects
- Governmentality and non-governmentality
- State "failure" and "success"