

# CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

## IRP, Spring 2015, Syllabus

### **Session 1: Stereotypes and Images of Africa in the West; Facts and Figures about Africa**

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Ibn Battuta: Mali; Robert O. Collins, *African History in Documents, Volume 1: Western African History*

Lord Lugard: *Indirect Rule in Tropical Africa* in Collins, op.cit.

Robert O. Collins: *Establishment of French Colonial Administration*, in Collins, op. cit.

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Leander Heldring and James A. Robinson: Colonialism and Development in Africa: Francophone vs. British Colonial Administrative Systems

### **Session 3: The Coming of Independence: Big Men, Pan Africanism and the First Democratic Wave:**

NNamdi Azikiwe: Nigeria and Independence, in Collins, op cit.

Kwame Nkrumah: The Axioms of Kwame Nkrumah in Collins, op cit

Leopold Senghor: The Spirit of Civilization or the Law of African Negro Culture, Collins, op. cit

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#### **Session 4: After the First Wave -- Can Democracy Work in Africa?**

Lise Rakner, Alina Rocha Menocal and Verena Fritz: Democratisation's Third Wave and the Challenges of Democratic Deepening (selected pages), *Working Paper, Advisory Board for Irish Aid, 2007*

Leonardo Ariola: Patronage and Political Stability in Africa, *Comparative Political Studies, 2009*

Richard Dowden: Governance: Little evidence of 'Africa Rising' in Ibrahim Index of African Governance, *African Arguments*

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Pierre Englebert and Dennis M Tull Post Conflict Reconstruction in Africa: Flawed Ideas about Failed States, *International Security, Vol 32, No, 4, Spring 2008*

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Moss, Chapter 7, Economic Reform and the Politics of Adjustment, 105-119

Moss, Chapter 8, The International Aid System, pp. 121-156

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Daniel Altman: Please Do Not Teach This Woman to Fish, *Foreign Policy*, June 9, 2014

#### **Session 6: The Great Debate: Does Foreign Aid Work?**

Report on the Millennium Development Goals - Excerpts

Intelligence Squared Debate – UTUBE – SHOW EXCERPTS IN CLASS

Jeffrey Sachs: The Case for Aid, *Foreign Policy*, 2014

William Easterly, The New Tyranny, *Foreign Policy*, 2014

Dambisa Moyo, Dead Aid, UTUBE (SHOW IN CLASS)

Book Reviews: Dead Aid, Paul Collier; Chola Mukanga

Nancy Birdsall and Homi Kharas, Quality of Official Development Assistance, *The Brookings Institution*, 2014

### **Session 7: China in Africa**

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Yun Sun: Africa in China's Foreign Policy, Introduction and Challenges in Africa's China Policy, John L. Thornton China Center and Africa Growth Initiative, The Brookings Institution

Trying to Pull It Together: Africans are asking whether China is making their lunch or eating it, *The Economist*, April 20, 2011

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Deborah Brautigam: The Chinese in Africa: The Economist Gets Some Things Right, Some Wrong; Deborah Brautigam, The Dragon's Gift Website

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Scott Straus: Wars Do End, *African Politics Now*, January 28, 2013

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United Nations: Firearms Trafficking in West Africa

Jakkie Cilliers and Julie Schuenemann: The Future of Inter-state Conflict in Africa, *Institute for Security Studies*, Pretoria, May 23, 2013

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Jon Temin: Holding It Together, *Foreign Policy*, June 2014

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### **General**

Roger Bate, Fighting the major diseases of Africa: sustaining the gains of the last decade, *American Enterprise Institute*, February 2012

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World Health Organization: World Malaria Report 2013, Summary and Key Findings

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Kirsten Majgaard and Alain Mingat : *Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Analysis*, Overview, World Bank 2012

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Monica Mark: African women making progress in battle for equal rights, The Guardian. 28 March 2014

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## **Session 11: Religion in Africa – still to come**

## **Session 12: Good News out of Africa**

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