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### **DV435 African Political Economy MT 2020**

Lecture: Recorded at mid-day on Tuesdays. Our lecture slot is 5-7 pm.

Films and post-film discussion (optional), Tues, 6:45 to 8:00 on line.

Seminars 1, 2, and 3: Professor Boone  
Wed. 9:30-11 and 11 to 12:30 in CBG 2.03 or on-line as needed  
Wed., 16:00 to 17:30 in CGB 1.03 or on-line as needed

Office hrs: Tues, 2-4 pm (on line). Sign up on Student Hub

#### I. Aims of the course

This class is an introduction to the study of contemporary African political economy, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. The goal of DV435 is to set major questions of state, politics, and economic development in Africa in historical, geographic, and international context. Course readings and lectures stress marked unevenness in national and subnational trajectories, aiming to describe and explain structure and variation in patterns of economic change and political competition across and within states. Students completing DV435 will come away with a better understanding of the economic and social underpinnings of order, conflict, and transformation in African countries.

There is a research component to DV435: each student will use secondary literature, grey literature, and other sources to develop particular knowledge about two country "case studies." The main vehicle for this is the team poster project (see below). Knowledge of these countries will be leveraged in the assessed assignments to consider general arguments concerning the political economy of Africa, and to compare/contrast the historical trajectories of different African states.

DV435 provides a foundation for DV418, African Development. DV418 adopts a more policy-oriented and sociological approach. The two courses, taken together, are required for the African Development specialism in the ID department.

#### II. DV435 Requirements

**Formative work: Draft Poster Project.** Draft team posters and individual written exercises due F., 30 October (end of Week 5). This will consist of two partially-completed (ie., draft) research posters produced by a team of 4 persons. Each student will submit, individually, 300 words that he or she has prepared for the posters. This can include material that expands upon text included in the posters. In addition, write 50 words that describe the poster-making experience itself. Professor Boone will meet with each team about their posters and return the 350 word documents to authors.

See "[Instructions for Poster Project](#)" posted on the DV435 Moodle site.

**Assessed short paper** (30%, 1,000 words) due F., 20 November (end of Week 8). This assignment constitutes, in effect, a trial-run of the Assessed Essay. Questions will be posted on Nov. 5. The

questions will draw upon the learning and analysis you have been doing for the poster project. You may incorporate poster text by citing the poster itself (eg. "Kimeni, Singh, Tyrell, and Go, "Research Poster on the PE of [Zambia]," v. 10 November 2020). Devote 100 words of the assessed short paper to describing the group work process and your contribution to the group project.

**Formative work: Final Poster project. Prof. Boone will meet with all teams to discuss research questions. Week 10-11**

**Assessed (ie., summative) Essay** (70%, 3,000 words, or about 10 double-spaced pages) in the first week of LT. Question will be posted on Dec. 1. You may incorporate revised text from the summative short paper. You may also incorporate poster text and images with proper citation to original sources and the poster itself (eg. "Kimeni, Singh, Tyrell, and Watson, "Research Poster on the PE of [Zambia]," v. 8, 30 Nov. 2020). 70% of your final grade is based upon this essay.

To score above 55/100 on the assessed work, students must (a.) show good knowledge of and cite a broad cross-section of required course readings and (b.) respond directly to the essay prompt, (3) draw on country-specific case material to support your main arguments, and (4) write a well-structured essay (strong introduction that clearly states the author's main argument, good paragraph structure (each with a strong topic sentence) and good conclusion that briefly summarizes and draws out implications of the work).

Attending weekly lectures and classes (seminar) are course requirements. Be sure to participate in class (seminar) each week -- by contributing to discussion, asking a question, or contributing actively in break-out groups (groups of 3-5 students). To prepare for class discussion, prepare answers to questions that appear as weekly assignments on this course syllabus.

### III. Readings

Required readings for each week are available via the LSE library as electronic journal articles or e-books, OR in the LSE library course book collection. The syllabus also lists recommended readings which you can draw upon according to your interests.

Books available in the course book collection of LSE library. ("Key Readings" on LSE Reading List on-line)

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940*, 2nd Edition (Cambridge U. Press, 2019 [2002])

Benno Ndulu et al., *The Political Economy of Economic Growth in Africa, 1960-2000*, Vol. 1 (Cambridge 2007)

Sara Berry, *No Condition is Permanent: The Social Dynamics of Agrarian Change in Africa* (U. Wisconsin Press), 1993

Mahmood Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject: Africa and the Legacy of late Colonialism* (Princeton 1996).

Alcinda Honwana. *The time of youth: Work, social change, and politics in Africa*. Kumarian Press Pub., 2012.

Keith Hart, *The Political Economy of West African Agriculture* (Cambridge, 1983).

Said Adejumobi, ed. 2015. *National Democratic Reforms in Africa: Changes and Challenges* (Palgrave Macmillian).

Abiodun Alao, *Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa* (Rochester, 2007).

Jon Schubert, Ulf Engel, and Elísio Salvado Macamo, eds., *Extractive industries and changing state dynamics in Africa : beyond the resource curse* (London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis 2018)

#### IV. DV435 Moodle Page.

The course Moodle Page contains electronic copies of this syllabus, other handouts, other resources (such as copies of essay questions, assessed essay, and exam questions from last year), lecture recordings (when available), and links readings available via the LSE library on-line catalogue. We may post some readings in PDF format on the Moodle page.

#### V. Films (optional) Showings via Zoom or YouTube

Week 1. Sept. 29. no film

Week 2, Oct. 6. *Good Fortune*, by Landon van Soest, 2009

Week 3. Oct. 13. *End of Empire: Gold Coast* (BBC, c. 1975)

Week 4. Oct. 20. *Lumumba*, by Raoul Peck (2000)

Week 5. Oct. 27. *The Africans: In Search of Stability* (Ali Mazuri, WNET Boston, c. 1989)

Week 7. Nov. 10. *An African Election* (by Jarreth Merz, 2011)

Week 8. Nov. 17. *When China Met Africa* (Nick and Mark Francis, 2010, Speakit Films)

Week 9. Nov. 24. *Stealing Africa?* Christoffer Guldbrandsen, dir. (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNYemuiAOfU&t=20s>

Week 10: Dec. 1 *Not Yet Kenyan*, Al Jazeera Correspondant, (avail. via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeagOhyABXU>)

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#### VI. Blogs

An Africanist Perspective. <https://kenopalo.com>

The Week in Africa. [thisweekinafrica.tumblr.com](http://thisweekinafrica.tumblr.com)

Africa at LSE Blog <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/>

Africa is a Country <http://africasacountry.com>

CODESRIA, [codesria.org](http://codesria.org)

#### VII. Poster resources, maps, data, etc See separate hand-out on "Instructions for Poster Project" (posted on Moodle)

**Week 1: 29 Sept, 2020.**  
**Introduction and Course Overview**

**Film:** *no film*

Required readings:

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present*, 2nd Edition (CUP 2019 [2002]), Ch. 1.

Thandika Mkandawire, "Thinking about Developmental States in Africa," *Cambridge J. of Economics*, 25 (2001), pp. 289-313.

Léonce Ndikumana. 2015. "Integrated yet Marginalized: Implications of Globalization for African Development," *African Studies Review*, 58/2 (Sept.): 7-29

Recommended

Amina Mama, "Is it Ethical to Study Africa?" *African Studies Review* 50/1 (2007): 1-26.

Mark Matera, *Black London*, Ch. 6, Black Intellectuals and the Development of Colonial Studies in Britain.

**Week 2. Tues., 6 Oct. 2020**

**Film:** *Good Fortune*, by L. van Soest, 2009

**History, Geography, and Policy in the African Growth Debate**

This lecture introduces debates over Africa's growth trajectory. Some analysts describe "poor economic performance" as chronic and unchanging (Bloom, Sachs, et al). Others see the growth trajectory as episodic, and interspersed by recurring periods of growth (see Ndulu 2008, Jerven 2010). This lecture discusses the sources these debates, arguing that their roots lie in issues of periodization, historical timelines, and the levels of aggregation/ disaggregation of the data. It also introduces debates over the causes (drivers) of growth trends. According to Jerven (2010), what determines whether "growth episodes" produced sustained growth, or not?

Classes/ poster: This week, class members will join ~4 person groups to analyze two countries from different regions of Africa. These are the "case studies" class members will work on over the course of the term. Where do your countries fit into the typology in Ndulu and O'Connell (2008), Table 1.3? What info. provided in Boom and Sachs, pp. 214-240 is relevant to your two countries?

Choose one person to be in charge of each column, one to be the communications liaison, and one to be the PPT initiator (to create the PPT template, get everyone connected to it).

Search the web or go to the World Development Indicators at [data.worldbank.org](http://data.worldbank.org) and "browse by country" (or similar) to get a figure tracing each country's' GNI or GDP per capita over time. Does it follow trajectories described in the readings?

Required Readings:

part of David E. Bloom, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Paul Collier, Christopher Udry, "Geography, Demography, and Economic Growth in Africa," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, vol. 1988, n. 2 (1998): 207-51 only .

Morten Jerven, "African Growth Recurring: An Economic History Perspective on African Growth Episodes," *Econ. History of Developing Regions*, 25/2 (2010): 127-154.

part of Ndulu and O'Connell, part of Ch.1, "Policy plus: African growth performance, 1960-2000," in Benno J. Ndulu et al, *The Political Economy of Economic Growth in Africa: 1960-2000*, 2008, pp. 1-26, 41-46.

Radelet, S. "Emerging Africa: How 17 countries are leading the way," Center for Global Development Policy Brief, September 2010 (4 pages only).

Recommended and Background: See recommended readings by week at the end of this document.

### **Week 3. T., 13 Oct. 2020**

Film: *End of Empire: Gold Coast (Boston Public TV)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFe4xB-swt8>

### **Colonialism and Colonial States in Africa: Rule and Revenue**

Lectures and readings in Week 2 and 3 focus on colonial state formation processes and colonial economies. We study the creation of contemporary African states through the colonial partition of Africa, establishment of colonial states, and the development of internal structures of rule and revenue generation. These processes built upon but profoundly modified pre-existing economic and political structures. Cooper (2002) describes the colonial states and economies as unstable and unsustainable. Why? What institutional, economic, and political legacies did they leave behind?

Classes/ poster:

How do your two countries come up in this week's readings (if at all)? How are endowment and location related to colonial growth strategies in your two countries? What were the main sources of state revenue in these countries in the colonial era? Was indirect rule implemented as a governing strategy?

### **Required Readings:**

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present* (Cambridge 2019 [2002]), Chs. 2, 3

Leigh Gardner, *Taxing Colonial Africa: The Political Economy of British Imperialism* (Oxford U. Press, 2012), Ch. 1, "An Introduction to the Problem of Colonial Taxation," pp. 1-13.

Mahmood Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism* (Princeton 1996), Ch 2.

Marlous van Waijenburg. (2018) "Financing the African Colonial State: The Revenue Imperative and Forced Labor." *J. of Economic History* 78(1): 40-80.

**Week 4, T., 20 October 2020**

Film: *Lumumba* (Raul Peck, 2000)

**Colonial Economies and the crises of post-WWII colonialism**

This week focuses on structure and variation in the economies of colonial Africa, building upon the typology established by Samir Amin. We trace post-WWII forms of political and economic instability that emerged in the African colonies, and rulers' attempts to stabilize government and expand economies. This analysis of colonial states lays groundwork for understanding the "successor states" that emerged with the granting of political independence.

Nationalist movements united against the colonizers but often divided along regional lines and over competing visions of the postcolonial state.

Classes/ Poster work: Do your countries (or subnational regions within them) fit into an of Amin's typological of colonialisms, which distinguishes between colonial cash-crop, concession states, and labor reserves? What could be long-term political and economic implications of each of these various economic "types"?

**Required Readings:**

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present* (Cambridge 2019 [2002]), Ch. 4

Gareth Austin, "African Economic Development and Colonial Legacies," *International Development Policy/ Revue Internationale de politique de développement*, 1 (2010): 11-32.  
<https://doi.org/10.4000/poldev.78>

Samir Amin, "Underdevelopment and Dependence in Black Africa: Origins and Contemporary Forms," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 10.4 (1972): 503-24.

Sara Berry, *No Condition is Permanent: The Social Dynamics of Agrarian Change in Africa* (U. of Wisconsin Press), ch. 2, "Hegemony on a Shoestring, Indirect Rule and Farmers' Access to Resources," 22-43.

**Week 5, 27 October 2020**

Film: *The Africans: In Search of Stability* (Ali Mazuri, 1989)

**Building States and National Economies in 1960-1980.**

Postcolonial rulers sought to promote growth while maintaining and extending control over territory, populations and resource flows. State-led developmentalism -- including the expansion of the civil service, infrastructure, social services, export crop production, and light industry -- supported this kind of state-building. The logic of subnational administration and subnational boundary creation was closely linked to the allocation of subnational entitlements, especially to the allocation/regulation of land access. We shall see that economic liberalization in the late 1980s and 1990s restructured these arrangements and disrupted territorial strategies of rule.

Classes/ Poster: Add Observatory of Economic Complexity at <https://oec.world/en/> and Yale Gecon Project Economic Activity maps ( <https://gecon.yale.edu>) to your posters.. How are each country's main economic activities distributed in space. To what extent do these patterns reflect post-colonial development strategies?

**Required Readings:**

J.F. Ade Ajayi, "Expectations of Independence," *Daedalus*, vol. 111, n. 2 (Spring), 1982: 1-9.

Jeffrey Herbst, *States and Power in Africa*, Ch. 1 and 5

Sara Berry, *No Condition is Permanent: The Social Dynamics of Agrarian Change in Africa* (U. of Wisconsin Press), ch. 3, "Inconclusive Encounters: Farmers and the State in the Era of Planned Development" pp. 43-66.

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940* (Cambridge 2002), Ch. 5.

Formative: Draft Poster submission and individual word doc. with poster text. you have written: Friday of Week 5.

**Week 6. 3 Nov. 2020. Reading Week****Week 7, 10 Nov 2020**

*An African Election* (by Jarreth Merz, 2011)

**The Changing International Context of Development: Economic Liberalization in the 1980s and 1990s**

What went wrong in the late 1970s and 1980s and what were the "recurrent crises" that Cooper (2002/2019) writes of? What growth strategy was proposed by the IFIs through Structural Adjustment Programs, and how did this differ from the growth model(s) of the 1950s and 1960s? In Africa, how and why did the experience with the SAPs vary across countries?

Classes/ Poster. Add over time economic macroindicators. Do the continent's "lost decades" show up in the ebb and flow of each country's macroindicators? Why or why not? What is the experience with economic and political liberalization in your two case study countries?

**Required Readings**

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940*, Ch. 7, "The Recurrent Crises of the Gatekeeper State."

J. Barry Riddell, "Things fall apart again: Structural Adjustment Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa," *J. of Modern African Studies*, 30/1 (1992): 53-68.

Howard Stein, "From Structural Adjustment to 'Poverty Reduction,'" Adjustment to the Crisis and the Crisis of Adjustment," Ch. 2 in Howard Stein, *Beyond the World Bank Agenda* (Univ. of Chicago Press, 2008).



Ndikumana, Leonce and James K. Boyce. 2011. Capital Flight from Sub-Saharan Africa: Linkages with External Borrowing and Policy Options, *International Review of Applied Economics*, vol. 25, n°2, March, pp. 149-170.

**Week 8, T., 17 Nov. 2020**

FILM: *China in Africa*

**The Dual Liberalisations: Economic and Political Liberalization since 1990**

What was the connection, if any, between the SAPs and the return to multiparty competition in the 1990s? Has multipartism produced democracy?

Classes/ Poster: Find 2-3 maps summarizing electoral geography (or similar) in your two countries. How much have patterns of partisan and regional cleavage changed over time? Do the political cleavages/ clusterings relate to economic geography and administrative divisions? What could explain the observed geographic patterns of political mobilization and electoral competition?

**Required Readings**

Thandika Mkandawire, "Crisis Management and the Making of "Choiceless Democracies," in Richard Joseph, ed., *State, Conflict, and Democracy in Africa* (Lynne Rienner, 1999), pp. 119-136.

Opalo, Kennedy (2012) 'African Elections: Two Divergent Trends' *J. of Democracy*, 23(3): 80-93.

Said Adejumobi, "Democratic Performance in Africa: Uneven Progress, Faltering Hopes," chapter 1 in Adejumobi, ed., *National Democratic Reforms in Africa: Changes and Challenges* (Palgrave, 2015), pp. 1-15.

C. Boone, "'Africa's New Territorial Politics: Regionalism and the Open Economy in Côte d'Ivoire,'" *African Studies Review* 50/1 (April 2007): 59-81.

Biniam Bedasso. 2017. "For richer, for poorer: Why ethnicity often trumps economic cleavages in Kenya." *Review of African Political Economy*, 44/151: 10-29.

**Assessed short paper** (30%, 1,000 words) due F., 20 November (end of Week 8). Questions posted on Nov. 5.

**Week 9, 24 Nov. 2020**

Film: *Stealing Africa* [on Glencore in Zambia]

**African Economies in a "post-Washington Consensus" World : China, Extractives, and Resource Boom since 2000**

Is China's rapidly growing role as an investor and "development partner" in African countries contributing to structural transformation of African economies, or is partnership with China deepening Africa's dependence on the extraction and export of raw materials? How have the entry of China as a major player and the related 2004-2014 resource boom impacted development thinking ("policy space") and investment patterns in Africa?



What remains of the WC and what has been transformed? Should we expect convergence across subnational regions or an exacerbation of agglomeration effects, which favor "leading regions"?

Class/Poster. Work to detect and understand changes in infrastructure and economic activity since 2000. Do any of the changes appear to reflect new post-2000 growth models or development drivers as described in this week's readings?

### Required Readings

Mkandawire, Thandika. "Can Africa Turn from Recovery to Development?" *Current History* 113, no. 763 (2014): 171.

Fantu Cheru and Cyril Obi, eds. 2010. *The Rise of China and India in Africa* (Uppsala and London: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet and Zed Press), Introduction and Ch. 1 (pp. 1-20).

Jon Schubert, Ulf Engle, and Elisio Macamo, "Introduction: Boom and bust: extractive industries and African states in the twenty-first century," in Schubert et al, *Extractive industries and changing state dynamics in Africa: Beyond the resource curse*, (London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis 2018): 1-18.

Hickey, S. (2012) 'Beyond 'Poverty Reduction through Good Governance': The new political economy of development in Africa.' *New Political Economy* 18 (2) 683-90.

Kragelund, Peter. "'Donors go home': Non-traditional state actors and the creation of development space in Zambia," *Third World Quarterly* 35/1 (2014): 145-62.

**Week 10, 1 December 2020**

**Film:** *Not Yet Kenyan*, Al Jazeera Correspondent

### **The Political Economy of Inequality : The Uneven Effects of Economic Opening and Natural Resource-based Development**

Economic inequality has long been a stark reality in African countries. Since the dual liberalizations of the 1990s, inequality (and especially regional inequality) seems to be increasing in many African countries. How is this linked to patterns of uneven development that were visible in earlier periods? How do new growth strategies (extractives, new productive-sector policies) and patterns of FDI shape or reshape existing patterns of income and spatial (subnational) inequality, and how does this translate into politics? These often serve as templates for new local resource conflicts, electoral conflict, and even civil war.

Class/Poster: Consider the spatial distribution of inequality in each of your countries. What could explain observed unevenness? Do you think that these patterns have changed over time and if so, in what direction? What could the sources of these inequalities be, and are those changing or constant? Do spatial inequalities find political expression in electoral politics, civil conflicts, or other ways in the 21st century? Consider information in Poverty Maps and electoral maps.

### Required readings

Abdul-Gafaru Abdulai, Rethinking Spatial Inequality in Development: The Primacy of Power Relations," *J. of International Development* 29/3 (April 2017): 386-403

Abiodun Alao, *Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa* (Rochester, 2007), Ch. 1, "Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa: Framework for Understanding a Linkage," pp. 14-40.

G. Ostby, R. Nordas and J.K. Rod. 2009. "Regional Inequalities and Civil Conflict in sub-Saharan Africa," *International Studies Quarterly*, 53/2: 2009: 301-3245.

Lindsay Whitfield and Lars Buur, "The Politics of Industrial Policy: Ruling Elites and their Alliances," *Third World Quarterly*, 35/1 (2014): 126-44.

Abubakar K. Monguno and Ibrahim Umara, "Why in Borno? The history, geography, and sociology of Islamic radicalization," Mustapha and Meagher, eds., *Overcoming Boko Haram* (2020). 64-92.

**Week 11, T., 8 Dec. 2020**

film: *China in Africa*

### **Growth Models and National Projects: Varieties of Capitalism and Political Consolidation in Africa**

This session describes cross-national variation in economic and regulatory structure in Africa. Are these differences explained by policy choice -- ie., different growth models pursued by national leadership? What about locational and historical factors, or geography, institutional quality, and international economic factors? How do these growth patterns shape patterns of subnational inequality and regional politics within countries?

What are the tensions between space-blind economic development strategies and national-integration? What is the tension between an Africa Free Trade Zone (which aims to liberalize trade *between* countries) and national integration *within* countries?

Class/ Poster: What is more important in explaining variation in the structure of national economies in Africa today -- geography and endowment, national politics and institutions, nature of the global economy, or the policy choices of leaders? Discuss with respect to your two country case studies.

How have patterns and processes of democratic political competition evolved in your two countries since the 1990s? What could explain tensions between sub-national regions tensions as well as ebb and flows in political stability/ conflictuality over time?

### **Required reading**

Fosu, A. and E. Ogunlele. 2018. African growth strategies -- the past, present, and future. *The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics -- Volume II: Policies and Practices*, OUP. Ch. 1, pp. 23-38.

## Recommended readings by week

### Week 2

#### Recommended and Background Readings:

Fouad Makki, "Postcolonial Africa and the World Economy: The Long Waves of Uneven Development," *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 21/1 (2014): 124-146.

Crawford Young, *The Postcolonial State in Africa: Fifty Years of Independence* (U. of Wisconsin Press, 2012).

Morten Jerven, *Poor Numbers: How we are misled by African development statistics and what we can do about it* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell U. Press, 2011).

Omolade Adumbi, *Oil Wealth and Insurgency in Nigeria*, Bloomington: Indiana U. Press, 2015.

Léonce Ndikumana. 2015. "Integrated yet Marginalized: Implications of Globalization for African Development," *African Studies Review*, 58/2 (Sept.): 7-29

Niels Fold and Marianne Nylandsted Larsen, eds., *Globalization and Restructuring of African Commodity Flows*, 2008

Celestin Monga and Justin Yifu Lin, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics. Volume I: Contexts and Concepts; Volume II: Policies and Practices*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Akyüz, Yilmaz and Charles Gore. 2001. "African Economic Development in a Comparative Perspective," *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, vol. 25, n°3, May, pp. 265-288.

### Week 3. Colonialism and Colonial States in Africa: Rule and Revenue

#### Recommended:

Emmanuel Akyeampong, "Commerce, Credit, and Mobility in Late Nineteen-Century Gold Coast: Changing Dynamics of Euro-African Trade," in E. Akyeampong et al, *Africa's Development in Historical Perspective* (CUP 2014), pp. 231-264.

Iliffe, J. (1995), *Africans: A History of the Continent*, Cambridge University Press.

Bade Onimode, "Imperialism and Underdevelopment in Nigeria," and A. Adu Boahen, "The Colonial Impact," all in Robert O. Collins et al., eds., *Historical Problems in the Study of Africa* (Princeton: Markus Wiener, 1994, pp. 294-315).

Lovejoy, Paul E. (1989) "The Impact of the Atlantic Slave Trade on Africa: A Review of the Literature." *Journal of African History* 30, 365-394.

Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson, "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation" NBER Working Paper 771, June 2000.

David Y. Albouy, "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation:

Comment" American Economic Review 2012. 102(6): 3059-3076.]

Jeffrey Herbst, *States and Power in Africa* (Princeton 2000)

A. Adu Boahen, *African Perspectives on Colonialism* (Baltimore: John Hopkins, 1987).

Justin Willis, "Hukm: The creolization of authority in Condominium Sudan," *J. of African History*, 46 (2005), 29-50.

Chris Vaughan, "Reinventing the Wheel? Local Government and Neo-Traditional Authority in the Late-Colonial Northern Sudan," *J. of African Historical Studies*, 43/2 (2010): 255-278.

Richens, P., 2009. The Economic Legacies of the "Thin White Line": Indirect Rule and the Comparative Development of Sub-Saharan Africa. *African Economic History*, 37, pp.33-102.

Monica van Beusekem and Dorothy Hodgson, "Lessons Learned? Development experiences in the late colonial period," *JAH* 41 (2001): 29-33.

Jan S. Hogendorn and K. M. Scott, "The East African Groundnut Scheme: Lessons of a large-scale agricultural failure," *African Economic History* 10 (1981).

Simensen, Jarle. "Rural mass action in the context of anti-colonial protest: the Asafo movement of Akim Abuakwa, Ghana." *Canadian Journal of African Studies/La Revue canadienne des études africaines* 8, no. 1 (1974): 25-41.

Waller, Richard. "Rebellious youth in colonial Africa." *The Journal of African History* 47, no. 1 (2006): 77-92.

Marlous van Waijenburg. (2018) "Financing the African Colonial State: The Revenue Imperative and Forced Labor." *J. of Economic History* 78(1): 40-80.

#### **Week 4**

#### **Colonial Economies and the crises of post-WWII colonialism**

#### Recommended:

Keith Hart, *The Political Economy of West African Agriculture* (Cambridge, 1983), Chs. 2, 4

Hopkins, Anthony G. (1973) *An Economic History of West Africa*, New York: Addison Wesley Longman.

Young, Crawford (1994) *The African Colonial State in Comparative Perspective*, New Haven: Yale University Press.

Keijiro Otsuka and Frank Place, "Land Tenure and Ag. Intensification in Sub-Saharan Africa," pp. 289-307 in Celestin Monga and Justin Yifu Lin, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics*, Vol. 2, Policies and Practices (OUP 2015).

Kristin Mann and Richard Roberts, eds., *Law in Colonial Africa* (Heinemann and J. Currey, 1991), pp. 3-60.

Terrence Ranger, "Concluding Comments," in Paris Yeros, ed., *Ethnicity and Nationalism in Africa* (Macmillan, 1999): 133-145.

**Week 5****Building States and National Economies in 1960-1980.****Recommended**

Paul Nugent, "States and Social Contracts in Africa," *New Left Review* 63, May/June 2010: 35-63.

Claude Ake, *A Political Economy of Africa* (Essex: Longman, 1981).

Patrick J. McGowan, African Military Coups d'Etat, 1956-2001: Frequency, Trends, and Distribution," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 41/3 (Sept) 2003.

Bates, Robert H. (1981) *Markets and States in Tropical Africa*, Berkeley: U. of California Press.

Benno Ndulu and Stephen A. O'Connell, "Policy Plus: African Growth Performance, 1960-2000," in Ndulu et al., *The PE of Economic Growth in Africa, 1960-2000*, Vol. 1 (Cambridge 2007), pp. 3-75.

Catherine Boone, *Political Topographies of the African State: Territorial Authority and Institutional Choice* (Cambridge 2003).

Carola Lentz, "'I take an oath to the state, not the government,' Career Trajectories and Professional Ethics of Ghanaian Public Servants," in Thomas Bierschenk and Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, eds., *States at Work: Dynamics of African Bureaucracies* (Leiden and Boston, Brill Publishers, 2014: 175-204.

M. Pressa, D. Elands, and A. Lecours.. 2011. "Nationalism, development, and social policy: The politics of nation-building in sub-Saharan Africa. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 34 (12). p. 2115-2133.

Nzongola-Ntalaja, G. 2007. "The Politics of Citizenship in the Democratic Republic of Congo," in Sara Rich Dorman et al, eds., *Making Nations, Creating Strangers: States and Citizenship in Africa*, Brill, pp. 69-80.

Gerard Emmanuel and Bruce Kuklick, *Death in the Congo: murdering Patrice Lumumba* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press 2015.

Tareke, G., 2014. *The Ethiopian revolution: War in the Horn of Africa*. Yale.

**Week 6. Reading week****Week 7****Recommended**

Thomas J. Biersteker, "The 'triumph' of liberal economic ideas in the developing world," in Barbara Stallings, ed., *Global Change, Regional Response: The New International Context of Development* (Cambridge, 1995), pp. 174-196.

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