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COURSE PLAN

IMPORTANT!

Participants in the course must buy or borrow the following books which will all be used during the course:

Daniel Jordan Smith, *A Culture of Corruption. Everyday Deception and Popular Discontent in Nigeria*, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2007.

Elisha P. Renne, *The Politics of Polio in Northern Nigeria*, Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 2010.

Harry West, *Ethnographic Sorcery*, Chicago, The University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Paul Gifford, *Christianity, Politics and Public Life in Kenya*, London, C. Hurst & Co., 2009.

Benjamin F. Soares and René Otayek (eds.), *Islam and Muslim Politics in Africa*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

All five books are available in paperback editions.

7 February: Introducing 'Religion, Culture and Society in Africa'

9 February: Approaches (1)

Achille Mbembe, *On the Postcolony*, Berkeley, University of California Press, 2001, pp. 1-23.
[E-BOOK]

Emmanuel Akyeampong, "The African Voice in African Studies Today", unpublished paper, 24 October 2003. [ABSALON]

14 February: Winter holiday

16 February: Winter holiday

21 February: Approaches (2)

Patrick Chabal, *Africa. The Politics of Suffering and Smiling*, London, Zed Books, 2009, pp. 1-23. [MASTER COPY]

Murray Last, “‘Bleak Moments’: A Note on Chabal’s *Africa: The Politics of Suffering and Smiling*”, *Critical African Studies*, Issue 2, 2009, pp. 23-27. [ONLINE]

James Ferguson, *Global Shadows. Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*, Durham, Duke University Press, 2006, pp. 1-23. [MASTER COPY]

23 February: Power and Political Culture

Achille Mbembe, “Provisional Notes on the Postcolony”, *Africa*, vol. 62(1), 1992, pp. 3-37. [ONLINE]

James Ferguson, *Global Shadows*, pp. 89-112. [MASTER COPY]

28 February: The Past and the Present

Terence Ranger, “Nationalist Historiography, Patriotic History and the History of the Nation: the Struggle over the Past in Zimbabwe”, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, vol. 30(2), 2004, pp. 215-234. [ONLINE]

E.S. Atieno Odhiambo, “The Production of History in Kenya. The Mau Mau Debate”, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, vol. 25(2), 1991, pp. 300-307. [ONLINE]

Wale Adebani, “The cult of Awo: the political life of a dead leader”, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, vol. 46(3), 2008, pp. 335-360. [ONLINE]

Brempong Osei-Tutu, “‘Slave Castles’ and the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Ghanaian and African American Perspectives”, *Ghana Studies*, vol. 7, 2004, pp. 59-78. [ABSALON]

1 March: Belonging: Citizenship and Autochtony

Bambi Ceuppens and Peter Geschiere, "Autochtony: Local or Global? New Modes in the Struggle over Citizenship and Belonging in Africa and Europe", *Annual Review of Anthropology*, vol. 34, 2005, pp. 385-407. [ONLINE]

Philip Ostien, "Jonah Jang and the Jasawa: Ethno-Religious Conflict in Jos, Nigeria", *Muslim-Christian Relations in Africa*, August 2009, pp. 1-42. [ONLINE]

6 March: Belonging: Death and Burials

David William Cohen and E.S. Atieno Odhiambo, *Burying SM. The Politics of Knowledge and the Sociology of Power in Africa*, London, James Currey, 1992, pp.1-20. [MASTER COPY]

Susan Reynolds Whyte, "Going Home? Belonging and Burial in the Era of AIDS", *Africa*, vol. 75(2), 2005, pp. 154-172. [ONLINE]

Felicitas Becker, "Islamic Reform and Historical Change in the Care of the Dead: Conflicts over Funerary Practice among Tanzanian Muslims", *Africa*, vol. 79(3), 2009, pp. 416-434. [ONLINE]

8 March: Belonging: Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism and Patriotism

Richard Fardon, "Cosmopolitan Nations, National Cosmopolitans", in Pnina Werbner (ed.), *Anthropology and the New Cosmopolitanism. Rooted, Feminist and Vernacular Perspectives*, Oxford, Berg, 2008, pp. 233-259. [E-BOOK]

John Lonsdale, "Writing Competitive Patriotisms in Eastern Africa", in Derek R. Peterson and Giacomo Macola (eds.), *Recasting the Past. History Writing and Political Work in Modern Africa*, Athens, Ohio University Press, 2009, pp. 251-267. [E-BOOK]

Murray Last, "Nation-breaking and not-belonging in Nigeria: withdrawal, resistance, riot?", unpublished conference paper, European Conference of African Studies, Leipzig, 2009. [ABSALON]

13 March: Everyday Life and Popular Discontent (1)

Daniel Jordan Smith, *A Culture of Corruption. Everyday Deception and Popular Discontent in Nigeria*, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2007, pp. xi-xxiii, 1-52.

15 March: Everyday Life and Popular Discontent (2)

Smith, *op.cit.*, pp. 53-111.

20 March: Everyday Life and Popular Discontent (3)

Smith, *op.cit.*, pp. 112-165.

22 March: Everyday Life and popular Discontent (4)

Smith, *op.cit.*, pp. 166-231.

27 March: Urban Life in Africa: Film

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29 March: Religion, Culture and Health (1)

Elisha P. Renne, *The Politics of Polio in Northern Nigeria*, Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 2010, pp. 1-50.

3 April: Easter holiday

5 April: Easter holiday

10 April: Religion, Culture and Health (2)

Renne, *op.cit.*, pp. 51-85.

12 April: Religion, Culture and Health (3)

Renne, *op.cit.*, pp. 86-126.

17 April: Meaning, Rationality and Ethnographic Sorcery (1)

Harry West, *Ethnographic Sorcery*, Chicago, The University of Chicago Press, 2007, pp. ix-xiv, 1-34.

19 April: Meaning, Rationality and Ethnographic Sorcery (2)

West, *op.cit.*, pp. 35-60.

24 April: Meaning, Rationality and ethnographic Sorcery (3)

West, *op.cit.*, pp. 61-93.

26 April: Christianity and Public Life (1)

Paul Gifford, *Christianity, Politics and Public Life in Kenya*, London, C. Hurst & Co., 2009, pp. 1-55.

1 May: Christianity and Public Life (2)

Gifford, *op.cit.*, pp. 56-108.

3 May: Christianity and Public Life (3)

Gifford, *op.cit.*, pp. 109-172.

8 May: Christianity and Public Life (4)

Gifford, *op.cit.*, pp. 173-251.

10 May: Muslim Identities and Politics (1)

Benjamin F. Soares and René Otayek (eds.), *Islam and Muslim Politics in Africa*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007, pp. 1-63.

15 May: Muslim Identities and Politics (2)

Soares and Otayek, *op.cit.*, pp. 65-136.

17 May: Ascension Day. No class

22 May: Muslim Identities and Politics (3)

Soares and Otayek, *op.cit.*, pp. 137-208.

24 May: Muslim Identities and Politics (4)

Soares and Otayek, *op.cit.*, pp. 211-262.