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## DIPL 6700 AA International Relations of African States

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**International Relations of African States DIPL 6700AA**  
**School of Diplomacy and International Relations**  
**Seton Hall University**  
**Spring 2016 - COURSE SYLLABUS**  
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**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice* (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015)
- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010.

**Other assigned text online and on reserve in the library.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines core themes in the international relations of African States, intra-relations among African States, and relations between Africa and the rest of the world. Africa's integration into the global system ushered in a diverse range of changes across its political, economic and social structures. The course investigates the impacts of these shifting dynamics on politics and governance across Africa. It helps understand institution building in the post-colonial era, democratization and conflict, and Africa's evolving role in a Globalized era. The course also looks at the role of key partners and international institutions active on the continent. The course explores the themes behind African international relations and foreign policy while highlighting the core challenges and global opportunities for African States. The course is divided in to three sections:

- *Part I – Pan- Africanism, Nationalism and Institution Building*
- *Part II - Post-Cold War Politics –Democratization and State Building*
- *Part III – Africa in the Contemporary era of Globalization*

## COURSE OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to attain the following:

1. Analyze Africa's political institutions from the region's traditional premises.
2. Understand how colonization shaped Africa's traditional governance trajectories.
3. Compare decolonization and independence efforts of French, English and Portuguese speaking countries.
4. Describe democratization challenges posed by ethnic, religious and class struggles.
5. Understand the challenges of nation building in the post-cold War era - military interventions, coups conflicts, and the democratization process.
6. Describe the evolution of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to the African Union (AU).
7. Analyze significant events in Africa's relation with the US.
8. Locate the growing influence of China in Africa.

## ASSIGNMENTS & GRADES

- 15% - Attendance and Participation
- 40 % - Research Paper
- 25% - Writing Assignments
- 20% - Mid-Term Exam (Take Home)

**1. Research Paper. (40%)** One of the main requirements of this course is to write an original research paper based on the International Relations of Africa in the last 50 years. All papers are due at the beginning of class Week 12. All papers must be double spaced and be no less than 15 pages in length. Everyone will also have a chance to present their findings in the last day of class.

- *Research Proposals:* Students must submit a 4-5 pages proposal for the research by Week 3 of the semester.

**2. Writing Assignments:** Students will be required to submit four written assignments. The paper can either be analytical or a reaction to the assigned readings. Each assignment should be a minimum of 4-5 **pages long (double spaced)** using MLA or APA Chicago style format. The written assignment is a reaction paper designed to test students' knowledge of material covered and strengthened students writing skills.

**3. Midterm Exams:** This is a take-home mid-term exam. Students will be required to answer one out of three questions. The response should be **4-6 pages long (double spaced)** using MLA or APA Chicago style format. The exam is designed to test students' knowledge of material covered in the first half of the course. Questions will be handed out on **February 24, 2016** and papers are due in class **March 2, 2016**

**4. Class participation.** All students will be assigned a day to facilitate in-class discussions. Each student is to write an original 2 page reaction to the assigned readings for the day they lead class discussion. All papers are due on by the day of class they are assigned to lead. Everyone is required to present their reactions in class.

### **Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct:**

Seton Hall University requires all students adhere to the university's Academic Integrity and Student Conduct Policy. Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will be reported to the administration, and may result in a lowered or failing grade for the course and up to possible dismissal from the School of Diplomacy. See university and school standards for academic conduct here: <http://www.shu.edu/offices/student-life/community-standards/community-standards.cfm/> <http://www.shu.edu/academics/diplomacy/academic-conduct.cf>

### **Grading:**

A	-	93-100
A-	-	90-92
B+	-	88-89
B	-	83-87
B-	-	80-82
C+	-	78-79
C	-	73-77
F	-	72-0

### **Accommodation**

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, students at Seton Hall University who have a disability may be eligible for accommodations in this course. Should a student require such accommodation, he or she must self-identify at the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), Room 67, and Duffy Hall, provide documentation of said disability, and work with DSS to develop a plan for accommodations. The contact person is Ms. Diane Delorenzo at [\(973\) 313-6003](tel:9733136003)

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

### Week 1: Introduction

- Class and Course Introduction
- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010. (Introduction)

## PART I: Pan-Africanism, Nationalism and Institution Building

### Week 2: Pan-Africanism, African Nationalism, & Decolonization

- Murithi, Timothy. *The African Union: Pan-Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development*. Page: 7-37. (Online)
- Rupert Emerson . “Pan-Africanism”. *International Organization*, Vol. 16, No. 2, (Spring, 1962), pp. 275-290. (Online)
- Kwame Nantambu . “Pan-Africanism Versus Pan-African Nationalism: An Afrocentric Analysis”. *Journal of Black Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 5 (May, 1998), pp. 561-574. (Online)

### Week 3: Integration vs. Non-intervention (Casablanca vs. Monrovia)

- Immanuel Wallerstein. “The Early Years of the OAU: The Search for Organizational Preeminence”. *International Organization*, Vol. 20, No. 4 (Autumn, 1966), pp. 774-787. (Online)
- “Toward Unity in Africa”. Clyde Sanger, *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (Jan., 1964), pp. 269-281. (Online)
- Kurt B. Young. “Africa Must Unite Revisited: Continuity and Change in the Case for Continental Unification”. *Africa Today*, Volume 57, Number 1, Fall 2010, pp. 43-63. (Online)

## PART II: Post-Cold War Politics –Democratization and Conflict

### Week 4: New Regionalism; Conflict, Management, & Peace building

- Murithi, Timothy. *The African Union: Pan-Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development*. Page: 82-111. (Online)
- Armstrong M. Adejo. “From OAU to AU: New Wine in Old Bottles?” *African Journal of International Affairs*, vol. 4 nos 1 & 2, 2001. (Online)
- Benedikt Franke. “Competing Regionalisms in Africa and the Continent’s Emerging Security Architecture”. *African Studies Quarterly*. Volume 9, Issue 3, Spring 2007. (Online)
- David J. Francis. “Peacekeeping in a bad neighbourhood: The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in peace and security in West Africa”. *African Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 2010. Volume 57, Number 2, Winter 2010. (Online)
- Peter Arthur. “ECOWAS and Regional Peacekeeping Integration in West Africa: Lessons for the Future”. Volume 57, Number 2, Winter 2010. (Online)

**Week 5: New Regionalism; Economic Integration**

- Sylvanus Kwaku Afesorgbor, Peter A.G. van Bergeijk. "Multi-membership and the effectiveness of regional trade agreements in Western and Southern Africa: A comparative study of ECOWAS and SADC". Institute of Social Studies (ISS); CERES, Research School for Resource Studies for Development March 11, 2011. (Online)
- Alemayehu Gedaa, and Haile Kebret. "Regional Economic Integration in Africa: A Review of Problems and Prospects with a Case Study of COMESA". *Journal of African Economies*, Vol 17, No. 3, PP. 357–394. (Online)

**Week 6: International Relations of Regional Powers (South Africa, Nigeria & Egypt)**

- Daniel Fledes. "Regional power South Africa: Cooperative hegemony constrained by historical legacy". (Online)
- Miriam Prys. "Regions, power and hegemony: South Africa's role in Southern Africa". (Online)
- Binneh s Minteh. "Recognition of the Libyan National Transition Council (NTC) – Diplomatic Policy Variations of Nigeria and South Africa". (Online)

**PART II: Africa in the Contemporary Era of Globalization**

**Week 7:**

- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism*, (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015), Chapter 1
- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism*, (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015), Chapter 3
- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism* (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015), Chapter 4
- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism* (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015), Chapter 5

**Midterm Exam handed out**

**Week 8 African and China**

- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism* (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015), Chapter 7

- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010. (Chapter 4)

### **Midterm Exam Due In class**

#### **Week 9 Africa and Europe**

- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010. (Chapters 2,3, 6)
- Pamela A. Jordan. "A Bridge Between the Global North and Africa? Putin's Russia and G8 Development Commitments". *African Studies Quarterly* Volume 11, Issue 4 Summer 2010. (Online)

#### **Week 10: Africa and North America**

- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010. (Chapter 1)
- US Policy Planning for Africa (2004), in *Africa and the West: A Documentary History*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edt. Vol. 2. Oxford: 2010. (Online)
- Christopher Isike, Ufo Okeke-Uzodike, Lysias Gilbert. "The United States Africa Command: Enhancing American security or fostering African development?" *African Security Review* 17.1 2008. (Online)
- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism* (Chapter 6)
- The United States and Africa; Partnering for Progress, Bureau of Public Affairs, Fact Sheet June, 9, 2010
- Obama's Speech in Ghana, President Addresses Ghanaian Parliament, The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, July 11, 2009, Available on Black Board
- Lauren Ploch, Africa Command: U.S. Strategic Interests and the Role of the U.S. Military in Africa, Congressional Research Service, April 3, 2010,
- President Obama's Engagements in Africa, The White House, Office of The Press Secretary, August 3, 2010

#### **Week 11: Africa and Intern -governmental Organizations (UN & WTO)**

- Ilyana Kuziemko and Eric Werker. "How Much Is a Seat on the Security Council Worth? Foreign Aid and Bribery at the United Nations". *Journal of Political Economy*, 2006. (Online)
- Donna Lee a & Nicola J. Smith. "The Political Economy of Small African States in the WTO". *The Round Table*, 97:395, 259-271. (Online)
- Michael Friis Jensen and Peter Gibbon. "Africa and the WTO Doha Round: An Overview". *Development Policy Review*, 2007, 25 (1): 5-24. (Online)

#### **Week 12 IFI's; (IMF, World Bank, London Club, Paris Club)**

- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010. (Chapter 7)
- Edward Breslin . “Structural Adjustment in Africa: Engaging with the World Bank in the 1990s.” (Online)
- O. Felix Ayadi, Funso Ayadi, Esther .O. Adegbite “Structural Adjustment, Financial Sector Development and Economic Prosperity in Nigeria” *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*. Issue 15 (2008). (Online)
- Jos’e Brambila-Macias and Isabella Massa. “The Global Financial Crisis and Sub-Saharan Africa: The Effects of Slowing Private Capital Inflows on Growth”. *African Development Review*, Vol. 22, No. 3, 2010, 366–377. (Online)

**Week 13: South-South Relations**

- Peter Kragelun, The Potential Role of Non-Traditional Donor Aid in Africa, February 2010 | ICTSD Programme on Competitiveness and Sustainable Development (Online)
- Maxi Schoeman. “Of BRICs and Mortar: The Growing Relations between Africa and the Global South”. *The International Spectator*. 30 Mar 2011. (Online)
- Ian Taylor, *The international relations of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010. (Chapter 5)
- Marcelo Paiva and Tsegay Wolde-Georgis. ‘Brazil’s “Biofuels Diplomacy” in Africa: A Model for South-South Collaboration?’ April 20, 2010. (Online)

**Week 14: Class Wrap Up - Review and Concluding Remarks**

- Alemayehu Mekonnen (Author), Tibebe Eshete (Foreword), *The West and China in Africa: Civilization without Justice The Price of Western Civilization and Capitalism* (ACT / Australian College of Theology Monograph), Wipf and Stock (November 13, 2015), Chapter 8, 9, 10, 11

**Week 15: Final papers are due in Class**