



The Scramble for Africa

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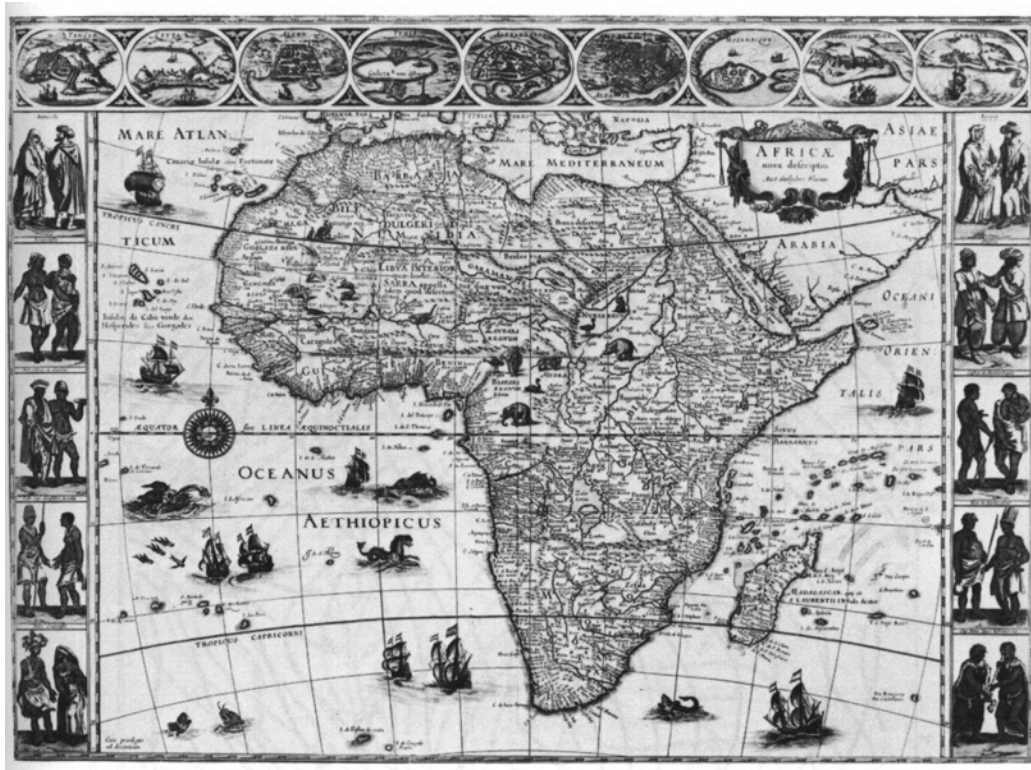
Overview

This seminar examines Africa's encounter with the world, focusing on the European context to dominate the continent in the nineteenth century. Beginning with Africa before the colonial era, it will examine Western imperialism, slavery, warfare, resistance, decolonisation, and the legacy of European rule.

Requirements & Grading

nb - The writing, reading and presentation load will be heavy. You are strongly advised to keep up with the weekly assignments.

- **Seminar Preparation – 30% of grade**
You will lead one seminar during the semester.
- **Seminar Participation – 20% of grade**
Attendance at seminars is mandatory. You will be expected to do the required readings before your seminar meeting and to participate in the discussions.
- **Prospectus – Pass/Fail**
A 1-page statement of intent for the paper to be written during the term. Must consist of 1-2 paragraphs describing your proposal as well as proper citations of at least 5 sources you plan to use. **Due** at the start of seminar on **October 3**.
- **Paper – 40% of grade**
A 20-page historiographical paper on a topic relevant to the course. **Due** at the start of seminar on **December 5**. The paper will be screened by Turnitin.com. Work submitted late without our permission will be penalised by 20% for every 24 hours after it is due.
- **Oral Book Review – 10% of Grade**
A 20-minute oral review of a monograph or novel relevant to the course. You must clear your choice with us ahead of time.



Seminar Texts

Sep 16 - Introduction

Sep 23 - Before Europe

Africa and the World, 1-135
Scramble, 1-14

Sep 30 - Contact

Africa and the World, 137-264
Scramble, 15-27; 94-97.

Aphra Behn, *Oronooko: Or, the Royal Slave* (1688).

<http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/b/behn/aphra/b42o/>

David Richardson, "The British Empire and the Slave Trade 1660-1807"

William Wilberforce, "On the Horrors of the Slave Trade"

http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/On_the_Horrors_of_the_Slave_Trade

Thomas Carlyle, "Occasional Discourse on The Nigger Question"

<http://homepage.newschool.edu/het/texts/carlyle/odnqbk.htm>

+ Prospectus due at start of seminar

Oct 7 - Imperialism

Scramble, 122-125.

Wolfgang J. Mommsen, *Theories of Imperialism*

"Empire," *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 11th ed.

Kipling, Rudyard. "The White Man's Burden"

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/Kipling.html>

John Stuart Mill, "On the Treatment of Barbarous Nations"

<http://www.thelatinlibrary.com/imperialism/readings/mill.html>

Gallagher, John & Robinson, Ronald, "The Imperialism of Free Trade"

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/ipe/gallagher.htm>

Ronald Hyam, *Empire and Sexuality*, 200-217.

Oct 14 - The Europeans

H. L. Wesseling, *The European Colonial Empires*, 17-31.

Nicholas Canny, "The Origins of Empire"

Andrew Porter, "Britain and Empire in the Nineteenth Century"

Henri Brunschwig, *French Colonialism 1871-1914*, 82-151.

Count Joseph Arthur de Gobineau, *The Moral and Intellectual Diversity of Races*,
Chapt. 15.

James W. Redfield, *Comparative Physiognomy*, Chapt. 1, 6.

Seminar Texts, cont'd.

Oct 21 - The Scramble

Africa and the World, 265-286.

Scramble, 28-93; 98-121.

Rahm. "Great Britain and France in Egypt, 1876-1882"

Daniel R. Headrick, "The Tools of Imperialism"

Jules Ferry, Speech Before the French Chamber of Deputies, March 28, 1884

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1884ferry.html>

Capt. F. D. Lugard, "The Rise of Our East African Empire"

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1893lugard.html>

Conference of Berlin

http://africanhistory.about.com/od/eracolonialism//n_BerlinAct1885.htm

Oct 28 - Extreme Encounters

Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*

[http://etext.virginia.edu/etcbin/toccer-](http://etext.virginia.edu/etcbin/toccer-new2?id=ConDark.sgm&images=images/modeng&data=/texts/english/modeng/parsed&tag=public&part=all)

[new2?id=ConDark.sgm&images=images/modeng&data=/texts/english/modeng/parsed&tag=public&part=all](http://etext.virginia.edu/etcbin/toccer-new2?id=ConDark.sgm&images=images/modeng&data=/texts/english/modeng/parsed&tag=public&part=all)

Adam Hochschild, *King Leopold's Ghost*, chapter 8.

Isabel Hull, *Absolute Destruction*, 1-90.

Wilhelm II, "A Place in the Sun"

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1901kaiser.html>

Gustave Freesen, *In The German South African Army, 1903-1904* (excerpt)

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1904freesen.html>

Nov 4 - Small Wars

C. E. Callwell, *Small Wars*, 21-71.

Bruce Vandervoort, *Wars of Imperial Conquest in Africa*, 1-55.

Byron Farwell, *Queen Victoria's Little Wars*, 163-178, 218-240, 339-353.

Anthony Trollope, "The Diamond Fields of South Africa"

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1870trollope-southafrica.html>

Josephine Butler, "Native Races and the War"

<http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwwp/butler/native.html>

Nov 11 - African Responses

Ronald Robinson, "European Imperialism and Indigenous Reactions"

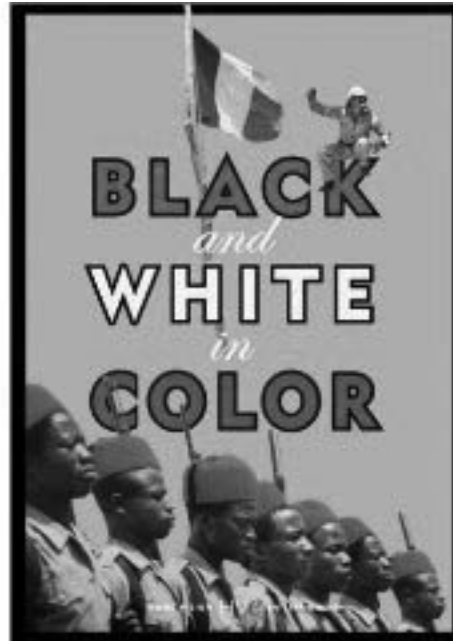
A. S. Kanya-Forstner "Myths and Realities of African Resistance"

L. C. Brown, "The Sudanese Mahdiya"

C. C. Wrigley, "The Christian Revolution in Buganda"

John Iliffe, "The Organisation of the Maji Maji Rebellion"

Felicitas Becker, "Traders, 'Big Men' and Prophets: Political Continuity and Crisis in the Maji Maji Rebellion in Southeast Tanzania,"



Nov 18 - Black and White in Colour

+ Paper due at start of seminar on Nov 18

Nov 24 - Decolonisation

Africa and the World, 316-341.

Terence Ranger, "Connexions between 'Primary Resistance' Movements and Modern Mass Nationalism in East and Central Africa. Part I,"

D. A. Low, "The Asian Mirror to African's Independence,"

WR Louis and Ronald Robinson, "The United States and the Liquidation of British Empire in Tropical Africa, 1941-1951"

Jean Suret-Canale, "From Colonialism to Independence in French Tropical Africa: The Economic Background,"

Dec 2 - Impact

Africa and the World, 363-420.

DA Low, "The Lion Rampant"

JFA Ajayi, "The Continuity of African Institutions under Colonialism"

J. M. Lonsdale, "Some Origins of nationalism in East Africa,"

A. E. Atmore, "The Extra-European Foundations of British Imperialism"

Catherine Hall. "British Cultural Identities and the Legacy of Empire"

Required Texts

All other texts are on 3-hour reserve at the Gibson Library or available on the Internet.

M. E. Chamberlain, *The Scramble for Africa*. London: Longman: 1999.

Erik Gilbert & Jonathan T. Reynolds, *Africa in World History*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2008.

Wolfgang J. Mommsen, *Theories of Imperialism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982.

Stephanie Newell, *The Forger's Tale*. Columbus: Ohio University Press, 2006.

Mary Lynn Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing History*. Boston: St Martin's, 2001

- Recommended. This is the History Department's guide for writing essays.

