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Mary Sibande , Long Live the Dead Queen , Johannesburg (2010)

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Friday 9 – 11am

Consultation Times: Thursdays 13:00 -15:00

Other Times by appointment only please

COURSE OUTLINE

This seminar seeks to engage postcolonial scholarship with questions of both political economy and space in African Cities. It seeks to do so with by contextualizing our understandings of power and inequality at multiple scales geographic. Consequently, this seminar takes post-colonial studies as its point of departure by focusing on how processes of colonialism/imperialism continue even after the formal dissolution of empire. Rather than a totalizing overview of all African cities, the objective of this course is to explore – critically - a few key themes and conceptual frameworks applied to 'African cities', as well as to familiarize ourselves with their diversity. Therefore, you will be expected to engage with colonial urban legacies, (post)-colonial urban dynamics and the challenges of neo-liberal globalization. By the end of the seminar, you will also be expected to analyze the main discourses on African cities critically; to present and discuss the various research trends on African cities; and to illustrate theoretical debates through a case study of your choice.

CLASS SCHEDULE

This course will be run twice a week as a series of seminars around the themes defined in the course outline and reading material. You are expected to arrive on time, participate critically with all the required texts as well as to have done a close reading of all the texts before you come to class. It takes time to fully understand a text, please make sure that you allocate enough reading time for yourself so that you can participate in class discussions.

SYLLABUS

03/26 WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION

03/27 WEEK 1: TERRA NULLUS?

WAINAINA. B. 2005. "How to Write about Africa" in *Granta*, Winter 2005. (available online) http://www.granta.com/Archive/92/How-to-Write-about-Africa/Page-1

COLE, T. 2012. "The White Industrial Saviour Complex" (Available Online) http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/03/the-white-savior-industrial-complex/254843/

IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENT: RE-VISITING THE ARCHIVE: PRE COLONIAL AFRICAN CITIES

***** (Due: Friday 03/27) ****

Provide a 500 word written summary and a 5 minute Power <u>Point Presentation</u> on one pre-16th Century African city. Describe in as much detail as possible, the following: The name, size historical period and location of the city.

- 1. Name, Location and period: (please include as many images as are available).
- 2. The relationship between spatial organization and political and social structure.
- 3. The number of inhabitants

- 4. Key Political and Cultural Institutions
- 5. Types of economic activities and trade.
- 6. Religious practices and material culture.
- 7. Key architectural elements
- 8. References (please see document attached for an abridged reading list)

Pre-colonial African Cities to Consider (you may include others):

- Benin City, Benin Empire [Nigeria]; 13th Century
- Kano, [Nigeria] 15th Century
- The Great Zimbabwe, [Zimbabwe] 12th- 14th Century
- Timbuktu; Mali Empire [Mali] 13th 14th century
- Kumasi, Ashante Kingdom, [Ghana] 10th 19th Century
- *Kilwa*, (or Zanzibar or Mombasa), [Tanzania] 9th- 13th Century
- Loango, Kingdom of Congo, [Congo/ Angola] 15th Century
- Gedi and Mogadishu [Kenya/Somalia], 14th Century

04/02 WEEK 2.1 THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA

LUGARD, F.D. 1926, "The White Man's Task in Tropical Africa Foreign," *African Affairs*, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 57-68

[SKIM] COOPER, F., (2001) "What is the concept of Globalization Good for? An African Historian's Perspective" in *African Affairs*, 100, pp. 189-213

04/03 WEEK 2.2: DISCURSIVE FORMATIONS AND REGIMES OF COLONIAL RULE

LEWIS. D. 2011. "Representing African Sexualities" in *African Sexualities: A Reader*. Tamale, S. (Ed) Pambazuka Press: Cape Town, Nairobi, Oxford. Pp 199- 216.

SWANSON, M.W.1977. "The Sanitation Syndrome: Bubonic Plague and Urban Native Policy in the Cape Colony, 1900-1909" in the *Journal of African History*, Vol. 18, No. 3, pp. 387-410. : Cambridge University

PARNELL, S., 2003. "Race, Power and Urban Control: Johannesburg's Inner City Slum-Yards, 1910-1923." *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Vol. 29, No. 3, pp. 615-637

04/09 WEEK 3.1: ORDER AND DISORDER IN AFRICAN CITIES

ORNER, P. and **HOLMES,A**. 2010. "Briggs" in *Hope Deferred: Narratives of Zimbabwean Lives*. Voice of Witness, McSweeny Books: San Francisco. Pp 329 - 360

POTTS, D. 2008. "You must go "home": manipulating the narratives of Rural Linkages for Operation Murambatsvina,' Paper presented at conference on *Political Economies of Displacement in post-2000 Zimbabwe*' University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, June

RAKODI, C. 2002. "Order and Disorder in African Cities" in pp45-80 in Enwezor O et al. (Eds), Under Siege: Four African Cities – Freetown, Johannesburg, Kinshasa, Lagos. Documenta 11_Platform 4, Ostiledern-Ruit, Germany: Hatje Cranz

04/10 WEEK 3.2 NEOLIBERAL URBANISMS

**** [HOUSING THE MAJORITY CONFERENCE TODAY: 12-8PM, Wood Auditorium, CU] ****

DAVIS, M., 2004. "Planet of Slums". In New Left Review 26, March-April pp1-15

ROY, A. 2005, "Urban Informality: Towards an epistemology of Planning" *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 71(2), pp 147-158

MBEMBE A., ROITMAN J., 2002. "Figures of the Subject in Times of Crisis," in Enwezor O et al. (Eds), *Under Siege: Four African Cities – Freetown, Johannesburg, Kinshasa, Lagos*. Documenta 11_Platform 4, Ostiledern-Ruit, Germany: Hatje Cranz.

04/16 WEEK 4.1: INFRASTRUCTURES

<u>Film Screening</u>: Lagos/Koolhaas. 2006. Bregtje van der Haak Produced by Sylvia Baan for Pieter van Huystee Film]

SIMONE A. 2004, "People as Infrastructure: Intersecting Fragments in Johannesburg", *Public Culture*, 16 (3), pp. 407-429

GANDY, M. 2005. "Learning from Lagos", in New Left Review, 33, May-June 2005

04/17 WEEK 4.2: AFRICA RISING?

WILL, R. 2012. "China's Stadium Diplomacy" World Policy Journal, SUMEER 2012 PP 36-43

MBEMBE, A. 2013. "Africa and the Future – An interview with Achille Mbembe" taken from *Africa is a Country*, http://africasacountry.com/africa-and-the-future-an-interview-with-achille-mbembe/ November 20, 2013, retrieved, 10 November 2014

WADONGO, E. 2014. "Africa Rising? Let's be Afro-realistic", Global Development Professionals Network, *The Guardian*, and 7 November 2014: http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/nov/07/africa-rising-lets-be-afro-realistic, retrieved, 10 November 2014

Recommended Reading

BRAUTIGAM, D. 2011. The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa. Oxford University Press

04/24 WEEK 5.2: RESEARCH PROPOSALS and in-depth class discussion

FINAL PAPER SUBMISSION: Friday May 8, 2015 4pm

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Final Grades for this course will be based on the following outcomes:

	Task	Description	Due	Weight
1	Re-Visiting the Archive: Pre-Colonial African Cities	500 words + In-class	03/27	10%:
	Written Summary	Power -Point presentation		
		(10-15 minutes per city)		
2	X 4 Short Reading Responses	(100 words each)	Bi-weekly	10%
3	X 1 Presentations of Reading and Discussion	1000 words	Bi-weekly	20%
4	Attendance and Discussion	10 sessions	Bi-weekly	10%
5	Proposal: Final Essay African City Case Study and	PowerPoint presentation	04/23 and	
	analysis	of research question and	04/25	
		an outline of case study		
6	Final Essay: African City Case Study and Analysis	5000- 8000words	05/08	50%
		(including references and		
		title page)		

READING RESPONSE - 100 words (10%) - 4 in total.

Each week, we will conduct a close reading and critique of the texts provided and you will submit a 100 word reading response at the end of class. This is not a summary. Rather it is a record of your thoughts and questions regarding the themes under discussion. *All responses are due on the day of discussion*.

IN-CLASS PRESENTATION OF READINGS: 20%

Each session will be led by a student outlining the key arguments provided by the authors

Your reading review may be structured in the following way:

- 1. Name of author(s) /title /and date of the text.
- 2. What is the main argument made by the author (s) Please provide a brief summary of the key argument.
- 3. What evidence, if any does the author use to support his/her argument? ?(please provide examples)
- 4. What method does the author use (case-study, discourse analysis, ethnographic, archival, etc.)? Do you think it is effective for the kind of argument they are trying to make?
- 5. What are the objectives of the author? From which or who's perspective does the author write? Who's interests does the text serve?
- 6. What is *your* thoughts/critique of the text?
- 7. References using the Harvard System

FINAL (EXAM) ESSAY; 5000-8000 WORDS (50%)

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate your knowledge of one African city and your ability to critically engage with debates on an issue related to that city and in the context of class discussions. You may draw on work already done in class to support your argument but you must also draw on evidence and theory from empirical research on that city.

Choose a topic and case study based on the themes discussed in class. The essay must demonstrate both knowledge and a critical analysis of the case study and theory under consideration. The essay **must** include a location map and it may include visual representations of the city under consideration. (This can be graphs, plans, photographs, etc.). All visual material must be correctly referenced.

Resources:

An abridged reference list is included in this syllabus. However, there are a number of Journals that specialize in African Cities or African studies that may be a useful resource for more information on your research topic, such as:

- African Studies
- African Affairs
- African Studies Review
- African Historical studies
- Canadian Journal of African Studies
- Journal of Modern African Studies
- Urban Studies
- Politikon
- Environment and Urbanization
- Third World Quarterly
- Cities
- South African Historical Journal
- Journal of Southern African Studies

You may also review books on African Cities, architecture or Politics or conduct on-line searches through various online databases

ACADEMIC HONESTY and PLAGIARISM.

Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please refer to the Columbia University Policy *on Plagiarism, Referencing and Copyright* for further details.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

PRE-COLONIAL AFRICAN CITIES

BOURDIER, J.P. And MINH-HA, T.T. 1996. Drawn From African Dwellings, Indiana University Press

BOURGEOIS, J.L.1996. Spectacular Vernacular, Aperture Foundations, 1996.

CARROLL, K. 1992. Architectures of Nigeria, Lester Crook Academic Publishing,

DAVIDSON, B. 1987. The Lost Cities of Africa, Little, Brown and Company,

DENYER, S. 1978. African Traditional Architecture, Heinemann.

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McGraw Hill, 1996.

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W.W Norton and Company. Inc.

MAZRUI, A. 1986. The Africans: A Triple Heritage, Little Brown and Company,

OPOKU, A.K. 1978. West African Traditional Religion, FEP International

Limited.

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REPRESENTATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF RACE

COMAROFF, J. and COMAROFF, J. 1997. *Of Revelation and Revolution: The Dialectics of Modernity on a South African Frontier*, Volume Two. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press

COQUERY-VIROVITCH C., 2005 [ORIG. 1993], *The History of African Cities South of the Sahara. From the Origins to Colonization*. Princeton: Markus Weiner Publishers.

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FANON, F. 1967. Black Skin, White Mask New York: Grove Press.

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LEWIS. D. 2011. "Representing African Sexualities" in African Sexualities: A Reader. Tamale, S. (Ed) Pambazuka Press: Cape Town, Nairobi, Oxford. Pp 199- 216.

McCLINTOCK, A., 1995. *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender and Sexuality in the Colonial Contest*. New York: Routledge: pp1-17; 391-6

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PAKENHAM, T. 1991. The Scramble for Africa: White Man's Conquest of the Dark Continent from 1876 to 1912; Avon Books

THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

AMIN, S. 1972. "Underdevelopment and Dependence in Black Africa – Origins and Contemporary Forms", Journal of Modern African Studies, vol.10, no.4.

BERRY, S. 1993. *No Condition is Permanent: The Social Dynamics of Agrarian Change in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press.

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FRANK, A. G. 1967. "The Thesis of Capitalist Underdevelopment." In *Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America: Historical Studies of Chile and Brazil*. New York: Monthly Review Press.

MAMDANI, M. 1996. *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

IMPERIALISM AND COLONIAL URBANISM

ALSAYYAD, N. 1992. Forms of Dominance on the Architecture and Urbanism of the Colonial Enterprise. Aldershot; Brookfield: Amesbury,

Hybrid Urbanism: On the Identity Discourse and the Built Environment.
Westport, Conn.: Praeger,
CELIK, Z. 1997. <i>Urban forms and colonial confrontations: Algiers under French Rule</i> . Berkeley: University of California Press.
JACOBS, J, M. 1996. Edge of Empire: Post colonialism and the City. New York: Routledge
KING, A. 1990. <i>Urbanism, Colonialism, and the World Order</i> . New York: Routledge. 1990.
Spaces of Global Culture: Architecture, Urbanism, Identity. London, New York:Routledge, 2004.
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POLITICAL ECONOMY OF APARTHEID CITIES

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BONNER et al (Eds). 2001. Apartheid's Genesis 1935-1962. Raven Press,

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ROBINSON, J. 1996. The Power of Apartheid; State Power and Space in South African Cities, Butterworth Heinemann, London,

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HART, K. 1973. "Informal Income Opportunities and Urban employment in Ghana." Journal of Modern African Studies 11(2), pp 61-90

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POTTS, D., 2008, "The Urban Informal Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: From bad to Good (and back again?), Development Southern Africa, 25 (2), pp 151-167

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