SC 39: African World Perspectives
(Fall 2014)

This course will examine the integration of Africa and African peoples into the global economy from the pre-colonial era to the present. It will explore how and why the integration occurred as well as the impact of the integration on Africans, Europeans, and Americans. Throughout the course we will also look at the various ways in which Africans responded to the political, economic, and social forces that impacted their lives.

Required Texts:

Peter Eichstaed. Consuming the Congo.

Philip Gourevitch. We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With our Families.

Adam Hochschild. King Leopold’s Ghost.

Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja. The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila.


Important Dates:

OCTOBER 7: Test 1 (25%)

NOVEMBER 6: Test 2 (25%)

DECEMBER 11: PAPER (25%)

December 16: Test 3 (25%)
Unit 1: Africa Prior to European Conquest

September 2: Introduction

- Recommended: Film ‘Mastering a Continent’ (watch online)

September 4:

- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 2 (pp. 33-48) [O’Neill e-Reserve]*
- *King Leopold’s Ghost, pp. 6-9*
- *History of Africa, Chapter 2*
- Recommended: Film ‘Caravans of Gold’ (watch online)

September 9:

- Film: ‘Kingdoms and Cities’ (shown in class)

September 11:

- *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Ch.2 (pp. 56-61 & 64-68) [O’Neill Reserve]*
- *History of Africa, Ch. 6*
- *History of Africa, Ch. 9*

Unit 2: The Slavery Era

September 16:

- *King Leopold’s Ghost, pp. 10-16*
- *Capitalism and Slavery, Ch. 1 (pp. 3-7) & Ch. 2*
- *History of Africa, Chapter 12*
- Recommended: How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 3 (pp. 75-82 and pp. 88-90); Chapter 4 (pp. 95-103) [O’Neill Reserve]

September 18:

- *Capitalism and Slavery, Chapter 3*
- *Alabama in Africa Ch. 1 (pp. 23-32) [O’NEILL E-RESERVE]
- How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 3 (pp. 82-88) [O’NEILL e-RESERVE]

September 23:
- Capitalism and Slavery, Chapters 5 & 6
- How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 4 (pp. 103-113) [O’Neill e-reserves]

September 25:
- Capitalism and Slavery, Chapters 7 & 8

September 30:
- Capitalism and Slavery, Chapters 9 & 10

October 2:
- Film: ‘Transatlantic Slave Trade’ (shown in class)

**October 7: Test 1 (in class)**

**Unit 3: The Colonial Era**

October 9:
- Film: Film: ‘The Bible & The Gun’ (shown in class)
- History of Africa, Chapter 20

October 14:
- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 1 (e-reserve O’Neill library)
- King Leopold’s Ghost, Prologue, (pp. 16-18) & Chapters 1-3
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 14-20
- Recommended: History of Africa, Chapter 14

October 16:
- King Leopold’s Ghost, Chapters 4-5 & Chapter 6 pp. 88-95
- Recommended: The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 20-26

October 21:
- Film: Magnificent African Cake (shown in class)
- History of Africa, Chapter 21
October 23:

- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 2 (e-reserve O'Neill library)
- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 3, pp. 58-62 (e-reserve O'Neill library)
- King Leopold’s Ghost, Chapters 7 & 8
- Recommended: History of Africa, Chapter 23
- Recommended: How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 5 [Reserve O’Neill library]

October 28:

- A. Zimmerman, Alabama in Africa, (pp. 1-14); (pp. 23-32); [e-reserve O’Neill library]
- Recommended: A. Zimmerman, Alabama in Africa (pp. 128-138); (pp. 148-153); (pp. 173-183) [e-reserve O’Neill library]

October 30:

- King Leopold’s Ghost, Introduction (pp. 1-5) and Chapters 11, 12, 14, 15

November 4:

- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 4 (e-Reserve O’Neill library)
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 26-33
- Recommended: How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Chapter 6

November 6: TEST 2 (In Class)

November 11:

- ‘The Rise of Nationalism’ (shown in class)

November 13:

- Alabama in Africa, Chapter 3 (pp. 123-128) [e-reserve O’Neill library]
- African Perspectives on Colonialism, Chapter 3 (pp. 62-93) [e-reserve O’Neill library]
- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, pp. 41-54

November 18

- The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila Ch. 2
Unit 4: Postcolonial Africa

November 20:

- *Pan-African History: Political Figures from Africa and the Diaspora since 1787, pp. 113-116* (electronic reserves, O’Neill library)
- *The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila, Ch. 3 (pp. 94-96; 106-118) & Ch. 5*

November 25:

- P. Gourevitch, *We Wish to Inform You* Ch. 4-9 and Chapter 11
- Recommended: Film ‘ Ghosts of Rwanda’ (watch online)

November 27:

- NO CLASS

December 2:

- *The Congo: From Leopold to Kabila Ch. 7*

December 4:

- *Consuming the Congo, pp. 1-55; 97-119; 179-181*

December 9:

- Film: ‘Crisis in the Congo’ (shown in class)
- *Consuming the Congo, Chapters 15 & Epilogue*

Final Paper Due on **December 11** (submit electronically)

Final Exam: **DECEMBER 16 at 9 a.m**