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Brief description of the course: This MPhil course explores major topics and themes in post-colonial sub-Saharan African politics, with due regard for African heterogeneity. It explores the interaction of local and international factors that have influenced social, economic and political trajectories in Africa. It assesses the relevance of theories and concepts developed in the fields of comparative politics and international relations to the study of Africa. Finally, it studies the politics of Africa in a multi-disciplinary fashion, drawing on scholarship from a range of disciplines including, politics, social anthropology, history and sociology. The course is divided into two parts. In Michaelmas term, the seminars will focus on general themes in African politics. We will explore the histories and legacies of state formation in Africa, and assess theories of the state and their relevance in different parts of Africa. We will focus on key aspects of politics in Africa, including the nature of political authority and the relationship between violence, politics, economy and identity in Africa. We will also look closely at the international politics of Africa, including the politics of development and the impact of new global powers on the continent. In Michaelmas Term, students will be required to read the following books in their entirety. Students may wish to buy them, as they are all important books the list has been given to Heffers bookstore, on Trinity street. Alternatively, the books are in the HSPS library, African studies library, and most college libraries. Some are also available as ebooks. Cambridge University Press, core for week 1, <http://> In Lent term, all students will choose one of the following options that will allow them to explore a theme in African politics in more detail. Further details on options will be made available at the Introductory session. If fewer than 7 students sign up for an option, that option will be cancelled. There will be a maximum of 15 students in each seminar, so some students may not get their first choice option. Students must sign up for their option by 27 October with Dr Srinivasan. When you sign up, please give a second choice option. War, politics and peace interventions in the Sudans S Srinivasan Western intervention is a prominent feature of violent conflict in Africa, and Sudan and South Sudan have remained an enduring case. This option will critically assess these claims, and evaluate different theories of war, peace and political change. We will pay particular attention to the interplay between international, regional and local ideas and practices related to peace and conflict. Why have these regions experienced such high levels of violence in the post-colonial period? Why have so many international and regional efforts to end conflict and promote peace failed? What accounts for different patterns of violent conflict in the region? What is the relationship between state formation, international economy, identity, development and violence? Has the involvement of new powers and non-traditional donors had any notable consequences? These are some of the questions that will be explored in this option. We will focus on these questions and themes with reference to the experiences of Sudan and South Sudan, but students are welcome to draw comparisons with other African countries and regions. What are the implications of new communication technologies for the distribution of power, including global and transnational dimensions? How are the broadcast of state power, maintenance of authority and possibilities for governance being enabled and constrained? Are the affordances of digital communications changing the nature and power of publics in processes of political mobilisation, contestation and change? How are digital communications shaping the intervention opportunities and motivations of foreign actors in Africa, from corporations to states? This option will explore such questions thematically as well as through country case-studies ranging from Ethiopia to Kenya, from South Africa to Ghana , and with a multi-disciplinary approach. It will link the recent debates on governance in Africa with those on the appropriation of new technologies, showing not only how ICTs may offer new opportunities for political participation, but also how networks of power and existing communication practices may re-reshape technologies in unique ways.

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Summer Fellows on Democracy and Development program endeavors to locate the points of interaction among these areas. We anticipate recruiting a group of individuals dedicated to democracy and development promotion within their home countries particularly in, but not limited to, the regions of the Middle East, Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, and other parts of the former Soviet Union. Stanford will pay travel, accommodation, living expenses, and visa costs for the duration of the three-week program for a certain portion of applicants. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to supply some or all of their own funding from their current employers, international non-governmental organizations, etc. Please follow the instruction for applying found at: The editor of *Polity*, the journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association, invites submissions on topics that engage questions of interest to scholars across an entire field within political science, to the discipline as a whole, and to related disciplines. The program will address the diverse needs of a growing population working in the field of democracy promotion, with a specific focus on issues of democracy and development, and on improving the quality of democratic life around the world. Additional information about this program is available at www. It can also be offered to a team of scholars enjoying a high reputation in academic circles. The prize will be awarded for the first time at the General Assembly of the International Social Science Council, in November, and afterwards, every four years. Nominations for the prize can be made by ISSC members, or other professional associations in various disciplines, as well as by universities and academic institutions. The selection will be made by an international jury. These awards are to support advanced research and writing on any aspect of international migration and refugee flows. Stipends for more senior scholars are negotiable. Fellows will also receive full UCSD employee benefits. All application materials must be received no later than January 16, for fellowships to be held during the academic year. The series came to into being a few years ago on the premise that it was important to create as many opportunities as possible for high quality books on African politics to get into print. As the name implies, the series has a particular focus on processes of political change and reform with which so many of us are concerned. We welcome proposals for insight manuscripts that explore the fundamental issues of Africa in the contemporary era. Book proposals should be submitted to the series editor Prof. Join now for news on the fellowship competition for pre-doc. Watch for our annual membership meeting on Saturday night at the African Studies Association meeting in November. The SOS Fellowship Program is designed for individuals with an advanced degree in international development, health, agriculture, environment or a related field, and experience in Africa or other developing countries. Candidates chosen for this program become Visiting Fellows and are paired with counterpart Local Fellows chosen by Participating Organization field offices in Africa. After the end of the program, Local Fellows continue to work with their organization to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project. We are happy to announce that Fellows chosen for the program will receive funding to cover the cost of the initial one-month training in Arusha. Our next program is scheduled to begin on January 16th, and can last for 6 months or up to a year, depending on the Partner Organization. To apply, candidates should send their resume and personal statement to gscoperations@earthisland. Do not hesitate to contact me with any further question. Save the Children Africa Position Protection Advisor Save the Children is seeking a senior level Protection Advisor for its programs in Darfur, Sudan to raise the profile of protection within Save the Children, and at national and international levels. This position requires a minimum of 7 - 10 years protection experience promoting protection through advocacy and reporting, professional knowledge of relevant international law and international organizations involved in protection; ability to work in a conflict environment and understanding of the Darfur context. Forward resume online by going to our Career Website at: Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University invites applications for a position in the politics of sub-Saharan Africa. The post is open as to rank and subfield. Applicants at both the tenured and pre-tenure stages of their career will be considered. Candidates should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, writing samples, and three letters of reference to the following address: Walsh School of Foreign Service P. Box Georgetown University Washington, DC Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Women and minorities are especially

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3: Civil Society and the State in Africa : Naomi Chazan :

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4: RESURRECTING POLITICAL COMMUNITY:

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Leaders of the mass-based nationalist parties that brought their countries to independence charted the first visions of postcolonial politics, centering upon rapid, egalitarian, state-led political development. These generally dissolved amid political disarray with their objectives largely unrealized. This trend has continued in varied and changing forms into the 21st century. The rapidly and profoundly changing contours of late and early 21st-century world politics and the global economy have intertwined, at least until recently, with predominant weakness and political decay in African politics as well as endemic economic underdevelopment. These conditions have spawned sharply divergent formulations of what has been required to overcome them. The influencing vectors shaping these formulations have been many, varied, and contrasting. They have included 1 residual legacies of colonial rule along with evolving international regimes enshrining democracy and human rights; 2 contending orthodoxies in the academy and in policy arenas concerning the nature of the state and its proper roles in development processes; and 3 African cultural norms, as they have endured and been reformulated in colonial and post-independence times, juxtaposed to increasingly pervasive liberalizing and secular mores of the West, notably with respect to gender and religion. Cross-cutting all of these influencing vectors have been cascading paradigmatic world changing events: Following an overview section, these dimensions of postcolonial African politics will be traced in this annotated bibliographic essay in terms of 1 political decolonization processes; 2 African postcolonial visions and their decay; 3 externally induced models of postcolonial politics in response to paradigm changing global events, reflecting emergent international regimes; 4 post-Cold War democratization; 5 claims and quests for postcolonial cultural and political identity; 6 crises of the postcolonial African state and their amelioration; 7 indicators and measures of postcolonial political development; and 8 intimations of possible futures for postcolonial African states.

General Overviews The study of postcolonial African politics has both influenced and been influenced by salient themes in the study of comparative politics more generally. Goran Hyden, one of the foremost students of African politics, supplies that context in Hyden *The fields of comparative politics and international relations have always been closely interconnected and at no time more so than in the early 21st century. Four editions of Africa in World Politics since and a fifth forthcoming in edited by John Harbeson and the late Donald Rothchild Harbeson and Rothchild* , have brought together leading students of these interrelationships. The study of African postcolonial politics can be properly understood only through an appreciation of the long sweep of African history, including colonial and centuries of precolonial history. Basil Davidson has been one of the premier students of African history, and Davidson brings together his insights and those of distinguished students of African history and politics to supply that perspective. The nature and condition of the African state has been perhaps the central problem of the study of African politics in post-independence times, but it has necessarily taken into account the roles and both colonial and precolonial precedents. At the heart of the problem of the African state has been the reality that as it is generally understood today the state has been a Western implant in Africa. Meeting the requirements of Western stateness has posed profound, even controversial, challenges for African political leaders and their citizens, a struggle that Herbst explores. The condition and problems of the state in post-independence Africa has been at the forefront of the study of African politics in an era when the economic as well as political failings of new postcolonial states throughout the developing world prompted the rescue of the state within the field of political science from its reductionist treatment in both modernization and dependency theories. *The Search for Africa: History, Culture, and Politics. Bringing the State Back In.* Cambridge University Press, Harbeson, John, and Donald Rothchild, eds. *Africa in World Politics: A sixth edition is forthcoming in States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control.* Princeton University Press, An important historically and comparatively grounded

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study of the problem of sub-Saharan African state formation, addressing the nature and basis of their pervasive contemporary weakness. African Politics in Comparative Perspective. The Post-Colonial State in Africa: A Half-Century of Independence, â€” University of Wisconsin Press,

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5: Project MUSE - A Liberal World Order in Crisis

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Copyright by the American Political Science Association. By political community, I refer to horizontal political relationships among citizens and citizen groups as distinct from both vertical ones between public officials and citizens, and horizontal linkages at elite levels such as those structured by institutional checks and balances. Political community exists when, and to the extent that, working relationships among citizens become manifest in the existence of at least tacit consensus among them on terms under which they agree to share membership within the same political entity. The terms on which political community exists are distinct from terms governing the relationships between the members of that community and those who govern them. The argument of this paper is that the importance of strengthening or reconstructing political community has been substantially underemphasized both empirically and theoretically and in relation both to problems of democratization and state strengthening or reconstruction. On the one hand, it is important but underemphasized in democratization initiatives and in diagnoses of continuing democratic deficits in sub-Saharan African and other less developed countries. At the same time, the importance of political community has been significantly downplayed in prevalent working theories of democratization with likely corresponding, if difficult to trace, resulting influences on democratization policy and practice in the field. On the other hand, the theoretical importance of political community in state construction or reconstruction has been all but ignored notwithstanding its undeniable empirical salience, something that the conflict management literature, however, has been in the forefront in recognizing. Perhaps most significant of all, the importance of political community to both democratization and state strengthening positions it as a key factor linking the processes of state strengthening and democratization in ways that the literature on neither subject has explicated satisfactorily. In Somalia, Sudan, Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Mozambique prior to and several West Africa countries, manifestly it has not been only or even primarily collapses of working relationship between rulers and ruled but among the ruled themselves. Sponsors of peacekeeping and conflict management initiatives have labored mightily to accomplish ceasefires and to establish bases on which warring communities and their militias can re-enter a shared polity. Yet, while the absence of political community has been universally decried, somehow the cultivation of these horizontal linkages and their importance to the existence and stability of any polity has barely been recognized in empirical theories of state formation, notwithstanding their prominence in liberal and other normative political philosophical traditions. The theoretical as well as empirical political importance to the existence of the state of horizontal political community at the level of citizens and citizen groups has also been clear in the cases of states that remain viable but which have nonetheless exhibited evident signs of weakness. For example, when serious ethnic clashes broke out between ethnic communities in Kenya in the early s, they manifested a serious if partial collapse of political community quite apart from evidence of their provocation that turned out to be attributable to high government officials. The presence of ongoing low level armed struggle in parts of Ethiopia, and between Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress partisans in the run-up to the South African elections, have provided other prominent examples of partial breakdowns in political community. These political meltdowns have often occurred simultaneously, and interconnected, with unresolved disputes concerning the design of governance structures. In short, the horizontal relationships on which political community is based and constitutionally defined vertical relationships between citizens and their government are inter-related, and indeed often overlapping—as the foregoing examples attest-- but they are nonetheless analytically as well as empirically distinct. The nature and importance of political community has long been recognized in the literature of normative political philosophy and the concept is at least implicit in the several literatures that empirical democratic theory encompasses,. The de facto result has been the virtual disappearance of political community from working empirical democratic theory. An important

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hypothesis of this paper is that restoration of political community to its proper place in empirical political theory might contribute to strengthened states and democratization processes in any number of presently largely unforeseen ways. For example, the much decried and inveighed against problem of systemic corruption prevalent among sub-Saharan African states has continued to resist both effective empirical treatment and theoretical diagnosis. One underlying explanation is that for many people the state remains the most plausible source for economic advancement, notwithstanding a quarter-century of pressure on sub-Saharan African governments to shrink their involvement in directing and managing their economies. This has surely been a factor the prevalence of neo-patrimonial, clientelistic corruption. But imperatives to liberate market mechanisms have highlighted market competition while assuming, but only tacitly, horizontally integrative properties of a well-functioning market. Is it not at least a plausible conjecture that strengthened horizontal political linkages at the level of citizens and citizen groups, perhaps stimulating and stimulated by, bridging economic relationships, would help to weak an underlying prop for official corruption? In this way, would not strengthened political community help to accomplish simultaneously both effective governmental retreat from direct economic management and state strengthening? This paper is intended to offer a tentative and initial contribution toward 1 accounting for the downplaying of horizontal linkages in the empirical political theory literature, particularly with respect to democratization, and 2 restoration of political community to its proper place within empirical political theory. The central idea is that states, at least democratic ones, depend for their viability upon fundamental rules of the game establishing the relations not only 1 between rulers and ruled but 2 among the ruled themselves on terms under which they can accept being governed together as one people. The former are normally specified formally, at least in democratic constitutions. The latter are normally implicit and rarely specified. But the circumstances of weak or collapsed states in sub-Saharan Africa make clear that they are essential to the existence of at least democratic states and possibly generically to all states. Indeed, much of the recent literature on post-conflict reconstruction makes this point very effectively. In the contemporary literature of political science, political community embraces the subject areas of political culture, civil society, and social capital. In this way, the democratization literature has in effect collapsed this important distinction in the political culture literature. Left unexplored, for example, is how, under what circumstances, and on what terms if any, people can establish sufficient trust to agree to live under the same roof politically. Illustratively, an academic, even abstract issue, in the context of mature democratic states, the importance of interpersonal political trust is manifestly existential, real, and immediate in many developing country circumstances in parts of sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere. Some at least tacitly acknowledged bases on which individuals and groups can agree to share membership in a polity is probably both a cause of, and derivative from broadly shared bases for interpersonal trust. In its broadest modern era formulations, the idea of civil society derives from the conception that the liberal state is based on citizen agreement on terms and rationale for citizens to be governed as one community. Notably, for Locke, there were in effect two contracts, a social contract expressing the terms and purposes for which people form a political association and a government contract defining their relationship to their rulers. In one form or another the importance of these horizontal bases of the polity also found its way into conservative streams of political philosophy in the works of Hegel and others as well as into those of Marx and his successors. For complicated reasons, beyond the scope of this article to explore, the idea of civil society then went into something like hibernation throughout much of the twentieth century. Dramatically, scholars resurrected the term to describe successful late twentieth century movements to overthrow authoritarian rule in southern, central and eastern Europe and in Latin America. In these contexts, the very existence of the state was not generally at issue, unlike the case in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa; rather, the focus was on changing the governing regime. Probably in large part for that reason, the question of on what terms the participants in these movements shared agreement on membership in the polity did not generally arise; practically speaking, only the relationship between rulers and the ruled was at issue. Quite understandably, therefore, when promotion of civil society became a central focus of democracy promotion in sub-Saharan Africa and other developing

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country regions, donor agencies operationalized civil society to mean effectively primarily non-governmental organizations centered principally on electoral democracy as well as the observance of basic human rights. But the practice of promoting civil society has been permitted to distort and diminish the theory of civil society. Unlike most of the European and Latin American cases, it has become abundantly clear that the existence of adequate levels of stateness cannot be taken for granted in sub-Saharan Africa. Thus, questions concerning the terms, if any, upon which individual citizens and citizen groups can consent to be governed within any given polity have become fundamentally important. Yet, rather than restore this dimension of the idea of civil society in recognition of the immense richness of associational life in regions such as sub-Saharan Africa, important elements of the academic literature have tended instead to shrink the relevance of civil society. This has been done by tacitly reducing the academic definition of civil society to those NGOs promoting electoral democracy which donors like the U. Agency for International Development are charged to fund. Those fledgling organizations do merit strengthening. Linkages between urban and rural constituencies in much of sub-Saharan Africa need cultivation in order for donor funded and other civil society organizations to be effective in urging societies priorities upon political parties and governments. In many sub-Saharan African countries the stronger churches seem to have appeared to particularly effective in sustaining and utilizing these linkages to that end. Civil society groups committed to fostering electoral democracy have been rather weak in many cases. They do require acquisition of independent sources of funding so as to diminish their reliance upon external financing and their temptation to succumb to clientelist ties to political and governmental officials. Their needed economic independence can likely only be strengthened parallel to, rather than much in advance of overall country levels of economic growth and improved quality of life. Only then will democracy promotion civil society organizations truly be able to define, help to effect, and uphold the fundamental norms and rules of the game by which they choose to have their countries governed. But their indispensable contributions to state re formation cannot await realization of these requisites, for economic and social improvement alone is unlikely to result in the absence of stable stateness for which strong civil society itself is a requisite. Thus, such reductionism has served to strip from working empirical political theory a prime concept for addressing the problem of how political community can be constructed to embrace the full range and diversity of associational life, not just electoral democracy promoting NGOs. In this way the importance of civil society to reconstruction of strengthen the state, not just electoral democracy, has been sublimated. As a consequence, a principal conceptual basis for both distinguishing and linking the parallel problems of effecting democratic regime accountability to citizens and strengthen the foundations of the state has been effectively discarded. At least in concept, then, how can the parallel, immediate and urgent problems of state strengthening and democratization in sub-Saharan Africa be effectively addressed? The concept of political community, in linking the ideas of political culture and civil society in their true and full meanings, strengthens the analytical utility of both in addressing the processes of state strengthening and democratization, at least in cases where existentially they occur simultaneously. Moreover, restoration conceptually of the horizontal dimensions of civil society serves, among other things, to draw out the distinction implicit in political culture between basic political values as they apply to vertical and as they apply to horizontal relationships. Together, they help to establish what has been overlooked theoretically and, it would appear, empirically as well: But this literature has focused disproportionately on western European countries. The bearing of this literature on the processes of post-conflict political reconstruction and the health of democracies in divided, collapsed or weak states in less developed countries has received little attention. Bridging as well as bonding activities by citizens on the basis of at least tacitly shared fundamental political values and terms of political association with each within a given polity is clearly an important element in the health of at least democratic states. The depth and breadth of participatory activity that social capital applies is valuable, even necessary, in deepening, confirming, and adjusting as necessary those fundamental political values and terms upon which the health of states and democracies are founded. But these forms of economic disengagement, so prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa, cannot but have important political overtones and

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dimensions. At a minimum, they suggest deep economically based political fissures tearing at the fabric of social capital, weakened or severed horizontal and vertical political linkages, and fractured political cultures that call into question both the viability of the state itself and the health of democracy. It follows that externally imposed economic conditionalities alone are insufficient to address the ills these phenomena seem to indicate. Political reconstruction is also required. In short, these phenomena threaten not only economic health but also political community upon which both the health of the state and the viability of democracy rest. In the literature of normative political philosophy, political community, as articulated in this essay, is conceived to precede the state logically, and possibly temporally. Clearly, in contemporary circumstances, it is far more likely that elite pacts establishing the fundamental rules of the game for a democratic polity will temporally precede their entrenchment in society at large. In these circumstances, the concept of political community points to the proposition that a central imperative of at least newly democratizing states is the institution of ongoing dialogue between political elites and ordinary citizen groups leading to broadened adherence, deepening, and on-going adaptation of these rules of the game. Stated differently, there needs to be on-going dialogue between political society and civil society for this purpose. Stepan and others have conceived political society as comprising essentially the full time political professionals engaged in legislative, governmental, and political party work. He and others envisage civil society, by contrast, as an intermittent movement taking on political importance only in times of political crisis and transformation. A further, and fundamental, implication of resurrecting the idea of political community is that, at least within the context of fragile states and nascent democracies in sub-Saharan, a prevalent pattern of working reliance upon the Weberian concept of the state requires amendment. It has tended to gloss over the issue of how the legitimate claim to a monopoly of such force is to be determined. The amendment of the working usage of the Weberian idea of the state, implied by the foregoing analysis, is to disaggregate the roles of citizens and rulers. It treats political community fundamentally as the existence of at least tacit horizontal consensus among citizens on terms for consenting to be governed as one people, reinforced by organizational linkages and citizen participation based upon them. It treats political community, so defined, as one element of the state, the other being the terms upon which citizens at least acquiesce in obedience to a ruler or ruling institutions. A key premise is that a generic state requires some effective consonance between the vertical terms of rulership and the horizontal terms of political community. A democratic state then is one in which those rulers hold power upon the basis of universal citizen suffrage and do so according constitutions that have been adjudged by citizens to be consonant with the terms upon which they consent to form and share political community with one another. The current multifaceted political crisis in Iraq has dramatized for the whole world what has long been a fundamental problem, to varying degrees, throughout much of sub-Saharan Africa: The empirical requirement for a working concept of political community as a foundation for the architecture of a hopefully democratic state. An Iraqi state has all but ceased to exist. Civil society appears to have been decimated and fragmented, and social capital diminished, below critical levels of strength needed for it to be capable of shaping and underwriting a restored state. It is too weakened and divided at this writing, as it may always have been, to discern shared political values and qualities of leadership upon which a new Iraqi state may be built. The question of how political community can be proactively rebuilt, and consent and coercion joined in rebuilding the state, constitutes an existential as well as intellectual frontier urgently in need of fresh exploration. At the same time, its implications for the concept of political community, and for its relationship to the condition of the state in sub-Saharan Africa, also continue to be largely overlooked. The other Apublic, said Ekeh, lay in the realm of traditional institutions that continued to benefit from this human investment but lacked the means to rule possessed by its rival. Much has appeared to change since Ekeh wrote these words. State collapse in a few cases, state weakening in many cases, has been widely observed throughout the continent. To what extent do collapsed and weakened states reflect their tacit illegitimacy in the eyes of citizensâ€”not just disaffection from ruling regimes but the illegitimacy of the states themselves to which they have been held subject?

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6: Newsletter 4: December

Four editions of Africa in World Politics since (and a fifth forthcoming in) edited by John Harbeson and the late Donald Rothchild (Harbeson and Rothchild), have brought together leading students of these interrelationships. The study of African postcolonial politics can be properly understood only through an appreciation of the.

Course Description A study of the political cultures of African nations. A study of the impact of factors such as religion, wealth, natural resources, geographic location, ethnic mix, modern ideologies, etc. This course is designed to inform the student of the current trends in Africa, tracing the background of colonialism, the struggle for independence, hopes and aspirations of the post-colonial era, movements toward unification, integration, modernization and economic and social growth, and other relevant issues. The student will be expected to gain appreciation of the cultural differences and values. The course is designed to meet the different culture requirement of the General Education program as well as the major and minor requirements in political science. Students will be expected to tolerate the cultural differences and to familiarize themselves with some of the words and names that are commonly used in daily lives and in the literature. To gain such tolerance and familiarity, students will be expected to expand their knowledge of the region by reading a daily newspaper, contacting other students from that region, and reading relevant material in the library and other sources. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse patterns and similarities of thought, values, and beliefs as manifest in different cultures; b. Understand the extent to which cultural differences influence the interpretation and expression of events, ideas and experiences; c. Examine different cultures through their various expressions; e. Possess the skills necessary for interaction with someone from a different culture or cultural group. Students who complete this course are expected to have attained the following outcomes: Instructional Plan and Expectations of Students: Students are expected to read the required material before coming to class in order to facilitate discussion. Class periods will consist of a mixture of lectures and class discussions. Students are expected to attend class regularly and be prepared to respond when called upon during class discussions. Academic dishonesty of any type will not be tolerated and will result in serious penalty. College-wide and departmental policies regarding this issue will be followed scrupulously. For an explanation of the University-wide policy on academic honesty, refer to page 31 of the University catalog. See also departmental policy "Statement on Academic Integrity" posted on the course web site. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask them. Students are encouraged to ask questions at any time in class and during office hours. Return to Top 4. While there is no mandatory attendance policy in the University, students will discover that their level of interest in the subject matter will decline with frequent absenteeism. Since this is a basic course and a prerequisite to other political science courses, it is essential that the students be punctual and well informed on the subject. Therefore, it is strongly suggested that absenteeism be held to a bare minimum. In any case, students will lose a full letter grade from their final course grade for every two days of in-excused absences. An absence will be excused prior to the absence or immediately after returning to class. It is your responsibility to supply the necessary documentation to support your case. An absence will be un-excusable if a week had expired prior to seeking approval from the instructor after return to class. Return to Top 5. Course Requirements of Students With the understanding that the following is tentative and subject to change with mutual agreement between the instructor and the students, the students are expected to successfully complete the requirements of the course as specified below in order to receive credit for the course: Two examinations during the course of the semester and a final examination. The book report should be between five and seven pages. It should critically discuss at least three of the major themes raised by Ake by comparing the contents of the book with those of other authors. The report can be handed in at any time during the semester but no later than November All exams will be self-contained units and will carry the same weight. The paper will carry the same weight as an examination. Class participation and broad-range discussions are highly desirable and encouraged. Class participation will account for 10 additional points. The book report should be between

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five and seven typed pages, double-spaced. The instructor reserves the right not to grant any credit for work submitted past the deadline. The book report will carry the same weight as an examination. Students who wish to receive an A for the report should refer to other sources for additional information and insight into these aspects in preparation for writing their reports. When using additional material, be certain to make appropriate references in the body of the paper and in a bibliography. Return to Top 8. Grading Policy For each of the assignments, students will receive numerical grades. No letter grades will be assigned until the end of the quarter. That grade will be based on: Return to Top Optional Research Paper: Students may choose to write an extra credit paper. A student who wishes to do that has to choose a topic related to some aspect of African society and politics that would interest the student and must clear the topic with the instructor in advance. No topics would be approved past October All extra-credit papers are due by November These papers will assist students only when their total score at the end of the semester is 10 or fewer points below the next letter grade. Following is a course outline for the semester. It should be clearly understood that it might not be possible to address all the topics listed in the course outline, nor is it possible to give them equal weight or attention. It might not be even possible to finish the topics listed in the outline during the course of the semester. Much will depend on the degree of interest and interaction displayed in and outside the classroom by the students.

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7: Peter Dumbuya - Fort Valley State University

Similarly John and Jean Comaroff (eds), *Civil Society and the Political Imagination in Africa: Critical Perspectives* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press,) attribute that view to this author and his collaborators in John W. Harbeson, Donald Rothchild, and Naomi Chazan (eds) *Civil Society and the State in Africa* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

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8: Politics of Africa – Centre of African Studies

A Liberal World Order in Crisis Sorensen, Georg Published by Cornell University Press Sorensen, Georg. *A Liberal World Order in Crisis: Choosing between Imposition and Restraint*.

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Lewis *Civil Society and the State in Africa*. Edited by John W. Harbeson, Donald Rothchild, and Naomi Chazan. Lynne Rienner Publishers, No less than other regions of the world, sub-Saharan Africa experienced a quickening of democratic pressures during the s. Within the past five years, more than three dozen African states long characterized by authoritarian rule have undergone political liberalization or a transfer of power through competitive elections. Although [End Page] international pressure has frequently influenced political transitions in Africa, the main catalysts of change have been Africans themselves. The recent increase in grassroots organization and political participation has drawn attention to the character of civil society in the region. *Civil Society and the State in Africa* is a wide-ranging and conceptually ambitious exploration of this subject. The idea of civil society has enjoyed a spectacular renaissance in recent years, as citizens from Warsaw to Lusaka, Santiago to Beijing, have struck with a vengeance at entrenched autocratic regimes. The global resurgence of autonomous popular organization, civic activism, and political contestation has provoked a search for analytic tools to help us make sense of these historic shifts in state-society relations. Despite its origins in European political theory, the idea of civil society has often appeared as a universal verity in comparative analyses of democratic change. Yet the concept has revealed many permutations, even within the European context, and its applicability to African circumstances is by no means self-evident. Many analysts adopt a broad view of civil society as a diverse realm of private and particular concerns outside the formal precincts of the state, while others stress the role of organized interests interacting within a common civic sphere. A few writers have defined the concept even more narrowly, as nonparty political opposition. The colonial origins of African states—and the heterogeneous and divided societies that have emerged—raise questions specific to the region. Is it reasonable to conceive of a coherent civil society in such fractious countries as Zaire, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Liberia? Even if we can discern the outlines of a civic sphere in many African countries, does it necessarily follow that African civil society is democratic in its aspirations and activities? The first section of the book explores the idea of civil society and its utility in the African context. Crawford Young reprises the intellectual evolution of the construct, from Hobbes, Locke, and Tocqueville through Hegel, Marx, and Gramsci. This history has revealed some essential tensions, including those pertaining to the character of civil society itself as well as its relationship to the state. Civil society appears sometimes as a bastion of resistance to the encroachment of state power, sometimes as a dissonant sphere requiring state tutelage. Moreover, the societal realm has been cast alternately as a crucible of civic values and social continuity, and as an arena of class and factional conflict. Colonial powers implanted facsimiles of European states in Africa, while the imperial project itself accentuated the imperatives of domination and social control. Thus colonialism engendered civil societies in Africa even as it established a political setting largely hostile to autonomous societal organization. The surge of political participation that characterized the nationalist era offered fleeting opportunities for the creation of a vital civic realm, but the authoritarian proclivities of postindependence regimes quickly shrank the scope of the associational arena. Young refers to the difficulty of defining civil society in feeble or collapsing states, while acknowledging the potential for autonomous social forces to retreat into parochialism and conflict. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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