

POLI 4078
African Government and Politics
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Objective: The course is designed to bring students closer to understanding the complex problems faced by the many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. It combines aspects of comparative politics and international relations as well as historical and contemporary factors that account for the current condition of the African polity today. It is expected that by the end of the semester, students should have acquired the necessary knowledge for instructive explanations of politics in Africa.

Textbooks: Vincent Khapoya:

LECTURE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENT

Jan. 11-20

Course Intro: Why Study Africa?

- Relevance and Condition
- Challenge and Opportunities

Readings: Khapoya Chap. 1

Mar. 20-27

Redefining Africa

- Transformation vs. Tenacity : A Moment vs. An Enduring Quest
- Africa's New Age: The Civil Society
- Recent Traits: Democratic Disarray
- The Economic Outcome

Readings: Khapoya Chap. 7

Mar. 29

China Text Overview

Mar. 31

China Text / 5 pg Book Review Due

April 03 - 17

Africa's International Relations

- The Old Trend: Ties with the Outside world
- The New Trend: Intra-African Intervention
- Africa on the World Stage: Current Struggles

Readings: Khapoya Chap. 8

April 19