Course Objectives:
This course investigates forms of regional integration efforts and regionally based solutions to problem-solving in post-colonial Africa with a view toward extracting lessons for the future. Focusing on the intersection of domestic politics and international relations, particular attention is given to issues of national sovereignty as they impinge on regional integration and human rights. Theories of the state, regional integration theory, the “new regionalisms,” international regime theory, and constructivist international relations theory frame our analyses of the logics of regionalism in African international relations.

The basic outline of this course is the result of a Curriculum Co-Development project (designed and implemented from 2000-2003) that linked students studying Regionalism in African International Relations at Tufts with students in Political Science courses on Regional Integration at the University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and African International Relations at Makerere University (Uganda). Additional insights regarding the role, vision and impact of African actors were garnered from research seminar on Region-building and Regional Integration in Africa held at the Center for Conflict Resolution in Cape Town, South Africa, 28-30, 2014. We will attempt to create a learning environment that fosters dialogue and an appreciation of differing perspectives.

Course Organization and Requirements:
Course assessment will be based on a midterm examination, a research paper and a final examination. The final course grade will be determined as follows:

- Midterm Exam – October 21 – 30%
- Research Paper due – December 2 – 30%
- Final Examination – Friday, December 18, 12:00-2:00pm – 40%

Make-up exams will be given only with a written, verified, medical excuse. An abstract of the research paper should be prepared for posting on the course site. Papers more than one week late will be penalized.

This is a web-enhanced course that aims to facilitate active participation during class sessions. Lecture highlights will be placed online. Students are encouraged to follow the news and current events in Africa, and to bring issues of interest into the class discussions.

Books for purchase in the Tufts Bookstore:
Adekeye Adebajo, The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War
Jeffrey Herbst, States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control
Audie Klotz, Norms in International Relations: The Struggle against Apartheid
Aili Tripp, Isabel Casimiro, Joy Kwesiga & Alice Mungwa, African Women’s Movements

Recommended
I. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Sep 9  **History: Past and Present**

View the following video: *Black Power – kwame nkrumah africa must unite*

PT-1/4  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HuKNQ2PBpI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HuKNQ2PBpI)
11:41  {start 01:08}

PT-2/4  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-BKO8Ar8Ws](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-BKO8Ar8Ws)
11:50

PT-3/4  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijwKwq94Pgo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijwKwq94Pgo)
11:28

PT-4/4  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D94PoYI4Z6I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D94PoYI4Z6I)
10:47

Reading:
Kwame Nkrumah, *Africa Must Unite*  
Ch. 21, "Continental Government for Africa," pp. 216-222

**The Idea of African Unity: Legacies & Debates about Strategy**

Sep 14  


Photos will be taken at the end of today’s class.

Assignment: Prepare your Personal Homepage for the course’s Trunk site. Go to the Personal Profile Page on your Trunk Site for instructions.

II. PROBLEMATIZING THE AFRICAN STATE

**Theories of State-building**

Sep 16  
Jeffrey Herbst, *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*  
Ch. 1 – The Challenge of State-Building  
Ch. 2 – Power and Space in Precolonial Africa  
Ch. 3 – The Europeans and the African Problem

Sep 21  
Herbst, *States and Power in Africa*
Ch. 4 – The Political Kingdom of Independent Africa
Ch. 5 – National Design and the Broadcasting of Power
Ch. 6 – Chiefs, States, and the Land

Sep 23
Herbst, *States and Power in Africa*
Ch. 7 – The Coin of the African Realm
Ch. 8 – The Politics of Migration and Citizenship
Ch. 9 – The Past and the Future of State Power in Africa

**The Curse of Berlin**

Sep 28
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9g5-46Lww8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9g5-46Lww8)

Adekeye Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War*
Ch. 1 – Introduction: Bismarck’s Sorcery and Africa’s 3 Magic Kingdoms

**PART I: THE QUEST FOR SECURITY**
Ch. 3 – From Global Apartheid to Global Village
Ch. 4 – The Pharaoh and the Prophet: Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Kofi Annan

Sep 30
Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin: Africa After the Cold War*
**PART II: THE QUEST FOR HEGEMONY**
Ch. 8 – An Axis of Evil? China, the US & France in Africa
**PART III: THE QUEST FOR UNITY**
Ch. 12 – Towers of Babel? The African Union and the European Union
Ch. 13 – Obamamania

**III. CONSTRUCTING REGIONAL NORMS**

**Constructivist International Relations Theory**

Oct 5

Audie Klotz, *Norms in International Relations: The Struggle against Apartheid*
Ch. 1 – The International Politics of Apartheid
Ch. 2 – Norms in International Relations Theory
Oct 7  Klotz, *Norms in International Relations*
Ch. 3 – The United Nations
Ch. 4 – The Commonwealth
Ch. 5 – The Organization of African Unity

Oct 12  Klotz, *Norms in International Relations*
Ch. 6 – The United States
Ch. 7 – Britain
Ch. 8 – Zimbabwe

Oct 14  Klotz, *Norms in International Relations*
Ch. 9 – Sanctions and South African Reform
Ch. 10 – Norms and Identity

Oct 19  Review Session

Oct 21  Midterm Exam

IV. THE LOGICS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Theorizing Regional Integration

Oct 26  Adekeye Adebajo, “*A Tale of Three Cassandras: Jean Monnet, Raúl Prebisch, and Adebayo Adedeji,*” Paper presented at the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR) policy research seminar on “Region-building and Regional Integration in Africa, Cape Town, 28-30 April 2014

Walter Mattli, *The Logic of Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond*
Ch. 1 – The Phenomenon of Regional Integration
Ch. 2 – A Review of Theoretical Approaches to Integration

Rethinking the Paradigm: Disintegration and Re-Integration


Daniel Bach,  “*Cross-border interactions: from regionalisation to region-building,*” Paper presented at the CCR policy research seminar on “Region-building and Regional Integration in Africa, Cape Town, 28-30 April 2014
V. REGIONAL SECURITY REGIMES

*International Regime Theory*

Nov 2  Francisco Deng, Sadikiel Kimaro, Terrence Lyons, Donald Rothchild and I. William Zartman, *Sovereignty as Responsibility: Conflict Management in Africa*

Ch. 5 – Regional Dynamics

Adebajo, *The Curse of Berlin*

Ch. 2 – Prophets of Pax Africana

*AFRICOM: A New Regional Security Actor in Africa Regimes*

Nov 4  Edmond Keller, “The United States Africa Command”


Introduction

PART I – An Overview

Nov 9  Buss et al, eds. *African Security and the African Command*

PART II – The Command Debate

PART IV – African Security and Counterterrorism

PART V – Future Prospects and Problems

VI. THE NEW REGIONALISMS

*The Women’s Movement in Africa*

Nov 10  Aili Tripp, Isabel Casimiro, Joy Kwesiga, Alice Mungwa, *African Women’s Movements: Changing Political Landscapes*

Ch. 1 – Introduction

Ch. 2 – Historic Influences on Contemporary Women’s Movements

Ch. 3 – The Rise of the New Women’s Movements

Nov 11  *Veteran’s Day (University holiday). No classes.*

Nov 16  Tripp, Casimiro, Kwesiga and Mungwa, *African Women’s Movements*

Ch. 4 – The Challenge of New Women’s Movements

Ch. 5 – Women’s Movements and Constitutional and Legislative Challenges

Ch. 6 – In Pursuit of Equal Political Representation
Nov 18  Professor Robinson attending the African Studies Association Annual meeting in San Diego. No Class.

Nov 23  Tripp, Casimiro, Kwesiga and Mungwa, *African Women’s Movements*  
        Ch. 7 – Engendering the State Bureaucracy  
        Ch. 8 – Women’s Movements Negotiating Peace  
        Ch. 9 – African Women’s Movements and the World

Nov 30  Rosalyn Musa, Faiza Jama Mohammed & Firoze Manji, eds., *Breathing Life into the African Union Protocol on Women’s Rights in Africa*

Pearl T. Robinson, *African Muslim Women and the Global Feminist Movement*

VII. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*The African Human Rights System*

Dec 2  **Research Paper Due**

Ch. 1 – The African human rights system, activist forces, and international institutions: an introduction

Dec 7  Okafor, *The African Human Rights System*  
Ch. 3 – A brief overview of the system, pp. 65-90  
Ch. 6 – Conditions for the optimization of the domestic impact of the African System, pp. 253-272  
Ch. 7 – Quasi-constructivism and the ACHPR phenomenon, pp. 287-295  
Ch. 8 – Conclusion, pp. 296-301

Dec 9  Review Session

Dec 18  **Final Exam, Friday, 12 noon – 2pm**