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Social Change
Anthropology 329
Tues/Thurs 9:40–11:00
Fall 2002

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Course Description:

Anthropology 329 is a course about processes of social change in non-western societies. This semester's focus is on social change in sub-Saharan Africa, and on the economic, political, demographic, and cultural factors that can become involved. Some of the major forces shaping social change in recent decades are controlled by people and institutions involved in "development". Since WWII the so-called "development industry" has developed a life of its own, and the ways in which the major players in international development affect the lives of local people in Africa will be an important part of the course. We will be looking at the role and impact of the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, USAID (US Agency for International Development) and other bilateral aid organizations, and a variety of NGOs (non-government organizations) in recent social change in selected countries of sub-Saharan Africa. Examining the successes and failures of a variety of development projects and a novel by Barbara Kingsolver on the lives of Christian missionaries in Congo-Kinshasha, the course will teach students about some of the ways in which social change has occurred and is occurring in this region, and why.

Texts:

Gardner, K. and Lewis, D., Anthropology, Development, and the Post-modern Challenge, Pluto Press, 1996.

Lewis, P. editor, Africa: Dilemmas of Development and Change, Westview Press, 1998.

Chabal, P. and Daolz, J.P., Africa Works: Disorder as Political Instrument, Indiana University Press, 1999.

Kingsolver, B. The Poisonwood Bible, Harper Perennial, 1998.

Requirements:

Regular reading assignments

2 minor exams (25%)

1 final exam (25%)

Write-up of group/individual research project (50%) or, responsibility for class presentation of research project (50%)

Schedule:

Week/Date	Topic/Reading	Due	Notes
1 Sept. 3rd & 5th	Tuesday: Class structure and description of material Thursday: Theoretical background <i>Gardner and Lewis, Chpt 1</i>		
2 Sept. 10th and 12th	Tuesday: Theoretical background <i>Chabal and Daloz, Chpt 10</i> Thursday: Major Players: World Bank, IMF, USAID, etc. <i>Lewis, Chpt 16</i>		
3 Sept. 17th and 19th	Tuesday: Major players, continued <i>Lewis, Chpt 16</i> Thursday: Social change in Africa <i>Lewis, Intro and Chpt 1</i>		You don't have to memorize all the names of past and present heads of state in Lewis chpt 1!
4 Sept. 24th and 26th	Tuesday: Library/research orientation <i>Lewis, Chpt 12</i> Thursday: First minor exam	Exam	Meet in library on Tuesday First minor exam Thursday in class
5 Oct. 1st and 3rd	Tuesday: Guest speaker – Joyce Mphande <i>Gardner and Lewis, Chpt 4</i> <i>(skip non-African examples if you like)</i> Thursday: Film 1 on San Foragers <i>Kingsolver, first third</i>		

Week/Date	Topic/Reading	Due	Notes
6 Oct. 8 th and 10 th	Tuesday: Film 2 on San foragers <i>Kingsolver second third</i> Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	Development project pro-con debate in class on Thursday (CAMPFIRE)
7 Oct. 15 th and 17 th	Tuesday: Forces of change on the fabric of social life – settlements & missionization <i>Kingsolver last third</i> Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	Development project pro-con debate in class on Thursday (Kariba Dam)
8 Oct. 22 nd and 24 th	Tuesday: Additional forces shaping social change in sub-Saharan Africa <i>Chabal and Daloz, Chpt 5</i> Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	Development project pro-con debate in class on Thursday (Malawi Agroforestry Project)
9 Oct. 29 th and 31 st	Tuesday: Guest Speaker – Tasha Keatley – HIV in Africa <i>Gardner and Lewis, Chpt 5 to page 116</i> Thursday: presentation	Oral presentation	Development project pro-con debate in class on Thursday (Navorongo Reproductive Health)
10 Nov. 5 th and 7 th	Tuesday: No class Thursday: Exam	Exam	No classes on Tuesday (Election Day) Second minor exam Thursday in class
11 Nov. 12 th and 14 th	Tuesday: Guest speaker – Jeff Bookwalter, Economist <i>Lewis, Chpt 15</i> Thursday: Gender and development <i>Lewis, Chpt 10</i>		

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12 Nov. 19th and 21st	<i>Tuesday: Diseases of development</i> <i>1) Robertson and 2) Stryker & Ndegwa Handouts</i>		
	<i>Thursday: Film (TBA)</i>		
13 Nov. 26th and 28th	<i>Tuesday: What next?</i> <i>Gardner and Lewis, Chpt 5 103-121</i> <i>Lewis, Chpt 11</i>		Thanksgiving week
	<i>Thursday: Thanksgiving</i>		
14 Dec. 3rd and 5th	<i>Tuesday: Other avenues?</i> <i>Chabal and Daloz, Chpt 9</i> <i>Gardner and Lewis, Chpt 7</i>	Papers	
	<i>Thursday: Other avenues, continued</i>		
15 Dec. 10th and 12th	<i>Tuesday: Wrap up/summary of major issues</i>		Last week of classes
	<i>Thursday: Review for final, evaluations</i>		
16 Dec. 16th	<i>Monday: Final @ 10:10-12:10</i>	Final exam	Finals week
