

**UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
DEPT. OF AFRICANA STUDIES**

Course Title: “War and Peace in Africa” (AFRC 2321-301)

Times: Mondays, Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:50 PM

COURSE INFORMATION

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Course Description and goals:

The period of the 1960s which witnessed the end of colonial rule in most African countries has coincided with the rise tension between the two arch-rivals of the cold war. Consequently, Africa has become the battle ground where such cold war battles were fought. Political violence has erupted in several post-independent African countries with massive destruction while they were entrusted with building viable and modern states. In discussing the armed conflicts and civil wars in Africa, the external factors of these conflicts should not be ignored. With the rise of violence, regional and sub-regional African organizations as well as other international bodies, continue to pursue peace in coordination with other international entities, such as the United Nations, the European Union, and others. Peace initiatives are promoted and advanced by regional and international entities, with direct involvement of the United Nations and other entities.

This course rotates around various themes that involves the issue of war and peace in Africa, and their consequences both locally and globally. Overall this course will: (1) investigate the general nature of armed conflicts in Africa (2) provide in-depth analysis of the underlining factors of war and their immediate impact by drawing on specific case studies, (3) and discuss the regional and the international responses to these conflicts, as well as to peace initiatives and their implications in all discussed cases.

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Canvas:

The materials of this course are accessible from the course canvas web page. In order to view the course materials, and before logging into Canvas, you need to log into the Penn library website using your Penney and password.

Assignments:

All assignments must be typed and submitted on their due date.

Each of the ten weekly reports should include a summary from the readings regarding the main reasons behind the conflict or the peace process in the specific region. These reports will form the base for class discussion and participation. The report is due on the **Wednesday** following the week of each designated topic.

The final project should cover one conflict or peace process on specific region, with more details on the history, and the reasons behind the conflict, peace agreements, and any regional or international implications.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Please do your best to arrive on time. If you are unable to attend for legitimate reason, please notify the Instructor, but you will be responsible for all class work during your absence.

Grading:

1) 10 Reflection Assignments (3-4 pages, double-spaced)	40
2) Attendance	10
3) Class Participation	10
3) Final Project (11 -13 pages, double-spaced) Dec. 16, 2022	40

Grading Scale:

Numerical Scale	Letter Grade Equivalent
95-100	A
89-94	A-
83-88	B+
77-82	B
71-76	B-
65-70	C+
62-64	C
60-61	C-
55-59	D

COURSE SYLLABUS

August. 31, 2022

Colonial Legacy and the Road to Independence

This section will the colonial legacy in Africa, and how this experience has influenced the path to independence and in forming the root causes of conflicts that marred the post-independent African states.

Readings:

(1) Akinmade, Akinmade, 2014 “[Colonial Legacy and the Refracted State: Africa in Motionless Motion \(Links to an external site.\)](#)”, in: Journal of Arts and Humanities, Vol 3, No. 9

(2) Blanton, R. et.al. 2001 “Colonial Style and Post-Colonial Ethnic Conflict in Africa”, in: *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 38, no. 4, pp. 473–491

<http://jpr.sagepub.com/content/38/4/473.full.pdf+html> (Links to an external site.)

*(3) Gareth, Austin: “African Economic Development and Colonial Legacies”

<http://poldev.revues.org/78>

Sept. 5, 7, 2022, The Conflict in Somalia: Regional and Global Implications

This section will focus on the history of Somalia and the reasons that lead to the collapse of the state and the sectarian conflict among its citizens. This section will also cover the regional and international dimension of the war in Somalia and the rise of Al Shabab.

Readings:

(1) Dersso, Solomon A. 2006 “The Somalia Conflict: Implications for Peacemaking and Peacekeeping Efforts” in: <https://www.africaportal.org/documents/2844/P198.pdf> (Links to an external site.)

(2) Kimenyi, Mwangi S. , et.al. 2010. “Reconstituting Africa's Failed States: The Case of Somalia”, In: *Social Research*, Vol. 77, No. 4, pp. 1339-1366

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/John_Mbaku/publication/260103316_Reconstituting_Africa's_Failed_States_The_Case_of_Somalia/links/5548cdd90cf2f72b5d432f11/Reconstituting-Africas-Failed-States-The-Case-of-Somalia.pdf (Links to an external site.)

*(3) Maystadt, Jean-Francois & O. Ecker 2014 " Extreme Weather and Civil war: does Drought Fuel Conflict in Somalia through Livestock Price Shocks? “In: *Am. J. Agr. Econ.* 96 (4):1157-

1182. <http://ajae.oxfordjournals.org/content/96/4/1157.full.pdf+html>

Sept. 12, 14, 2022

Ethiopian-Eritrean Conflict (Assignment # 1)

This section will focus on the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea, 1998-2000, and the peace settlement.

Readings:

(1) Abbink, J. 1998, Briefing: the Eritrean-Ethiopian Border Dispute, in: *African Affairs*. 97.389 (Oct. 1998): p551

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/723345>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/723345> (Links to an external site.)

(2) J. Abbink, 2003. Badme and the Ethio-Eritrean Border: The Challenge of Demarcation in the Post-War Period, in: *Africa: Rivista trimestrale di studi e documentazione dell'Istituto italiano per l'Africa e l'Oriente* Anno 58, No. 2 (Giugno 2003), pp. 219-231

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/40761693.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3A5eea12fd1cf7920368ba1bc2779c756c> (Links to an external site.)

(3) Steves, Franklin, 2003. Regime Change and War: Domestic Politics and the Escalation of the Ethiopia--Eritrea Conflict., in: Cambridge Review of International Affairs. Apr 2003, Vol. 16 Issue 1, p119.

<https://web-b-ebscohost-com.proxy.library.upenn.edu/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?vid=1&sid=16296186-88b5-44cf-976a-77227c39d65f%40pdc-v-sessmgr06>Links to an external site.

(4) Trivelli, Richard M., 1998, Divided Histories, Opportunistic Alliances: Background Notes on the Ethiopian-Eritrean War, in: Africa Spectrum Africa Spectrum, Vol. 33, No. 3 (1998), pp. 257-289 (33 pages)

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/40174776.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3Abed029ad25bea3d22f883e5f6992593d>

Sept. 19, 21, 2022

The Conflicts in the Sudan and South Sudan (Assignment # 2)

This section will discuss the history and the root causes of the military conflict in Sudan, with special focus on the war in Darfur, Nuba Mountains and the Blue Nile regions.

Readings:

(1) Deng, Francis, 2006 " Sudan: A Nation in Turbulent Search of Itself", in: *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, vol. 603 no. 1 155-162

<https://www.jstor-org.proxy.library.upenn.edu/stable/pdf/25097762.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3A545c641a247f49f326338fa5fc8e3572>Links to an external site.

(2) Maitre, Benjamin R, 2009 "What Sustains 'Internal Wars'? The dynamics of violent conflict and state weakness in Sudan", in: *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 30, No. 1, 2009, pp 53–68

<https://www.jstor-org.proxy.library.upenn.edu/stable/pdf/40388101.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3Ad7cd6436cb19abff6c72720eb1446e>Links to an external site.

*(3) Behrends, Andrea, 2008 "Neither nomads versus settlers nor Ethnic Conflicts - The Long history of changing alliances and politicized groups on the Chad/Sudan border", in: Richard Rottenburg (Hg.): *Nomadic-sedentary relations and failing state institutions in Darfur and Kordofan (Sudan)*.25–70
http://www.nomadsed.de/fileadmin/user_upload/redakteure/Dateien_Publikationen/Mitteilungen_des

Sept. 26, 28, 2022

The Lord Resistance Army: Regional Threat? (Assignment # 3)

This section will focus on the history of the Lord Resistance Army, the ethnic and political realities in Uganda, and the LRA realm of activities in the region and the international response to their activities.

Readings:

(1) Vinci, Anthony 2005 " The Strategic Use of Fear by the Lord's Resistance Army", in: *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, Vol. 16, No. 3, 360–381,

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/09592310500221336> (Links to an external site.)

(2) Acher, Frank Van 2004 " Uganda and The Lord's Resistance Army: The New Order No One Ordered", in: *African Affairs*, 103/412, 335–357

<http://afraf.oxfordjournals.org/content/103/412/335.full.pdf+html> (Links to an external site.)

*(3) Haynes, Jeffery, 2015 "Religion, ethnicity and civil war in Africa: The cases of Uganda and Sudan", in: *The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 96:390, 305-317

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/00358530701463865>

Oct. 3, 5, 2022

The Regional Dimension of the War in Congo (Assignment # 4)

This section will cover the regional dimension behind the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Readings:

- (1) Autesserre, Severine 2008 “The Trouble with Congo: How Local Disputes Fuel Regional Conflict”, in: *Foreign Affairs* 94, 17 pages, 94 to 110
https://go.gale.com/ps/i.do?p=AONE&u=upenn_main&id=GALE|A178348429&v=2.1&it=r&sid=summon (Links to an external site.)
- (2) Eriksen, Stein S 2009 “The Liberal Peace Is Neither: Peacebuilding, State building and the Reproduction of Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo” in: *International Peacekeeping*, Vol.16, No.5, pp.652–666
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13533310903303289> (Links to an external site.)
- (3) Weissman, Stephen R. 2014, “What Really Happened in Congo: The CIA, the Murder of Lumumba, and the Rise of Mobutu”, in *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 93, No. 4 (JULY/AUGUST 2014), pp. 14-24
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/24483553>

Oct.10, 12, 2022

Liberian Civil War (Assignment # 5)

This section will cover the history of Liberia, the civil war and regional and global dimension of the conflict.

Readings:

- (1) George Klay Kieh, Jr, 2004, “Irregular Warfare and Liberia's First Civil War”, in: *Journal of International and Area Studies*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (June 2004), pp. 57-77
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/43107087.pdf> (Links to an external site.)
- (2) Nicolas Cook, 2003, “Liberia: 1989-1997 Civil War, Post-War Developments, and U.S. Relations”, in: CRS Report for Congress
http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metacrs8431/m1/1/high_res_d/RL30933_2003Dec31.pdf (Links to an external site.)
- *(3) George Klay Kieh, Jr., 2009, “THE ROOTS OF THE SECOND LIBERIAN CIVIL WAR”, in: *International Journal on World Peace*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (MARCH 2009), pp. 7-30
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/20752871.pdf?acceptTC=true>

Oct. 17,19, 2022

Rwanda – Burundi: Ethnicity and Conflict

This section will provide a survey of the first civil war between the north and the south, political development of the movement, how the war was fought, and the role of regional and international players, and analysis of the Addis Ababa agreement of 1971 that put an end to the war.

Readings

- (1) Backer, David 2000 “Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide Accounting for Differences in Rwanda and Burundi”, in: *International Relations*
<http://jcr.sagepub.com/content/44/3/283.full.pdf+html> (Links to an external site.)
- (2) Bhavnani, Ravi 2006 “Ethnic Norms and Interethnic Violence: Accounting for Mass Participation in the Rwandan Genocide” in: *Journal of Peace Research*, 43: 651-669
<http://jpr.sagepub.com/content/43/6/651.full.pdf+html> (Links to an external site.)
- *(3) Uvin, Peter, 1999 “Ethnicity and Power in Burundi and Rwanda: Different Paths to Mass Violence”, in: *Comparative Politics* Vol. 31, No. 3, pp. 253-271
http://www.jstor.org/stable/422339?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

Oct.24, 26, 2022

Blood Diamonds: Sierra Leon Civil War (Assignment # 6)

This section will cover the civil war in Sierra Leone and the role of mineral resources in the conflict.

Readings:

(1) ALFRED B ZACK-WILLIAMS, 1999 "Sierra Leone: the political economy of civil war, 1991-98", in: *Third World Quarterly*, Vol 20, No 1, pp 143-162, 1999

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/01436599913965> (Links to an external site.)

(2) ABIODUN ALAO, 2007, "Diamonds are forever ... but so also are controversies: Diamonds and the actors in Sierra Leone's civil war", in: *Civil Wars*. [Volume 2 \(Links to an external site.\)](#), [Issue 3 \(Links to an external site.\)](#), 1999, pp 43-64

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13698249908402414> (Links to an external site.)

*(3) MATS UTAS & MAGNUS JO" RGEL, 2008, "The West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone civil war", in: [The Journal of Modern African Studies \(Links to an external site.\)](#) / Volume 46 / Issue 03 / September 2008, pp 487-511

http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S0022278X08003388 (Links to an external site.)

*(4) John L. Hirsch, 2008, "War in Sierra Leone", in: *Global Politics and Strategy*, 43:3, 145-162

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/00396330412375169943>

Oct. 31, Nov. 2nd, 2022

Mali: Religion and Ethnicity (Assignment # 7)

Readings:

(1) Keita, Kalifa. 2007 " Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Sahel: The Tuareg Insurgency in Mali", in: *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 9:3, 102-128

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/09592319808423221> (Links to an external site.)

(2) Dowd, C. & C. Raleigh, 2013 " The Myth of Global Islamic Terrorism and Local Conflict in Mali and the Sahel", in: *African Affairs*, 1-2

<http://afraf.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/05/28/afraf.adt039.full.pdf+html> (Links to an external site.)

(3) Sidibe, Kalilou, 2012 "Security Management in Northern Mali: Criminal Networks and Conflict Resolution Mechanisms", in: *IDS Research Report 77* (in English & French)

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.2040-0217.2012.00077_2.x/epdf

Nov.7,9, 2022

Nigeria: Religion & Politics (Assignment # 8)

Readings:

(1) Adesoji, Abimbola, 2010 "The Boko Haram Uprising and Islamic Revivalism in Nigeria", in: *Africa Spectrum* 2/2010: 95-108

http://www.jstor.org/stable/25798918?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents (Links to an external site.)

(2) Onuoha, Freedom, 2010 "The Islamist challenge: Nigeria's Boko Haram crisis explained ", in: *African Security Review*, 19:2, 54-67

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/10246029.2010.503061> (Links to an external site.)

(3) Aghedo, Iro & O Osumah, 2012 "The Boko Haram Uprising: how should Nigeria respond?" in: *Third World Quarterly*, 33:5, 853-869





<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/01436597.2012.674701>

Nov 14, 16, 2020

US, EU Africa Policies (Assignment # 9)

This section will focus upon the roles of the United States and Europe with regards to African conflicts and peace settlements.

Readings:


- (1) Cohen, Herman J., 2014, [Africa's Illegitimate Surrogate Wars: Disastrous and Stealthy Cross Border Acts of Aggression That Have Never Been Acknowledged nor Discussed](#) . In: American Foreign Policy Interests. Jul/Aug2014, Vol. 36 Issue 4, p240-248.
- (2) Williams, Paul D. & Arthur Boutellis, 2014, [Partnership peacekeeping: Challenges and opportunities in the United Nations–African Union Relationship](#) . In: African Affairs, Volume 113, Issue 451, 1 April 2014, Pages 254–278
- (3) Dembinski, Matthias1, & Schott, Berenike, 2014, [Regional security arrangements as a filter for norm diffusion: the African Union, the European Union and the responsibility to protect.](#) . In: Cambridge Review of International Affairs. Jun2014, Vol. 27 Issue 2, p362-380.
- (4) Charron, Andrea; Portela, Clara, 2015, [The UN, regional sanctions and Africa](#) . In: International Affairs. Nov 2015, Vol. 91 Issue 6, p1369-1385. 17p. 4 Charts. DOI: 10.1111/1468-2346.12452.

Nov. 21, 23, 2020

AU and Regional Organizations

This section will the role of the African Union and other regional organizations in ending wars and conflicts in Africa.

Readings:

- (1) Bamidele, Seun, 2017, Regional Approaches to Crisis Response, the African Union (AU) Intervention in African States: How Viable Is It?, In: India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs, India Quarterly 73(1) 114–128.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0974928417690085> (Links to an external site.)
- (2) Christakis, Theodore, 2013, The Emperor Has No Clothes? The Secondary Role of African Regional Organizations in Recent Armed Conflicts in Africa, In: American Society of International Law) Vol. 107, International Law in a Multipolar World (2013), pp. 327-330
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5305/procanmeetasil.107.0327> (Links to an external site.)
- (3) ANING, KWESI, 2016, [African Agency in R2P: Interventions by African Union and ECOWAS in Mali, Cote D'ivoire, and Libya](#) . In: International Studies Review. Mar2016, Vol. 18 Issue 1, p120-133.

Nov. 28, 30, 2022

ICC & the Right to Protect (Assignment # 10)

This section will discuss the implication of the ICC indictment against individuals involved in crimes in Africa, and the Africa response. Emphasis would be on the implication of the court ruling domestically and globally.

Readings:

- (1) Mangu, André Mbata, 2015, The International Criminal Court, Justice, Peace and the Fight against Impunity in Africa: An Overview, In: Africa Development / Afrique et Développement, Vol. 40, No. 2, International Criminal Justice/Cour pénale internationale (2015), pp. 7-32
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/afrdevafrdev.40.2.7.pdf?refreqid=search%3Aadd7c8765d8b5e635d7ff83228262153> (Links to an external site.)
- (2) Igwe, Chikeziri Sam, 2008, The ICC's favourite customer: Africa and international criminal law, In: The Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa, Vol. 41, No. 2 (JULY 2008), pp. 294-323

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/10.2307/23253187.pdf?refreqid=search%3Adeaf5c19794fe9b35cbecc6283382e66> (Links to an external site.)

(3) Murithi, Tim, 2015, Ensuring Peace and Reconciliation while Holding Leaders Accountable: The Politics of ICC Cases in Kenya and Sudan, In: Africa Development / Afrique et Développement, Vol. 40, No. 2, International Criminal Justice/Cour pénale internationale (2015), pp. 73-97

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/10.2307/afrdevafrdev.40.2.73.pdf?refreqid=search%3Adeaf5c19794fe9b35cbecc6283382e66> (Links to an external site.)

(4) Odinkalu, Chidi Anselm, 2015, [International Criminal Justice, Peace and Reconciliation in Africa: Re-imagining an Agenda Beyond the ICC](#) (Links to an external site.), In: Africa Development / Afrique et Développement, Vol. 40, No. 2, International Criminal Justice/Cour pénale internationale (2015), pp. 257-290

Dec. 5, 2022 Transitional Justice

Readings:

(1) Frederking, Brian K. 2015 “Putting Transitional Justice on Trial: Democracy and Human Rights in Post-Civil War Societies”, in: International Social Science Review , Vol. 91, No. 1 (2015), pp. 1-19

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2307/intesocisciervi.91.1.03>

(2) African Union Panel of the Wise International Peace Institute, 2013, “Report Part Title: Africa’s Experiences in Transitional Justice”, International Peace Institute (21pages)

<http://www.jstor.com/stable/resrep09588.8>

(3) Leebaw, Bronwyn Anne, 2008 “The Irreconcilable Goals of Transitional Justice “, in: Human Rights Quarterly , Feb., 2008, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Feb., 2008), pp. 95-118

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/20486698>

(4) Haider, Huma, 2017. “The Political Nature of Transitional Justice – and Potential Unintended Consequences Report”, Swisspeace (2017)

<http://www.jstor.com/stable/resrep11070.7>

Dec. 7, 2022 General Review