Karibu Mgeni means “welcome visitor” or “welcome stranger” in Swahili.

**Themes**
This year-long class is designed to introduce students to the political dynamics of contemporary Africa. The course will explore two related sets of issues: first, state formation and nation building and second, the origins and nature of the continent’s economic crisis. The first semester will trace the historical development of the modern state system on the continent and the rise of contemporary African economies before moving on, in the second semester, to consider particular themes that characterize the nature of contemporary African politics.
Readings
All course readings are available and can be accessed through web system replacing Portal(https://cr.library.utoronto.ca/). To access the reading look for the link to “Library Course Reserves” on your Blackboard “My Courses”, which will lead to all required readings. Instructions for accessing the reading can also be found in the “Course Materials” section of the course page on Blackboard.

Format and requirements

Course evaluation will include two papers, a short quiz, a mid-term test and a final test.

1. Map quiz (Fall semester, in the first weeks, TBA) 5%
2. Review essay (Fall semester, November 21, 2018) 20%
3. Mid-term test (Fall semester, December 5, 2018) 25%
4. Research essay (Spring semester, March 13, 2019) 25%
5. End of year test (Spring semester, April 3, 2019) 25%

Map quiz:
All students will be required to acquire a basic knowledge of African geography by the first few meetings of the course (i.e. by the end of May), and the quiz can be administered anytime. It would be wise not to miss classes, as there is no makeup for the quiz.

Essays:
All students will be expected to complete two short essays (2000-2500 words for Review Essay and 2500-3000 words for Research Essay) drawing on a combination of course readings, at least five, and some additional external research. Broad topic areas and guidelines will be distributed in class early in both terms.

Review essay: Topics to be posted by September 19, 2018.
Essay to be due in class, at the beginning of class of November 21, 2018.

Research essay: Topics to be posted by January 17, 2019
Essay to be due in class, at the beginning of class, March 13, 2019

Please note the following for essay submission:
1. Unless you specifically make alternative arrangements in advance (see below), essays must be submitted via Turnitin online, and the receipt attached to the hard copy of your essay.
2. Before submitting your essay, you must also review the Academic Integrity Checklist, included at the end of this document, and make sure that you are able to check every category on this checklist. By submitting your essay, you are pledging that you have read the checklist and can check every item.

Both the Turnitin receipt and the Academic Integrity Checklist should be appended to the hardcopy version of your essay that you submit for grading. Your essay submission will not be regarded as complete until you have completed all of these steps.
If you have a principled objection to the use of Turnitin and wish to make an alternative arrangement for the submission of your essay, this must be discussed well in advance of the submission deadline with the course instructor, and certainly no later than two weeks before that deadline.

**Late penalty and extension policy:**

Extensions will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances that could not be anticipated ahead of time. Any request for an extension or the waiver of a late penalty must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, using the official/approved university forms. You are strongly urged to approach the instructor as soon as you are aware that you will be needing an extension. Extensions requested after the fact will be treated much less sympathetically. You should never assume that an extension will necessarily be granted.

Similarly, missing the map quiz, term test or exam will require an acceptable doctor’s note or other documentation. This must be submitted within one week of the test or assignment date and it should be submitted on the official UofT form.

There will be a penalty of 4% per day for late papers (including weekends i.e. penalties will continue to accrue at 4% per day over the weekend). Papers handed in late but before 5pm on the due date will be subject to a graduated penalty. Late papers must be submitted to the Politics department on the 3rd floor of Sidney Smith during business hours. You must ensure that the paper is dated and stamped. You should never attempt to submit your paper by leaving it under an office door or sending it by e-mail or fax.

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and

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for two important documents entitled *How Not to Plagiarize* and *Standard Documentation Formats* respectively.

Should you require any further assistance with how to properly reference and footnote your work, please consult one of the many guides available in the library or the Writing Center. Your course instructors are also happy to provide guidance at any point prior to the submission of your work as to what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it.
Tests:
Class tests will take place during class time on the last day of the term and will each run for 2 hours. However, in case of home take tests, more time, 3 hours will be provided and further information, both on the modality and the amount of time, will be provided. The tests are uploaded to turnitin and sent to the TA email at the same time.

How to contact me
Please feel free to stop by the office of the relevant course instructor office during our office hours. If you can’t make those, you should set up an alternative appointment, either by phone or e-mail.

I will do my best to respond to e-mails and phone calls within 48hrs. Please note that I will not, however, be checking my e-mails on weekends or after hours so do not leave your requests or queries to the last minute.

At times, I may decide to send out important course information by email. To that end, all UofT students are required to have a valid UofT email address. You are responsible for ensuring that your UofT email address is set up AND properly entered in the ROSI system.

Accessibility Needs
The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca or http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility.

Resources on Africa
Columbia University has a great web-page which will provide you with links to all kinds of web-based resources on Africa.
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/web/indiv/africa/cuvl/

The University of Delaware has a similarly encyclopedic resource page:
http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/african/internet.htm

A list of African newspapers can be accessed here:
http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html
Part I

Tracing the historical origins of contemporary Africa

September 12: Introduction and general orientation (no readings assigned)

September 19: Africa before colonialism

September 26: The advent of the colonial era and the logic colonial rule

***** Be ready to take the map quiz at any point from here on *****

October 3: The movement towards independence

October 8 (Thanksgiving holiday, no class)

October 10: The new generation of independent African states

October 17: Ideologies and Development Strategies
- [E] Elizabeth Schmidt, James H. Mittelman, Fantu Cheru & Ali Mari Tripp,

October 24: The onset of economic crisis


Recommended:

October 31: Structural Adjustment Programmes and the pressure to reform


November 7: (Reading week)

November 14: African militaries

- Thomson, Introduction to African politics and government, pp. 121-141.

November 21: The wave of democratization and African democratic Transition.


November 28: Pan-Africanism and Regionalism on the continent


December 5: Midterm Test
Part II: Themes in African Politics

January 9: Theorizing African politics I, Modernization theory, liberal and neo-liberal approaches


January 16: Theorizing African politics II: The Rise and decline of African State

- Paul D. Williams, "State Failure in Africa: causes, consequences and responses" www.europaworld.com

January 23: Ethnic identification and so-called ethnic conflict

- Crawford Young, Revisiting nationalism and ethnicity in Africa, James S. Coleman African Studies Center (University of California, Los Angeles), 2004

January 30: African Civil wars


February 6: African agriculture and the African peasantry


February 13: Disease and Development (TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS)

**February 20, Winter Reading week (No class)**

**February 27: Business and Industry in Africa**

**March 6: The wars of liberation in Settlers states**
• Chapter 10 “Bureaucracy and Incumbent Violence” by Bruce Berman in Bruce Berman and John Lonsdale *Unhappy Valley* London: James Currey (1992)

**March 13: South Africa**
• Patti Waldmeier *Anatomy of a Miracle* Chapters 6 and 7, New York: W Norton (1997) Recommended

**March 20: African Women and Development**

**March 27: The Evolving patterns of Africa’s international relations**
April 3, 2019: Final Test

Academic Integrity Checklist
POL 301 Government and Politics in Africa

For Prof Abbas Gnamo

Please read the following statement, tick the appropriate boxes and sign the declaration when you are ready to do so. You must submit a copy of this form along with your essay. If you do not feel able or ready to tick all of the boxes, you are strongly urged to contact the relevant instructors to discuss the matter with them.

It is far better to take action to resolve the matter ahead of time rather than submit an essay that falls short of the university’s academic integrity standards.

I, ____________________________________________, affirm that this assignment represents entirely my own efforts.

I confirm that:

☐ I have acknowledged the use of another’s ideas with accurate citations.
☐ If I used the words of another (e.g., author, instructor, information source), I have acknowledged this with quotation marks (or appropriate indentation) and proper citation.
☐ When paraphrasing the work of others, I put the idea into my own words and did not just change a few words or rearrange the sentence structure.
☐ I have checked my work against my notes to be sure I have correctly referenced all direct quotes or borrowed ideas.
☐ My bibliography includes only the sources used to complete this assignment.
☐ This is the first time I have submitted this assignment (in whole or in part) for credit.
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☐ This is the final version of my assignment and not a draft.
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Signed: ____________________________________________

Date: ____________________