

AS100.731 Colonial Africa: French African Empire

This is a graduate reading seminar considering significant works on French African Empire and designed to familiarize students with current trends of inquiry into Francophone colonial Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We will read and discuss one book each week. The precise selection of books will depend upon student interest and the meeting time is flexible. Students will read and report to the class on works we are not reading in in common.

Reading List

Babou, Cheikh Anta. *Fighting the Greater Jihad: Amadu Bamba and the Founding of the Muridiyya of Senegal, 1853-1913*. Athens, Oh.: Ohio University Press, 2007. (October 2007)

Bassett, Thomas J. *The Peasant Cotton Revolution in West Africa: Côte d'Ivoire, 1880-1995*. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Beusekom, Monica van. *Negotiating Development: African Farmers and Colonial Experts at the Office du Niger, 1920-1960*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2002.

Chafer, Tony. *The End of Empire in French West Africa: France's Successful Decolonization?* Oxford, Eng.: Berg, 2002.

Conklin, Alice L. *A Mission to Civilize: The Republican Idea of Empire in France and West Africa, 1895-1930*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1997.

Cooper, Frederick. *Decolonization and African Society: The Labor Question in French and British Africa*. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Echenberg, Myron J. *Black Death, White Medicine: Bubonic Plague and the Politics of Public Health in Colonial Senegal, 1914-1945*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2002.

Edwards, Brent Hayes. *The Practice of Diaspora: Literature, Translation, and the Rise of Black Internationalism*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2003.

Gerbi, Alexandre. *Histoire occultée de la décolonisation franco-africaine: imposture, refoulements, et névroses*. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2006.

Ginio, Ruth. *French Colonialism Unmasked: The Vichy Years in French West Africa*. University of Nebraska Press, 2006.

Graeber, David. *Lost People: Magic and the Legacy of Slavery in Madagascar*. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 2007. (September 2007)

- Jules-Rosette, Benetta. *Black Paris: The African Writers' Landscape*. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1998.
- Klein, Martin A. *Slavery and Colonial Rule in French West Africa*. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Lawler, Nancy Ellen. *Soldiers of Misfortune: Ivoirien Tirailleurs of World War II*. Athens, Oh.: Ohio University Press, 1992.
- Lunn, Joe. *Memoirs of the Maelstrom: A Senegalese Oral History of the First World War*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 1999.
- Manchuelle, François. *Willing Migrants: Soninke Labor Diasporas, 1848-1960*. Athens, Oh.: Ohio University Press, 1997.
- Mann, Gregory. *Native Sons: West African Veterans and France in the Twentieth Century*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2006.
- Manning, Patrick. *Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa, 1880-1995*. 2nd edn. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Manning, Patrick. *Slavery, Colonialism, and Economic Growth in Dahomey, 1640-1960*. Cambridge, Eng.: Cambridge University Press, 1982.
- Rich, Jeremy. *A Workman is Worthy of His Meat: Food and Colonialism in the Gabon Estuary*. Lincoln, Neb.: University of Nebraska Press, 2007.
- Roberts, Richard. *Litigants and Households: African Disputes and Colonial Courts in the French Soudan, 1895-1912*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2005.
- Roberts, Richard L. *Two Worlds of Cotton: Colonialism and the Regional Economy in the French Soudan, 1800-1946*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1996.
- Robinson, David. *Paths of Accommodation: Muslim Societies and French Colonial Authorities in Senegal and Mauritania, 1880-1920*. Athens, Oh.: Ohio University Press, 2000.
- Saul, Mahir, and Patrick Royer. *West African Challenge to Empire: Culture and History in the Volta-Bani Anticolonial War*. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2001.
- Schmidt, Elizabeth. *Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2005.

Sibeud, Emmanuelle, ed. *Une science impériale pour l'Afrique: la construction des savoirs africanistes en France, 1878-1930*. Paris: Éditions de l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, 2002.

Silla, Eric. *People are not the Same: Leprosy and Identity in Twentieth-Century Mali*. Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 1998.

Wilder, Gary. *The French Imperial Nation-State: Negritude and Colonial Humanism between the two World Wars*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005.