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**Fall Term 2012**  
**Class: STBIO N2/2**  
**Schedule: MW 5:35-6:55 p.m.**

**[Sept.5] Introduction to the Course: Perspectives on Africa**

*“Perspectives” & “representations”: Africa as objective reality and as concept; disciplines, approaches and problems in African Studies.*

**SECTION A.  
AFRICAN SOCIETIES, ECONOMIES AND RELIGIONS**

**[Sept. 10, 12] Part I. Representation and Discourse**

*“Frames” and images for interpreting Africa; “imagined landscapes of Africa”.*

Focus: South Africa; Problem: The force of discourse

J&J Comaroff (South Africa)

Cheikh Anta Diop (Egypt)

Kwame Anthony Appiah (Africa)

V.Y. Mudimbe (Africa)

**[Sept. 17, 19] Part II. From Tribe to Ethnicity: Kinship and Social Organization**

*Who has tribes & who has ethnicity? ‘Inventions’ of African society.*

Focus: Sudan; Problem: The power of identity

E.E. Evans-Pritchard (Nuer/Sudan)

Aidan Southall (Eastern Africa/Comparative)

Leroy Vail (Afrikaners/South Africa)

**[Sept. 24, 26] Part III. Economics as a Cultural System**

*Livelihoods, cultures, markets and states; Economic ideas in Africa.*

Focus: Congo; Problem: The social embedding of economic life

Mary Douglas (Lele & Bushong/Congo)

Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch (West Africa/Comparative)

Sharon Hutchinson (Nuer/Sudan)

**[Oct. 1, 3] Part IV. Hunter-Gatherers in Africa**

*Foragers as ancestors or people? Explaining the persistence of hunter-gatherers and modernity.*

Focus: Southern Africa/Kalahari; Problem: Livelihoods in ecological and political context

Colin Turnbull (Mbuti Pygmies/Congo)

Roy Grinker (Lese & Efe/Congo)

Edwin Wilmsen (‘Bushmen’/Southern Africa)

Jacqueline Solway and Richard Lee (San of Kalahari/Southern Africa)

**Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, No Class (Thanksgiving)**

**[Oct. 10, 15]**

*AFRI 200, Introduction to African Studies [Fall Term 2010]*

**[October 10<sup>th</sup>, Final Date for sending Essay topics to course TA]**

**[Oct. 17, 22] Part VI. Ancestors, Gods, and the Philosophy of Religion**

*Belief, divinity and the social order; religion and cultural creativity. M K 12 90(M K 12w -J 0 TcBDC -27.[ T*

**[Nov. 26, 28] Part XI. Violent Transformations: Conflict and Displacement**  
*Rituals of rebellion and conflict: Fragmenting and problematizing the State*  
Focus: Rwanda; Problem: Are African states too weak or too strong?