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History of East Africa

During the course we will consider a number of major themes in the history of East Africa from the Late Stone Age to the present. We will also explore some of the methods that historians use to reconstruct that history, as well as varying interpretations and constructions of that history over time.

Given the problems of studying East African history and the relatively short period of time that historians have been studying it seriously, we will probably raise more questions than answers, unearth more problems than solutions. No text book or lecture should be considered authoritative. The course will, accordingly, follow a mixed lecture/discussion format in order to allow you to talk and think issues through for yourself to arrive at your own understanding of the complex issues involved. It is therefore imperative that you read the assigned readings and think about them seriously before the class for which they are assigned, as they will be the subject of that class's activities. I have suggested some questions under each topic that you might consider while doing the reading. You will, no doubt, think of others.

Course Requirements:

Undergraduates: (1) class attendance and participation in class discussions; (2) completing the required reading before each class meeting; (3) a map quiz; and (4) two mid-terms and a final exam. Honors students will also be asked to complete a term paper on one of the topics of the course.

Graduates: (1) class attendance and participation in class discussions; (2) completing the required reading for undergraduates and graduates before each class meeting; (3) a map quiz; (4) a final exam; and (5) two discussion papers, each based on the combined required and selected recommended reading for a single class. Discussion papers are intended to provoke discussion and should focus on significant analytical issues in the reading, raise pertinent questions regarding them, and include a brief annotated bibliography summarizing the value of each source. They should be 5-6 pages long; two copies of each paper must be given to me in the class prior to that for which it is prepared; and you should be prepared to take an active role in facilitating class discussion.

Readings: All required readings (undergraduate and graduate) are on reserve in the Helen C. White Library; recommended readings are in the stacks. The following books are also available at University Bookstore:

J. Iliffe, A Modern History of Tanganyika
S. Feierman, The Shambaa Kingdom
R. Kapuscinski, The Emperor
Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Matigari
D. Nurse & T. Spear, The Swahili
T. Spear, Kenya's Past

I: Early History and Historiography

Week 1 -- Introduction

- 1/19 Lands and Peoples: Histories and Historians
no required reading

recommended:

- J. Koponen, People and Production in Late Precolonial Tanzania, Intro.
T. Ranger, Emerging Themes in African History
D. Denoon & A. Kuper, 'Nationalist Historians in Search of a Nation,' African Affairs 70(1970), 329-349.
A. Temu & B. Swai, Historians and Africanist History

- 1/21 Societies and Economies
J. Iliffe, Modern History of Tanganyika, 1-39

graduate:

- J. Koponen, People & Production in Late Precolonial Tanzania, Chaps 5-9
(survey for overall approach and main themes)

Week 2 -- Early History

- 1/26 From Hunters to Farmers & Iron Workers
*What are some of the main points of historical development in East Africa.
Why do we read the archaeological record in that way?*
T. Spear, Kenya's Past, xii-xxiv, 1-21.

Map Quiz: due in class.

graduate:

- C. Ehret & M. Posnansky (eds.), The Archaeological and Linguistic Reconstruction of African History, chapt by Ambrose

recommended:

- D. Phillipson, The Later Prehistory of Eastern and Southern Africa
Azania, 24(1989), special issue on African agriculture
J. Harlan, et. al., Origins of African Plant Domestication
J. Hiernaux, The Peoples of Africa
D. Phillipson, African Archaeology
P. Schmidt, Historical Archaeology
J. Sutton, The Archaeology of the Western Highlands of Kenya
periodic reviews of radio carbon dates in JAH
C. Kratz, 'Are the Okiek really Maasai? or Kipsigis? or Kikuyu?' Cahiers d'etudes africaines, 20/79(1980), 355-368.
M. Kenny, 'The Dorobo as Image of Other,' Africa, 51(1981), 477-495.
R. Blackburn, 'The Okiek and their History,' Azania, 9(1974)
J. Newman, The Ecological Basis for Subsistence Change among the Sandawe

1/28 Language and Peoples

'Languages, like people, have ancestors.' How accurate is this statement?

T. Spear, Kenya's Past, 22-45.

D. Nurse & T. Spear, The Swahili, Chaps 1-3.

graduate:

C. Ehret & M. Posnansky (eds.), The Archaeological and Linguistic Reconstruction of African History, chapt by Nurse

recommended:

C. Ehret, Ethiopians and East Africans

C. Ehret, Southern Nilotic History

D. Nurse, Classification of the Chaga Dialects

E. Polomé (ed.), Language in Tanzania, art. by Nurse & Philippson

D. Schoenbrun, 'Early History in Eastern Africa's Great Lakes Region,' PhD, UCLA

J. Vansina, Paths in the Rainforest, 3-33

J. Vansina, 'Western Bantu Expansion,' JAH, 25(1984), 129-145

Week 3 -- Cultural Beginnings

2/2 Myths of Origin (film: 'The Shilluk' ?)

What purposes do the Singwaya or Mbegha myths serve for the Mijikenda or Shambaa? for the historian?

T. Spear, Kenya's Past, 46-70.

S. Feierman, The Shambaa Kingdom, 40-69.

recommended:

sections dealing with origin traditions of any of the following:

I. Kimambo, A Political History of Pare

J. Lamphear, Traditional History of the Jie of Uganda

G. Muriuki, A History of the Kikuyu

(cf. J. Kenyatta, Facing Mount Kenya)

T. Spear, The Kaya Complex (Mijikenda)

T. Spear, Traditions of Origin & their Interpretation

R. Willis, A State in the Making (Fipa)

for general analysis of oral traditions, see:

J. Vansina, Oral Tradition as History

D. Henige, Oral Historiography

J. Miller (ed.), The African Past Speaks

2/4 Processes of Historical Change

What were some of the main factors that caused change in East Africa? How do these modify our interpretation of origin traditions?

T. Spear, Kenya's Past, 71-112.

S. Feierman, The Shambaa Kingdom, 70-108.

graduate:

J. Koponen, People and Production in Late Precolonial Tanzania, Chapt 2

recommended:

- Cf. analyses of historical process in later chapters of any of the books listed under 2/2 with their interpretations of origin traditions: are they congruent?
 C. Ambler, Kenyan Communities in the Age of Imperialism
 A. Frontera, Persistence and Change
 S. Feierman, 'Concepts of Sovereignty among the Shambaa,' D Phil, Oxford
 G. Schlee, Identities on the Move

II: States and State Formation**Week 4 -- Farmers and Herders**2/9 Farmers, Herders, and the Pastoral Revolution

'The pure pastoralist is a poor pastoralist.' True or false? And what have pastoralists done about it?

- J. Berntsen, 'The Maasai and their Neighbors,' African Economic History, 2(1976), 1-11.
 T. Spear, 'Introduction' in T. Spear & R. Waller (eds.), Being Maasai, 1-18.

graduate:

any of the articles in Spear & Waller, Being Maasai, by Sutton, Galaty, Lamphear, Sobania, Spear, Klumpp & Kratz, or Waller.

recommended:

on the origins of pastoralism, see:

- S. Ambrose, 'The Introduction of Pastoral Adaptations to the Highlands of East Africa,' in J. Clark & S. Brandt (eds.), From Hunters to Farmers, 212-239.
 J. Lamphear, "The Persistence of Hunting and Gathering in a 'Pastoral World'," SUGIA, 7/2(1986), 227-265.
 P. Robertshaw & D. Collett, 'A New Framework for the Study of Early Pastoral Communities in East Africa,' JAH, 24(1983), 289-302.
 P. Robertshaw (ed.), Early Pastoralists of South-western Kenya

for relations between herders and farmers, see:

- R. Waller, 'Economic and Social Relations in the Central Rift Valley' in B. Ogot (ed.), Kenya in the Nineteenth Century (Hadith, 8), 83-151.

on modes of production, see:

- M. Sahlins, Stone Age Economics, 1-39.
 C. Meillassoux, 'The Economy in Agricultural Self-Sustaining Societies' in D. Seddon (ed.), Relations of Production, 127-157
 G. Dahl & A. Hjort, Having Herds

2/11 Farmers, Herders, and State Formation among the Luo

How do the different historians account for the processes of migration and state formation among the Luo?

- B. Ogot, A History of the Southern Luo, 40-62.
 S. Feierman, 'Economy, Society, & Language in Early East Africa,' in P. Curtin, et. al., African History, 130-139.

graduate:

- D. Cohen & A. Odiambo, Siaya, 1-42.

recommended:

- A. Adefuye, 'Political History of the Palwo,' PhD, Ibadan
 A. Southall, Alur Society
 J. Crazzolaro, The Lwoo
 R. Herring, D. Cohen & B. Ogot, 'The Construction of Dominance' in A. Salim (ed.), State Formation in Eastern Africa.
 B. Ogot 'The Role of Agriculturalists and Pastoralists' in T. Ranger (ed.), Emerging Themes in African History

Week 5 -- Complexes of States

2/16 States in the Interlacustrine Region

- What are some of the lessons of the Luo for state formation among the 'Great States' of the Lake region?*
 S. Feierman, 'Political Culture and Political Economy in Early East Africa,' in P. Curtin, et. al., African History, 147-155, 156-171.
 I. Berger, 'Dieties Dynasties and Oral Tradition' in J. Miller (ed.), The African Past Speaks, 61-81.

Exam: Undergraduate mid-term take-home handed out in class. Due at the beginning of class 2/18.

graduate:

arts. by Cohen and Vansina in Miller, The African Past Speaks.

recommended:

on Bunyoro, see:

- I. Berger, Religion and Resistance
 J. Beattie, The Nyoro State
 J. Beattie, Bunyoro: An African State
 C. Buccanan, 'The Kitara Complex,' PhD, Indiana
 A. Dunbar, A History of Bunyoro-Kitara
 J. Nyakatura, Anatomy of an African Kingdom
 R. Tantalala, 'The Early History of Kitara in Western Uganda.' PhD, Wisconsin.

Buganda:

- A. Kagawa, The Kings of Buganda
 M. Kiwanuka, A History of Buganda
 B. Ray, Myth, Ritual and Kingship in Buganda
 J. Rowe, 'Revolution in Buganda.' PhD. Wisconsin
 M. Wright, Buganda in the Heroic Age

Busoga:

- D. Cohen, The Historical Tradition of Busoga
 D. Cohen, Womunafu's Bunafu
 L. Fallers, Bantu Bureaucracy

Rwanda:

- L. de Heusch, Le Rwanda et la civilisation interlacustre
 C. Newbury, The Cohesion of Oppression
 D. Newbury, Kings and Clans
 R. Packard, Chiefship and Cosmology
 R. Sigwalt, 'Early Rwanda History.' History in Africa, 2(1975), 137-146.
 J. Vansina, L'évolution du royaume Rwanda

Burundi:

M. Wagner, PhD thesis, Wisconsin
 E. Mworoha, et. al., Histoire du Burundi

Others:

G. Hartwig, The Art of Survival
 K. Ingram, The Kingdom of Toro in Uganda
 S. Karugire, A History of the Kingdom of Nkore
 I. Katoke, The Karagwe Kingdom

- 2/18 Ethiopia and the Rise of the King of kings
 No required reading for undergraduates.

Exam: Mid-term due at the beginning of class. Late papers will be penalized.

graduate:

D. Levine, Greater Ethiopia (survey this important reconceptualization of Ethiopian history)

recommended:

M. Abir, Ethiopia: The Era of the Princes
 R. Darkwarh, Shewa, Menilek and the Ethiopian Empire
 Z. Gabre-Sellassie, Yohannes IV of Ethiopia
 T. Tamrat, Church and State in Ethiopia
 D. Crummey, Priests and Politicians
 H. Marcus, The Life and Times of Menelik II
 S. Rubenson, King of Kings: Tewodros of Ethiopia
 B. Zewde, A History of Modern Ethiopia

III: The Coast and Expansion of Trade

Week 6 -- The Swahili Coast

- 2/23 Fishing, Trade and Swahili Society
Why has the attribution of foreign origins been so pervasive among scholars and the Swahili themselves? Why are both groups now recasting their history?
 D. Nurse & T. Spear, The Swahili, 68-98.

graduate:

J. Allen, Swahili Origins (cf. basic argument with that of Nurse & Spear)

recommended:

F. Berg, 'Mombasa under the Busaidi Sultanate,' PhD, Wisconsin
 A. Caplan, Choice and Constraint in a Swahili Community
 G. Freeman-Grenville, The East African Coast (documents)
 P. Lienhardt, The Medicine Man
 W. Mackay, 'Precolonial History of the Southern Kenya Coast,' PhD, Boston
 J. Middleton, The World of the Swahili
 R. Pouwels, Horn and Crescent
 J. Strandes, The Portuguese Period in East Africa
 M. Ylvisaker, Lamu in the Nineteenth Century
 A. el Zein, The Sacred Meadows

for archaeology and architecture, see Chittick, Garlake, Horton, Kirkman, Wilson in Biblio.

2/25 Rise of the Zanzibar Commercial Empire

How was Zanzibar able to expand in the 19th c? What was the nature of its control over the coast? And why did the abolition of the slave trade lead to an increase in domestic slavery in East Africa?

S. Feierman, 'A Century of Ironies in East Africa' in P. Curtin, et. al., African History, 391-411.

graduate:

A. Sheriff, Slaves, Spices and Ivory in Zanzibar, examine Preface, Intro and Chapt 1 for changes in Sheriff's interpretation.

recommended:

F. Cooper, Plantation Slavery on the East Coast of Africa

F. Cooper, Slaves to Squatters

J. Glassman, 'Social Rebellion & Swahili Culture,' PhD, Wisconsin

P. Koffsky, 'History of Takaungu,' PhD, Wisconsin

F. Morton, Children of Ham (cf. Cooper, Slaves to Squatters)

W. Whiteley, The Life of Tippu Tip

Week 7 -- The Political Economies of Trade in the 19th Century

3/2 Kenya: Trade and the Rise of 'Big Men'

How and why did trade affect politics in Kenya? How much did 'Big Men' really transform local politics?

T. Spear, Kenya's Past, 113-146.

graduate:

A. Frontera, Persistence and Change, Chaps 2, 4, 5, 9.

recommended:

R. Cummings, 'Aspects of Human Portage with Special Reference to the Akamba of Kenya,' PhD, UCLA

K. Jackson, 'An Ethnohistorical Study of the Oral Traditions of the Akamba of Kenya,' PhD, UCLA.

J. Lamphear, 'The Kamba and the Northern Mrima Coast' in R. Gray & D. Birmingham (eds.), Pre-colonial African Trade, art by

G. Muriuki, A History of the Kikuyu

B. Ogot (ed.), Kenya before 1900, arts. by Muriuki, Jackson, & Spear

B. Ogot (ed.), Kenya in the Nineteenth Century (Hadith, 8)

T. Spear, The Kaya Complex (Mijikenda)

3/4 Tanzania: Trade, Political Violence, and the Loss of Environmental Control

If trade led to political disaggregation in Kenya, how and why did it seem to have the opposite effect in Tanzania?

J. Iliffe, Modern History of Tanganyika, 40-87, 123-134.

S. Feierman, The Shambaa Kingdom, 120-204 (highly recommended)

graduate:

S. Feierman, The Shambaa Kingdom, 120-204.

*recommended:**on the political violence resulting from trade, see:*

- J. Koponen, People and Production in Late Precolonial Tanzania, Chapt 3
 A. Roberts (ed.), Tanzania before 1900
 E. Alpers, Ivory and Slaves in East Africa
 R. Abrahams, The Political Organization of Greater Unyamwezi
 N. Bennett, Mirambo
 J. Kabeya, Mtemi Mirambo
 A. Roberts, 'Nyamwezi Trade' in R. Gray & D. Birmingham (eds.),
Precolonial African Trade,
 A. Shorter, Chiefship in Western Tanzania
 G. Hartwig, The Art of Survival
 I. Kimambo, Political History of Pare
 I. Kimambo, Penetration and Protest in Tanzania

on the environmental impact of changes in the 19th & 20th c, see:

- J. Koponen, People and Production in Late Precolonial Tanzania, Chapt 4
 J. Giblin, The Politics of Environmental Control in Northeastern Tanzania
 M. Dawson, 'Socio-Economic and Epidemiological Change in Kenya,' PhD,
 Wisconsin
 S. Feierman, 'Struggle for Control: The Social Basis of Health and Healing,'
African Studies Review, 28(1985), 73-147.
 J. Ford, The Role of Trypanosomiases in African Ecology
 D. Johnson & D. Anderson (eds.), The Ecology of Survival
 H. Kjekshus, Ecology Control and Economic Development in East African
 History

SPRING BREAK

IV: Paradoxes of Colonial Society and Rule

Week 8 -- Conquest and Rule

- 3/16 Establishment of Settler Colonialism in Kenya (FILM: WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY?)
How did Kikuyu view colonial conquest? Meinertzhagen? the settlers?
 G. Muriuki, A History of the Kikuyu, 136-166.
 R. Meinertzhagen, Kenya Diary: 1902-1906, 3, 9-11, 39-41, 49-53,
 59-60, 152-3, 217-9.

graduate:

- B. Berman & J. Lonsdale, Unhappy Valley, Book I, esp Chaps 1-2, 4-5.

recommended:

- E. Brett, Colonialism and Underdevelopment in East Africa
 D. Kennedy, Islands of White
 G. Mungeam, British Rule in Kenya
 M. Sorrenson, Origins of European Settlement in Kenya
 R. Wolff, The Economics of Colonialism
 R. Van Zwanenberg, An Economic History of Kenya and Uganda
 C. Brantley, The Giriama and Colonial Resistance in Kenya
 A. Matson, Nandi Resistance to British Rule

3/18 Consent and Resistance in Tanzania

Was 'customary law' based on 'tradition' or colonial invention? Why?
 J. Iliffe, Modern History of Tanganyika, 116-122, 261-272, 318-341.

graduate:

Iliffe, Modern History, 88-116, 168-202, 240-261.

recommended:

on colonial rule:

E. Brett, Colonialism and Underdevelopment in East Africa

J. Iliffe, Tanganyika under German Rule

M. Kaniki (ed.), Tanzania under Colonial Rule

I. Kimambo & A. Temu (eds.), History of Tanzania

A Low, Lion Rampant

Many'anya, Discipline and Tears

D. McCarthy, Colonial Bureaucracy and Creating Underdevelopment

K. Robinson, The Dilemmas of Trusteeship

D. Cameron, My Tanganyika Service and Some Nigeria

on Maji Maji:

J. Iliffe, 'The Organization of the Maji Maji Rebellion,' JAH, 8(1967), 495-512.

G. Gwassa, 'The Outbreak and Development of the Maji Maji War,' PhD, Dar es Salaam

G. Gwassa & J. Iliffe (eds.), Records of the Maji Maji Rising

O. Mapunda & G. Mpangara, The Maji Maji War in Ungoni

Week 9 -- The Empire Strikes Back

3/23 The 'Christian Revolution' in Buganda

Was conversion to Christianity in Buganda revolutionary, conservative, or reactionary?

C. Wrigley, 'The Christian Revolution in Buganda,' CSSH, 2(1959), 33-49.

J. Brierley & T. Spear, 'Mutesa, the Missionaries and Christian Conversion in Buganda,' IJAHS, 21(1988), 601-618.

graduate:

explore the long term impact of the 'Christian Revolution' in:

A. Richards, The Changing Structure of a Ganda Village, or

F. Welbourn, Religion and Politics in Uganda

recommended:

on the 'Christian Revolution':

D. Low, Religion and Society in Buganda

J. Rowe, 'Revolution in Buganda,' PhD, Wisconsin

J. Rowe, 'The Purge of Christians at Mwanga's Court,' JAH, 5(1964), 55-71.

J. Taylor, The Growth of the Church in Buganda

M. Twaddle, 'The Bakungu Chiefs of Buganda under British Rule,' JAH, 10(1969), 309-322.

its historical impact:

D. Apter, The Political Kingdom in Uganda

I. Hancock, 'Patriotism and Neo-Traditionalism in Buganda: The Kabaka Yekka Movement,' JAH, 11(1970), 419-434

- D. Low, Buganda in Modern History
- D. Low, The Mind of Buganda (documents)
- D. Low & R. Pratt, Buganda and British Overrule
- M. Twaddle, Semei Kakunguru and the Creation of Uganda

the significance of land:

- A. Mukwaya, Land Tenure in Buganda
- H. West, Land Policy in Buganda

and three ethnographic 'snapshots' of evolving Ganda society:

- J. Roscoe, The Baganda
- L. Mair, An African People in the Twentieth Century
- M. Southwold, Bureaucracy and Chiefship in Buganda

3/25 Autocracy and Empire in Ethiopia

How did Ethiopia change from the 19th to the 20th c?

- R. Kapuscinski, The Emperor, all

graduate:

- J. McCann, From Poverty to Famine in Northeast Ethiopia, Part II, *or*
- D. Levine, Wax and Gold, esp Chaps 2 & 5.

recommended:

- B. Zwede, A Modern History of Ethiopia
- C. Clapham, Haile Selassie's Government
- H. Marcus, Haile Sellassie I
- J. Markakis, Ethiopia: Anatomy of a Traditional Polity
- M. Perham, The Government of Ethiopia

Week 10 -- Women and the Transformation of Agricultural Production

3/30 Migrant Labor

How did migrant labor affect domestic agricultural production? the role of women?

- J. Iliffe, Modern History of Tanganyika, 151-167, 301-317.

graduate:

- Iliffe, Modern History, 135-150, 381-404.

recommended:

on labor:

- A. Clayton & D. Savage, Government and Labor in Kenya
- P. Collier, Labour and Poverty in Rural Tanzania
- F. Cooper, On the African Waterfront
- W. Elkan, Migrants and Proletarians
- R. Grillo, African Railwaymen
- W. Rodney, K. Tambila & L. Sago, Migrant Labour in Tanzania during the Colonial Period (Arbeiten aus den Institut für Afrika-Kunde, 45)
- R. Sandbrook, Proletarians and African Capitalism
- I. Shivji, Law, State and the Working Class in Tanzania
- S. Stichter, Migrant Labor in Kenya
- N. Swainson, The Development of Corporate Capitalism in Kenya

and its impact on women and domestic production:

P. Gulliver, Labour Migration in a Rural Economy

S. Levine, Mothers and Wives

M. Hay & S. Stichter (eds.), African Women South of the Sahara

J. Vincent, Teso in Transformation

4/1 Cash Crops and Peasants

What was the impact of cash cropping on domestic production? on women?

J. Iliffe, Modern History of Tanganyika, 273-301.

graduate:

cf. interpretations of peasant action and women's roles in:

S. Feierman, Peasant Intellectuals, Chaps 6-7, and

I. Kimambo, Penetration and Protest in Tanzania, Chaps 4-6

recommended:

on peasants:

B. Bernard, East of Mount Meru

S. Bunker, Peasants against the State

J. Glazier, Land and the Uses of Tradition among the Mbeere of Kenya

J. Iliffe, Agricultural Change in Modern Tanganyika

G. Kitching, Class and Economic Change in Kenya

D. Parkin, Palms, Wine, and Witnesses

A. Richards, Subsistence to Commercial Farming in Present Day Buganda

J. Tosh, 'Lango Agriculture During the Early Colonial Period,' JAH, 19(1978), 415-439.

P. van Hekken & H. van Velzen, Land Scarcity and Rural Inequality in Tanzania

and changing roles of women:

J. Brain, 'Less than Second Class' in N. Hafkin & E. Bay (eds.) Women in Africa

C. Clark, 'Land, Food, Women and Power in 19th c Kikuyu,' Africa, 50(1980), 357-370.

J. Davidson, Voices from Mutira

M. Hay, 'Economic Change in Luoland,' PhD, Wisconsin

M. Hay, 'Luo Women and Economic Change during the Colonial Period' in Hafkin & Bay, Women in Africa

G. Kitching, Class and Economic Change in Kenya, Chaps 8-10

A. Okeyo, 'Daughters of the Lakes and Rivers' in M. Etienne & E. Leacock (eds.), Women and Colonization

O. Mascarenhas & M. Mbilinyi, Women in Tanzania

C. Presley, Kikuyu Women, the Mau Mau Rebellion and Social Change in Kenya

M-L. Swantz, Women in Development

L. White, 'Separating the Men from the Boys,' IJAHS, 23(1990), 1-25.

L. White, The Comforts of Home

Week 11 -- Christianity and the Making of Colonial Society

4/6 Making Mission Communities

What role did the Christian missions play in colonialism? How did the missionaries see that role? How did African Christians view it?

J. Iliffe, History of Modern Tanganyika, 203-239.

graduate:

R. Strayer, The Making of Mission Communities in East Africa, 1-13, 52-99

recommended:

T. Beidelman, Colonial Evangelism

M. Wright, German Missions in Tanganyika

R. Oliver, The Missionary Factor in East Africa

4/8 Christian Africa or African Christianity?

Why did Africans convert to Christianity and how did they interpret it?

D. Sandgren, Christianity and the Kikuyu, 31-98.

graduate:

Sandgren, Christianity and the Kikuyu, 99-160.

recommended:

J. Kenyatta, Facing Mount Kenya

J. Murray, 'The Kikuyu Female Circumcision Controversy,' PhD, UCLA

B. Ogot & F. Welbourn, A Place to Feel at Home

W. Sangree, Age, Prayer, and Politics in Tiriki

J. Taylor, The Growth of the Church in Buganda

F. Welbourn, East African Rebel

V. Nationalism and Independence

Week 12 -- The Crisis of Colonial Society

4/13 Tanzania

During the period between the wars and immediately after, just when the British began taking their colonial mission seriously by expanding schools, missions, health services, and agricultural development, colonialism experienced its greatest crises. Why?

J. Iliffe, Modern History of Tanganyika, 342-380.

Exam: Undergraduate mid-term handed out in class. Due before class 4/15.

graduate:

Iliffe, Modern History, 436-484.

recommended:

R. Austin, Northwest Tanzania under Colonial Rule

C. Ingle, From Village to State in Tanzania

K. Japhet & E. Seaton, The Meru Land Case

G. Maquire, Towards Uhuru in Tanzania

A. Nelson, The Freeman of Meru

R. Pratt, The Critical Phase in Tanzania

J. Samoff, Tanzania

4/15 Kenya

No required undergraduate reading.

Exam: Mid-term due at the beginning of class. Late papers will be penalized.

graduate:

B. Berman & L. Lonsdale, Unhappy Valley, Book II, Chapt 10.

recommended:

B. Berman, Control and Crisis in Colonial Kenya

R. Tignor, The Colonial Transformation of Kenya

D. Troup, Economic and Social Origins of Mau Mau

Week 13 -- Revolt in the Countryside

4/20 Origins of Mau Mau (film: 'Mau Mau' ?)

What was the significance of Mau Mau for the British? people in the cities? squatters on settlers' farms? people in the reserves (see Sandgren)?

M. Tamarkin, 'Mau Mau in Nakuru,' KHR, 5/2(1977), 225-241.

T. Kanogo, 'Rift Valley Squatters and Mau Mau,' KHR, 5/2(1977), 243-252.

graduate:

B. Berman & J. Lonsdale, Unhappy Valley, Book II, Chaps 11-12.

J. Lonsdale, 'Explanations of the Mau Mau Revolt' in T. Lodge (ed.), Resistance and Ideology in Settler Societies, 168-177.

recommended:

R. Buijtenhuis, Essays on Mau Mau

F. Furedi, The Mau Mau War in Perspective

T. Kanogo, Squatters and the Roots of Mau Mau

J. Ngugi, The River Between

C. Presley, Kikuyu Women, the Mau Mau Rebellion, and Social Change in Kenya

'Perspectives on the Mau Mau Movement,' special issue of KHR, 5/2(1977).

4/22 The War in the Forest

D. Barnett & K. Njama, Mau Mau from Within, 23-72.

graduate:

M. Green, 'Mau Mau Oathing Rituals and Political Ideology in Kenya,' Africa, 60(1990), 69-87.

B. Ogot, 'Politics, Culture, and Music in Central Kenya,' KHR, 5/2(1977), 275-286.

recommended:

W. Itote, Mau Mau General

B. Kaggia, Roots of Freedom

J. Kariuki, Mau Mau Detainee

M. Likimani, Passbook Number F47927: Women & Mau Mau in Kenya

K. Muriithi, War in the Forest

E. Mutonyi, Mau Mau Chairman

J. Wamweya, Freedom Fighter

Week 14 -- **Rise of Mass Nationalism**

- 4/27 The Debate over Mau Mau and Nationalism in Kenya (film: 'Kenyatta?')
What were the links, if any, between Mau Mau and the development of the nationalist movement in Kenya. And why do you think Kenyans of all political persuasions continue to debate furiously over the meaning of Mau Mau today?
 Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Matigari, all.

graduate:

- B. Ogot & W. Ochieng' (ed.), Decolonization and Independence in Kenya
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recommended:

- G. Lamb, Peasant Politics
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 C. Rosberg and J. Nottingham, The Myth of 'Mau Mau': Nationalism in Kenya
 K. Sorrenson, Land Reform in Kikuyu Country
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Why did nationalism take different forms in different countries?
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- J. Lonsdale, 'Some Origins of Nationalism in East Africa,' JAH, 9(1968).

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Week 15 -- **'African Socialism'**

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 C. Leys, Underdevelopment in Kenya, 63-117.

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- C. Leo, Land and Class in Kenya, esp Chapters 4-8.

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- Africa Watch, Kenya: Taking Liberties
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 R. Kaplinsky, Readings on the Multinational Corporation in Kenya
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Assess the validity of Nyerere's claim that ujamaa was the basis of traditional African society in Tanzania.

J. Nyerere, Freedom and Socialism, 231-250, 337-366.

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G. Hyden, Beyond Ujamaa in Tanzania, esp Chaps 4-7.

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M. Freyhold, Ujamaa Villages in Tanzania

D. McHenry, Tanzania's Ujamaa Villages

B. Mwanasau & R. Pratt, Towards Socialism in Tanzania

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I. Shivji, Class Struggles in Tanzania or The Silent Class Struggle in Tanzania

FINAL EXAM

Abbreviations

<u>IJAHS</u>	<u>International Journal of African Historical Studies</u>
<u>JAH</u>	<u>Journal of African History</u>
<u>KHR</u>	<u>Kenya Historical Review</u>
<u>CSSH</u>	<u>Comparative Studies in Society and History</u>
<u>SUGIA</u>	<u>Sprache und Geschichte in Afrika</u>