TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

NATURE, POPULATION AND SOCIETY
Masters Core Course, Centre of African Studies, Copenhagen University
Tuesday afternoons, Thursday mornings, Autumn 2010
Lecturers: STIG JENSEN and AMANDA HAMMAR

Below is an outline of the Course Structure for ‘Nature, Population and Society’, as well as the list of key readings per session which are included in this Course Compendium. (If any texts are not included here, they will be provided as handouts well before the respective class.) In some cases, the list below mentions additional literature under the heading ‘Background Reading’, but the actual texts referred to in these cases have not been included in the Compendium. Students will be responsible for accessing these texts themselves. When the semester begins, a more comprehensive list of readings will be provided which includes additional ‘suggested readings’ that students may wish to pursue to supplement the Key Readings, which are required reading for the class.

WEEK 1

**Introduction 7 Sept**
STIG JENSEN and AMANDA HAMMAR

Introducing course objectives, scope, format, form of examination, various practicalities explained. Staff and student self-introductions.

*Practical handouts*
During class

**Session 1: The Making and Mapping of Africa I: Biology, Ecology, Geography 9 Sept**
STIG JENSEN

*Key readings:*


Background reading:


WEEK 2

Session 2: The Making and Mapping of Africa II: History, Politics, Representation
14 Sept
AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


Background reading:


Session 3: Pan Africanism and Afrocentrism 16 Sept
STIG JENSEN

Key readings:


Background reading:


WEEK 3

Session 4: The Empire Writes Back/African Modes of (Self) Knowing 21 Sept

AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


Session 5: National Liberation and Postcolonial Transitions 23 Sept

AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


Three poems by Freedom Nyamubaya (4 pages)


*Background reading:*


**WEEK 4**

**Session 6: Questions of Land in Africa  28 Sept**

AMANDA HAMMAR

*Key readings:*


**Session 7: Misreading the African Landscape – Fighting for Conservation and/or Survival 30 Sept**

STIG JENSEN

*Key readings:*


WEEK 5

**Session 8: Imperial Encounters and Constructions of Nature  Oct 5**

Guest Lecturer: LAWRENCE DRITSAS (Edinburgh University)

*Key readings:*

Harrison, Mark, 2005. ‘Science and the British Empire’, *Isis* 96, pp. 56–63. (8 pages)


**Session 9: The Commodification of Nature, Green Governmentality and Environmental Politics  7 Oct**

AMANDA HAMMAR


**WEEK 6**

**Session 10: Resources, Conflicts and Environmental Violence 12 Oct**

AMANDA HAMMAR

*Key readings:*


**Session 11: Climate Change and International Governance 14 Oct (extended session)**

STIG JENSEN

*Key readings:*


WEEK 7

Session 12: Constructing Race and Bodies Oct 19
AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


Session 13: Christianity and the Making of Modern Africa Oct 21
Guest Lecturer: NIELS KASTFELT (Faculty of Theology/CAS)

Key readings:


WEEK 8

Session 14: Nations, Strangers and Belonging 26 Oct
AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


Session 15: Political Economies of Displacement 28 Oct
AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


WEEK 9

Session 16: Ethnicity and Citizenship 2 Nov
STIG JENSEN

Key readings:


Session 17: Governance and Democracy 4 Nov
STIG JENSEN

Key readings:


Background reading:

WEEK 11

Session 18: Developmentalisms: Old and New  16 Nov
STIG JENSEN

Key readings:


Background reading:


Session 19: New Actors in Africa  18 Nov
STIG JENSEN

Key readings:


WEEK 12

**Session 20: Civil Society and Diverse Struggles 23 Nov**

AMANDA HAMMAR

*Key readings:*


**Session 21: Representing ‘African AIDS’ and the Politics of Response 25 Nov**

Guest Lecturer: LOUISE RASMUSSEN (CAS)

*Key readings:*


WEEK 13

Session 22: Informalisation and Urban Change 30 Nov
AMANDA HAMMAR

Key readings:


WEEK 14

Session 23: Representation and the Arts in Africa: 2 Dec
Guest lecturer MAI PALMBERG (Independent scholar)

Key readings:


Session 24: Writing Guidelines, Evaluation, Round-up  7 Dec (extended session)
STIG JENSEN and AMANDA HAMMAR