RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN AFRICA

COURSE PLAN

IMPORTANT:

Participants in the course must buy, borrow or otherwise get access to the following books which will all be used as required reading in the course:


All the books are available in paperback editions and are available from the Royal Library in online editions. All the books are also found in the CAS library.
BACKGROUND READING

THEORIES OF RELIGION AND THE STUDY OF RELIGION IN GENERAL:


RELIGION IN AFRICA:

General:


Indigenous religions:


Christianity:


Islam:


*Journal of African History*, vol. 55, 2014, (special issue on Islam in Africa)

Journals:


*Africa.*

*African Affairs.*
3 February Introducing ‘Religion, Culture and Society in Africa’

5 February Approaches


10 February Inequality, Morality and Social Change (1)


Daniel Jordan Smith, AIDS Doesn’t Show Its Face, pp. 1-29.

12 February Inequality, Morality and Social Change (2)

Smith, op.cit., pp. 31-81.

17 February Inequality, Morality and Social Change (3)


19 February Inequality, Morality and Social Change (4)


**24 February**  
**Witchcraft and the Meaning of Suffering (1)**  
*NB! This class will be held from 1-3 p.m.*

**26 February**  
**Witchcraft and the Meaning of Suffering (2)**  
Niehaus, *op.cit.*, pp. 49-94.

**3 March**  
**Witchcraft and the Meaning of Suffering (3)**  

**5 March**  
**Witchcraft and the Meaning of Suffering (4)**  

**10 March**  
**Death and Funerals in South Africa (film)**  
Rebekah Lee, *The price of death*, London, Goldsmith College, [www.gold.ac.uk](http://www.gold.ac.uk)

**12 March**  
**Ethnographic Sorcery (1)**  

**17 March**  
**Ethnographic Sorcery (2)**  
West, *op.cit.*, pp. 45-93.

**19 March**  
**Christianity and Public Life (1)**


24 March: Methodology (1)

26 March: Methodology (2)

31 March: No class: Easter

2 April: No class: Easter

7 April: No class: cancelled

9 April: Christianity and Public Life (2)


14 April: Christianity and Public Life (3)


16 April: Christianity and Public Life (4)

21 April  Social Closeness, Transnational Social Relationships, and Mobile Phones

Guest lecture by Dr. Primus M. Tazanu.

23 April  Muslim Identities and Politics (1)


28 April  Muslim Identities and Politics (2)


30 April  Muslim Identities and Politics (3)


5 May  Muslim Identities and Politics (4)


7 May  Religion and Culture Beyond the State (1)


12 May  Religion and Culture Beyond the State (2 & 3)

Jones, *op.cit.*, pp. 63-172.

*N.B.! This will be a double session from 10-12 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m.*