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ARCADIA UNIVERSITY
THE COLLEGE OF GLOBAL STUDIES

GRTZ PSAO 584 International Organizations in Africa, Peace and Security
Instructor: Mr Roland ADJOVI
Credits: 3

Purposes and Objectives of the Course

Students attending this course will learn about international organizations in Africa and their role in conflict resolution on the continent. For the African Organizations, an emphasis will be put on their objectives and achievements, especially in ensuring peace and security. At the end of the course, the students should be able to better understand the functioning of the international organizations on the continent as well as the challenges they are facing.

Guest speakers will be invited to address the students from a practitioner's perspective on selected organizations, thus complementing the class discussions and providing the students with further basis for engaged discussions on the ways in which to improve the operations of the organizations for better results.

Required Readings *(In addition to the reading list below, students shall visit the websites of the organizations and read the statute of each organization, identify the structure of the organization and its decision--making process, while assessing the extent to which it provides for a peace, security and / or conflict resolution mechanism.)*

Juma M. (ed.), *Compendium of Key Documents Relating to Peace and Security in Africa*, 2006, PULP (http://www.pulp.up.ac.za/pdf/2006_03/2006_03.pdf) (= 2006 Compendium of Key Documents on Peace & Security in Africa).

Recommended Readings

Ramsbotham O., Woodhouse T., Miall H., *Contemporary Conflict Resolution. The Prevention, Management and Transformation of Deadly Conflicts*, Polity Press, 2005, Cambridge (United Kingdom).

Khadiagala G.M., *Meddlers or Mediators? African Interveners in Civil Conflicts in Eastern Africa*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007, Leiden (Netherlands) & Boston (United States of America).

Diamond J., *Guns, Germs, and Steel. The Fates of Human Societies*, W.W. Norton & Company, 1997, New York (United States of America) and London (United Kingdom).

West H.G., *Conflict and its Resolution in Contemporary Africa*, University Press of America, 1997, Lanham (United States of America), New York (United States of America) and Oxford (United Kingdom).

Course Requirements and Grading System

1. Class participation (10%)

Active participation is expected and will be evaluated for 10% of the final assessment. Various materials will be assigned for reading, presentation, and

discussion. Students are encouraged to be critical about the reading materials, and to address the questions and the cases assigned orally.

2. Research paper: written (25%) and oral presentation (15%)

Each student will prepare a research paper on a specific conflict in connection with any of the international organizations active in Africa (2000 to 3000 words). The paper should be submitted on 12 November 2010 at the latest, by email. All papers will be presented on 10 and 11 November 2010.

3. Final exam (50%)

The students will write a final exam on 18 November 2009, from 9.30 to 12.30, which will count for half (50%) of the final assessment of each student.

Structure of the course

Students will usually meet at the Nyerere Centre for Peace Research five days a week. A typical day will follow the schedule below which might vary, especially on days when there are visits or guest speakers.

9:00-10:30: First Hour Class
11:00--12:30: Second Hour Class
12:30--14:00: Lunch Break
14:00--16:00: Third Hour Class

Class policies

1. Attendance & Participation

Students are expected to attend all class meetings and to actively participate in discussions. In case of illness or family emergency, please check in with me on making up missed material. As explained above, active participation means that the students read the materials, and engage in critical discussion during the class. Please respect everyone's view.

2. Late Paper Policy

Papers are due for the last week of the course, and as indicated above. Your paper is considered submitted when it is in my hands or in my inbox (send it with receipt acknowledgement). Papers submitted after the deadline will be penalized 2% per day (e.g. Paper submitted 1 day late will be assessed on 13% instead of 15%). Any paper submitted more than a week (7 days) late will be granted a ZERO.

3. Academic Honesty

As a matter of principle, Arcadia University does not tolerate academic dishonesty in its students. Cases of cheating on exams, free---riding on group assignments, or plagiarizing papers will result in a ZERO for the assignment, which will automatically result in a failing grade for the course. While preparing your paper, you are most welcome for any discussion needed. Two days will be allocated for review before the exam, and you are also welcome if you have any question, or if you are stressed out or panicking.

4. Disability Services

Persons with documented disabilities requiring accommodations to meet the expectations of this course should contact the Dean of Students Office while enrolling into the programme, and before coming to Arusha, so that appropriate arrangements are in place.

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DETAILED SCHEDULE

1. General Introduction to International Organizations in Africa (2 hours)

1.1. Definition of an International Organization
1.2. Mapping of the International Organizations active in peace and security in Africa
1.3. Typology of the International Organizations
1.4. Specificities of African Organizations
1.5. Cooperation between International Organizations

(i) Cooperation with the United Nations, with an emphasis on development projects through various specialized agencies or programs or the UN Secretariat
(ii) Cooperation with the European Union

- European Union (www.europa.eu) [more specifically: http://ec.europa.eu/development/geographical/regionscountries/euafrica_en.cfm]

(iii) Non---Aligned Movement

- Non Aligned Movement, 2003 Summit in South Africa (www.nam.gov.za)
- Non Aligned Movement, 2006 Summit in Cuba (www.cubanoal.cu/ingles/index.html)
- Non Aligned Movement, 2009 Summit in Egypt (www.namegypt.org)
- International Institute for Non---Aligned Studies (www.iins.org)

1.6. Cooperation between African Organizations and selected States: United States of America, China & Latin American States

- African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (www.acpsec.org)
- Africa – South America Forum, 2009 Summit in Venezuela (www.asa-venezuela.org/cumbre/)

2. United Nations & Maintenance of Peace and Security in Africa (8 hours)

Guest **Presenter:** Ms. Wambui Mwangi
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Email: <wambui.mwangi@gmail.com>

The objective is to assist the students to gain a better understanding of the developing nature of United Nations peacekeeping operations pertaining to Africa, with a focus on Somalia as a case study. Students will be able to appreciate the theories underlining United Nations supported regional peacekeeping operations in Africa, building upon the *Brahimi* report as the foundational premise and examining it in the context of Africa's evolving peace and security architecture. The course will also draw upon aspects studied in other areas such as the role of organizations such as IGAD and the right to intervene in the practice of the African Union.

Required Readings

(i) A/55/305---S/2000/809 *Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations*, commonly known as *Brahimi* report, and updates found at (http://www.un.org/peace/reports/peace_operations).

(ii) Olonisakin Funmi, "African Peacekeeping at the crossroads: An Assessment of the Continent's Evolving Peace and Security Architecture" International Policy Institute, King's College, London, 2004 (http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/documents/UNDPKO_Africanpeacekeepingatcrossroads.pdf).

(iii) UN Security Council Resolutions on Somalia: 1744 (2007); 1863 (2009); 1872 (2009); 1910 (2010). Please check those documents online (http://documents.un.org).
(iv) Reports of the UN Secretary---General on Somalia: 16 April; 2 October; 31 December 2009; 11 May and 31 August 2010. Please check those documents online (http://documents.un.org).
(v) Malone D.M., *The UN Security Council: From the Cold War to the 21st Century*, 2004, Boulder, Lynne Rienner, Chapter 1 Introduction. (= 2004 Malone DM on UNSC From Cold War to the 21st Century Introduction)

3. African Organizations, Peace and Security (18 hours)

Guest Presenter: Mr Festus Aboagye
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3.1. African Union (www.au.int)
Introduction and Historical Perspectives including the Organization of African Unity
Organs, Functions and Decision---making process of the African Union
African Union Peace and Security Council
Reading: (i) Yusuf A.A., *The Role of the African Union in the Maintenance of Peace and Security in Africa*, UNAVL (www.un.org/law/avl/); and (ii) Majinge C.R., "The Future of Peacekeeping in Africa and the Normative Role of the African Union", *Göttingen Journal of International Law* 2 (2010) 2, 463-500.

3.2. East African Community (www.eac.int)
EAC Institutional Framework
Organs, Functions and Decision---making process of the EAC
EAC Early Warning System in Practice
EAC and Regional Security
Reading: In addition to the Treaty, students should read the two memoranda of understanding and the Draft Protocol on Peace and Security

3.3. Intergovernmental Authority on Development (www.igad.org)
IGAD Institutional Framework
IGAD Activities in Conflict Resolution

3.4. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (www.ecowas.int)
ECOWAS Institutional Framework
ECOWAS, Peace and Security in Western Africa
Reading (in addition to the Treaty and the subsequent instruments on peace and security): (i) Lima F., *Exploring the Prospect for Peace in West Africa: Is ECOMOG the Solution?*, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, March 2002, Dissertation, Doc. No. AU/ACSC/070/2002---03. (= 2002 Lima F on ECOMOG in West Africa (Solution?)); and (ii) Agbu O., *West Africa's Trouble Spots and the Imperative for Peace--Building*, 2006, Dakar, CODESRIA Monograph Series (= 2006 Agbu O on West Africa's Trouble Spots & Imperative for Peace---Building)

3.5. Case Study: UN and AU Operation in Darfur
Readings (in addition to UNSG Report on the current PKO in Darfur): (i) Dagne T., *Sudan: The Crisis in Darfur and Status of the North--South Peace Agreement*, 2009, CRS Report No.

RL33574 (= 2009 Dagne T on Crisis in Darfur and Status of the North-South Peace Agreement (CRS No. RL33574)); (ii) Thomas E., *Decisions and Deadlines. A Critical Year for Sudan*, A Chatham House Report, 2010 (= 2010 Thomas E on Decisions and Deadlines in a Critical Year); and (iii) Bah A.S., *Dilemmas of Regional Peacemaking: The Dynamics of the AU's Response to Darfur*, 2010 (= 2010 Bah - Dynamics of the AU's Response to Darfur).

4. Other International Organizations (4 hours)

4.1. The Commonwealth (http://www.thecommonwealth.org/)
Case study: Admission of Rwanda
Reading: CHRI 2009, *Rwanda's Application for Membership of the Commonwealth: Report and Recommendations of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative*, New Dehli (India), 2009 (= 2009 CHRI Recommendations on Rwanda's Application for Membership of the Commonwealth).

4.2. La Francophonie (http://www.francophonie.org/)
Case study: Francophonie and Unconstitutional Change of Government Reading: (i) Francophonie, Taking Action Together. Francophonie 2006-2009 (http://www.francophonie.org/IMG/pdf/Agir_Anglais.pdf) (=2009 OIF on Its Action); (ii) Banjo A., "Constitutional and Succession Crisis in West Africa: The Case of Togo", *African Journal of Legal Studies* 2 (2005), 147-161 (http://www.africalawinstitute.org/ajls/vol2/no2/Banjo.pdf) (= 2005 Banjo on Constitutional Succession in Togo); and (iii) Democracy Coalition Project, *International Mechanisms for Protecting Democracy*, 2004 (http://www.demcoalition.org/pdf/Protecting_Democracy_Piccone.pdf) (= 2004 Piccone on International Mechanisms for Protecting Democracy).

4.3. Community of Portuguese---Speaking Countries (http://www.cplp.org/)
Case study: Continuous crisis in Bissau Guinea
Reading (in addition to instruments of the organization): Ferreira P.M., Africa Watch. Guinea---Bissau: Between Conflict and Democracy, African Security Review 13 (2004) 4, 45-56 (http://www.iss.co.za/pubs/ASR/13No4/AW_Ferreira.pdf) (= 2004 Ferreira on Situation in Guinea Bissau); International Crisis Group, Policy Briefing, Africa Briefing No. 61, 2009, Guinea-Bissau: Beyond Rule of the Gun (= 2009 ICG on Guinea Bissau); Roque S., Peacebuilding in Guinea---Bissau: A Critical Approach, 2009 (= 2009 Roque on Peacebuilding in Guinea Bissau)

Thursday 18 November 2010
9:30-12:30 Written Test

Friday 26 November 2009
Results, Debriefing & End of the Program

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List of African Organizations and some related references and links

ACP, African Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (www.acpsec.org)
ADB, African Development Bank (www.afdb.org)
AEC, African Economic Community
AFCAC, African Civil Aviation Commission (www.acac.org.ma)
ATU, African Telecommunications Union (www.atu-uat.org)
CEMAC, Communauté économique et monétaire d'Afrique centrale (www.icicemac.com) (this website is not the official website of the Organization)
AU, African Union (www.africa-union.org)
CEN---SAD, Community of Sahel-Saharan States (www.cen-sad.org)
CILSS, Comité permanent inter-Etats de lute contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel (www.cilss.bf) [see also: www.agrhymet.ne and www.insah.org]
COMESA, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (www.comesa.int)
Commonwealth (http://www.thecommonwealth.org/)
CPLP (French acronym), Community of Portuguese---Speaking Countries (http://www.cplp.org/)
EAC, East African Community (www.eac.int)
ECA, see UNECA
ECCAS, Economic Community of Central African States (www.eccas-ceeac.org)
ECOWAS, Economic Community of West African States (www.ecowas.int)
Francophonie (http://www.francophonie.org/)
IGAD, Intergovernmental Authority for Development (www.igad.org)
MOWCA, Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (www.mowca.org)
NAM, Non Aligned Movement
NEPAD, New Partnership for Africa's Development (www.nepad.org)
OHADA (French acronym), Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa
PAPU, Pan---African Postal Union (www.upap-papu.org)
RASCOM, Regional African Satellite Communication (www.rascom.org)
SADC, Southern African Development Community (www.sadc.int)
UAR, Union of African Railways (see on African Union website: www.africa-union.org)
UDEAC, Union douanière et économique d'Afrique centrale
UEMOA, Union économique et monétaire ouest---africaine (www.uemoa.int)
UMA, Union du Maghreb Arabe (www.maghrebarabe.org)
UNECA, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (www.uneca.org)