

MSc African Development Preliminary reading list MT 2017

Students planning to follow the MSc in African Development may want to get a start on reading some of the books and articles we will be using in our core course modules in 2017-18. Several of these provide important background, and many are not new texts -- they have been around for a while and are available at low-cost through used book sellers, including on-line booksellers. Some texts below can be consulted (in part) on the open internet. Books will also be available at the LSE library for 2-hour check-out (with limited numbers of copies, however) once you get here. Some articles are listed below, as well. Articles and book chapters will be provided in your course e-packs, but you may want to take a look at some of the titles below before you get here.

This course aims at providing frameworks for understanding the great diversity -- across time, regions, and countries -- that characterizes the political economy of sub-Saharan Africa over the course of the last century. DV435 examines variation in historical experience, institutions, and political economy trajectories over time. DV418 builds on this, adding a sectoral and policy-area approach. Together, they will provide you with what we see as one of the best one-year social science courses on the political economy of sub-Saharan Africa that you can find. Our goal is not to cover all countries and all issue areas, but rather to give you a foundation and framework for making sense of this continent in its rich diversity as you go on in careers in policy, politics, NGOs, business, academia, or other spheres.

Background texts, most of which are widely available:

United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), *Africa: Atlas of our Changing Environment* (UNEP, 2008) (distributed by Earthprint.com, <http://www.earthprint.com>).

Benno J. Ndulu et al, *The Political Economy of Economic Growth in Africa: 1960-2000* (Cambridge, 2008).

Morten Jerven, *Poor Numbers: How we are misled by African development statistics and what we can do about it* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell U. Press, 2011).

Celestin Monga and Justin Yifu Lin, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics*, Vol. 2, Policies and Practices (OUP 2015).

David E. Bloom, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Paul Collier, Christopher Udry, "Geography, Demography, and Economic Growth in Africa," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, vol. 1988, n. 2 (1998):207-295.

Keith Hart, *The Political Economy of West African Agriculture* (Cambridge, 1983).

Fred Cooper, *Africa Since 1940* (Cambridge U. Press, 2002).

Mkandawire, T., & Soludo, C. *Our Continent, Our Future: African Perspectives on Structural Adjustment* (Dakar/Trenton, NJ: CODESRIA/AWP, 1999).

Catherine Boone, *Political Topographies of the African State* (Cambridge, 2003).

Catherine Boone, *Property and Political Order in Africa: Land Rights and the Structure of Politics* (Cambridge, 2014).

Mahmood Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject: Africa and the Legacy of late Colonialism* (Princeton 1996).

James K. Boyce and Léonce Ndikumana, *Africa's Odious Debts* (Zed, RAS, 2011).

Niels Fold and Marianne Nylandsted Larsen, eds., *Globalization and Restructuring of African Commodity Flows* (Nordic Africa Institute, 2008).

Anne Pitcher, *Party Politics and Economic Reform in Africa's Democracies* (Cambridge U. Press, 2012).

Abiodun Alao, *Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa* (U. Rochester Press, 2007),