

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 3315: 03 (AFRICAN POLITICS) (Studley MCCAIN ARTS&SS 2170)**

**FALL TERM, 2019 (Fridays, 11.35am-2.25pm)**

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This course, 'governed by the academic rules and regulations set forth in the University Calendar and the Senate,' focuses on the contemporary political economy of Africa. It begins with an overview of the political and economic change in African states and the issues of development since independence up to the contemporary context of 'globalisation' and the position of Africa in the capitalist world system. This leads to an extended analysis of the multi-faceted crisis that overwhelmed most African states during the 1980s: debt and structural adjustment, foreign aid and investment, industrialisation, and agriculture and food shortages. We will extend this into a consideration of the resulting general crisis of the nation-state in Africa and problems of political reform and democratisation. We will end with a consideration of the political and economic alternatives open to African countries in the opening decades of the twenty-first century.

### **Course Structure**

The course, which has a bright-space site set-up, is organized around a weekly three-hour seminar. It is expected that each student will have completed the assigned readings prior to the class meetings and will participate actively in the seminar discussions. In addition, each student will be responsible, at least once, during the term for leading seminar discussions. Where two students will lead seminar discussions, there should be some co-ordination prior to class to avoid redundancy. Each student will be assigned **15 minutes** for presentation. The presentations should be based primarily on the assigned readings, but additional material should also be consulted. Keep in mind that leading a seminar presentation is **NOT merely summarizing** the assigned readings. A good presentation requires an awareness and knowledge of the author's main argument and a brief **assessment** of the strengths and weaknesses of the author's central argument or concepts. Comment here on whether the authors' evidence really supports what they set out to do and their conclusions. Say why you agree or disagree with their argument and conclusions, drawing on questions and issues that have been raised in other readings, lectures, and/or discussions from the course. Finally, the presentation should involve identifying the key issues that deserve discussion, preferably in the form of questions that can generate debate and reflection. There would also be an in-class mid-term test on **18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**, based on topics discussed by then. Also, between **October 25<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**, each student should write one short 'position' paper/critique (4 pages) in which you take a stance vis-à-vis the assigned material. The position paper must focus on the substantive topic of that week's readings (so, for example, if you turn in a paper on October 25<sup>th</sup>, it must focus on **FOREIGN AID, DEBT RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**). In the position paper, you would be expected to select **any two required readings**, identify the central questions, main points,

concepts and compare and contrast between the different points and arguments made. Rather than analyzing all the ideas that the authors present, you should focus in depth on one or two significant questions. Keep in mind that a position paper or critique is not the same as a summary. A good synthesis of a text requires an awareness and knowledge of the author's style of thinking, not just the facts that are presented to support an argument. Finally, each student would write a major research paper, (after consulting the instructor) on an aspect or sub-theme of one of the broad topics discussed in class and should conform to standard academic style and format. The papers are due on **29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Extensions will be granted only for illness (verified by medical certificate) or other extraordinary (and verifiable) personal event. **Late papers will be penalised 2% per working day.**

### **Evaluation**

**Attendance and Participation:** (Students are expected to read the assigned works closely and will be graded throughout the course on both their knowledge of the material and their contributions in the seminar discussions). 15%

**Seminar Presentation** 10%

**Mid-term test (October 18<sup>th</sup>)** 30%

**Position Paper/Critique (Due in Class) (Oct 25-Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>)** 10%

**Research Paper (due in class on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019)** 35%

(10 pages, double-spaced)

The grading thresholds are as follows for undergraduates:

90-100 = A+	77-79 = B+	65-69 = C+	50-54 = D
85-89 = A	73-76 = B	60-64 = C	below 50 = F
80-84 = A-	70-72 = B-	55-59 = C-	

In order to receive a final grade for the course, each student must complete all five components of the course.

**Please note that the deadline by which a student may withdraw without a 'W' is 2<sup>nd</sup> October, and October 31<sup>st</sup> with a 'W' (early deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019).**

### **Required Readings**

**Majority of the required readings can be accessed on the Dalhousie Library system (Novanet). The ones not available through the Novanet system would be posted on Brightspace.**

### **TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**Class One (September 6<sup>th</sup>): INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

## **Class Two (September 13<sup>th</sup>) INTRODUCTION TO THE REGION, RISE OF NATIONALISM & IMPACT OF COLONIALISM:**

### **Required Readings:**

Peter Schraeder (2004), **African Politics and Society: A Mosaic in Transformation**, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson, chapters 3, 4, pp. 49-99.

Crawford Young (1995), "The Heritage of Colonialism," in Donald Rothchild & John Harbeson (eds), **Africa in World Politics**, Boulder, CO: Westview Press, pp. 23-42.

Grier, Robin, (2007), "Colonial legacies and economic growth," in William Moseley (ed) **Taking Sides: Clashing Views on African Issues**, Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw Hill, pp. 65-67.

### **Recommended:**

Rodney, Walter, "The Unequal Partnership Between Africans and Europeans," in Walter Rodney, **How Europe Underdeveloped Africa**, pp. 135-147.

Eddie, Carlene, **Politics in Africa: A New Beginning?** Toronto: Wadsworth, 2003, pp. 47-64.

Boahen, A. A. (1987), **African Perspective on Colonialism**, Baltimore, Maryland, pp. 95-112.

Mamdani, Mahmood, **Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism**, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1996, pp. 3-61, 285-301.

## **Class Three (September 20<sup>th</sup>) DEVELOPMENT THEORY & AFRICAN INDUSTRIALIZATION**

### **Required**

Parpart, Jane & Veltmeyer, Henry (2004), "The development project in theory and practice: A review of the shifting dynamics," **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**, vol. 25, No. 1, pp. 39-59 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Eversole, Robyn (2012), "Remaking participation: challenges for community development practice," **Community Development Journal**, Vol. 47, Issue 1, pp. 29-41 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Lawrence, Peter (2005), "Explaining sub-Saharan Africa's manufacturing performance," **Development and Change**, 36 (6), pp. 1121-1141 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Dagdeviren, H. & Mahran, H. A. (2010), "A tale of industrial stagnation from Africa," **International Review of Applied Economics**, 24, 4, pp. 495-510 (**Available online at Novanet**).

### **Recommended:**

Matthews, Sally (2004), "Post-development theory and the questions of alternatives: a view from Africa," **Third World Quarterly**, 25, 2, pp. 373-384 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Oyejide Titiloye Ademola, Abiodun-S. Bankole and Adeolu O. Adewuyi (2009), “China–Africa Trade Relations: Insights from AERC Scoping Studies,” **European Journal of Development Research**, 21, 485-505.

Cavalcanti, Joabe, (2007), “Development versus enjoyment of life: A post-development critique of the developmentalist worldview,” **Development in Practice**, 17, 1, pp. 85-92.

Arthur, Peter, “Ghana: Industrial Development in the Post Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) Period,” **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**, vol. 23, no. 4, pp. 717-742, 2002.

### **Class Four (September 27<sup>th</sup>) AGRICULTURE, FOOD PRODUCTION, FOOD SECURITY AND THE CRISIS OF RURAL SOCIETY**

#### **Required Readings**

Bates, Robert, “Governments and Agricultural Markets in Africa,” in R. Bates (ed), **Toward a Political Economy of Development**, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988, pp. 331-358.

Calzadilla, Alvaro et al. (2013), “Economy wide impacts of climate change on agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa,” **Ecological Economics**, 93, 150-165. **(Available online at Novanet)**

Connolly-Boutin, L. & Smit, B. (2016), “Climate change, food security, and livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa,” **Regional Environmental Change**, 16, 2, pp. 385-399. **(Available online at Novanet)**

Ademola A. Adenle, Hossein Azadi & Louise Manning (2018), “The era of sustainable agricultural development in Africa: Understanding the benefits and constraints,” **Food Reviews International**, 34, 5, pp. 411-433**(Available online at Novanet)**.

#### **Recommended:**

Rachel Schurman (2018), “Micro(soft) managing a ‘green revolution’ for Africa: The new donor culture and international agricultural development,” **World Development**, 112, 180-192.

Pedro Conceição et al. (2016), “Towards a food secure future: Ensuring food security for sustainable human development in Sub-Saharan Africa,” **Food Policy**, 60, 1-9. **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Burney Jennifer & Naylor Rosamond (2012), “Smallholder Irrigation as a Poverty Alleviation Tool in Sub-Saharan Africa,” **World Development**, 40, 1, pp. 110 -123 **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Steven Haggblade (2013), “Unscrambling Africa: Regional Requirements for Achieving Food Security,” **Development Policy Review**, 31, 2, pp. 149-176 **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Jayne, T.D. Mather, D. & Mghenyi, E. (2010). “Principal Challenges Confronting Smallholder agriculture in Africa,” **World Development**, Volume 38, Issue 10, pp. 1384-1398 **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Chris Ackello-Ogutu (2011), “Managing Food Security Implications of Food Price Shocks in

Africa,” **Journal of African Economies**, 20, 1, pp. 100-141.

Kandiero, Tonia, & Randa, John (2004), “Agricultural exports: Important Issues for Sub-Saharan Africa,” **African Development Review**, vol. 16, issue 1, pp. 1-35.

### **Class Five (October 4<sup>th</sup>) WOMEN, POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Required Readings**

Agbalajobi, Damilola Taiye (2010), “Women’s participation and the political process in Nigeria: Problems and prospects,” **African Journal of Political Science and International Relations**, vol.4, issue 2, pp. 75-82.

Clayton, A. (2015). Women’s political engagement under quota-mandated female representation: evidence from a randomized policy experiment, **Comparative political studies**, 48 (3), 333-369 **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Liu, S. & Banaszak, L. (2017). Do government positions held by women matter: A cross-national examination of female ministers’ impacts on women’s political participation, **Politics & Gender**, 13 (1), pp. 132-162. **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Jenna Blankenship & Paul Kubicek (2018), “Democratization and Gender Equality in Sub-Saharan Africa,” **The Journal of the Middle East and Africa**, 9:1, 27-50 **(Available online at Novanet)**.

#### **Recommended**

Bauer, Gretchen & Okpotor, Faith (2013), “Her Excellency: An Exploratory Overview of Women Cabinet Ministers in Africa,” **Africa Today**, Vol. 60, Issue 1, pp. 77-97 **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Erin Accampo Hern (2018) Gender and participation in Africa’s electoral regimes: an analysis of variation in the gender gap, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, DOI: [10.1080/21565503.2018.1458323](https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2018.1458323)

Lombe, Margaret et al. (2014), “Much Ado About Nothing? Exploring Effects of the Millennium Development Goals on the Welfare of Women in Sub-Saharan Africa,” **Journal of Policy Practice**, 13, 3, pp. 200-217. **(Available online at Novanet)**.

Tripp, Aili-Mari (2003) “Women in Movement: transformations in African political landscapes,” **International Feminist Journal of Politics** 5 (2), July, pp. 233-255.

Longwe, Sara (2000), “Towards realistic strategies for women’s political empowerment in Africa,” **Gender and Development**, vol. 8, issue 3, pp. 24-30.

Gordon, April (1992), “Women and Development,” in **Understanding Contemporary Africa**, edited by April Gordon & Donald Gordon, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp. 201-222.

Bauer, Gretchen (2004), "The hand that stirs the pot can also run the country: Electing women to parliament in Namibia," **Journal of Modern African Studies**, 42, 4, pp. 479-509.

**Class Six (October 11<sup>th</sup>) ECONOMIC DECLINE, THE SEARCH FOR EXPLANATIONS & ECONOMIC REFORMS/STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES (SAPs)**

**Required Readings:**

Skosireva, Anna K. and Bonnie Holaday (2010), "Revisiting Structural Adjustment Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Long-Lasting Impact on Child Health," **World Medical and Health Policy** Vol. 2: Issue 3, Article 5, pp. 75-89 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Onyeiwu, Steve et al. (2009), "Structural Adjustment Intensity, Vulnerability and Poverty in Africa," **Journal of developing societies**, 25, 1, pp. 27 -55 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Pandolfelli, Lauren et al. (2014), "The International Monetary Fund, Structural Adjustment, and Women's Health: A Cross-National Analysis of Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa," **The Sociological Quarterly**, 55, 1, pp. 119-142. (**Available online at Novanet**).

Fonjong, L. (2014), "Rethinking the Impact of SAPs on Human rights violations in West Africa," **Perspectives on Global Development and Technology**, 13 (1&2), 87-110. (**Available online at Novanet**).

**Recommended:**

Alexander E. Kentikelenis, Thomas H. Stubbs, Lawrence P. King (2015), "Structural adjustment and public spending on health: Evidence from IMF programs in low-income countries," **Social Science and Medicine**, 126, (February) pp. 169-176 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Hilson, Gavin & Potter, Clive, (2005), "Structural adjustment and subsistence industry: Artisanal gold mining in Ghana," **Development and Change**, 36, 1, pp. 103-131 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Konadu-Agyemang, K., "The Best of Times and the Worst of Times: SAPs and Uneven Development in Africa: The case of Ghana," **The Professional Geographer**, vol. 52, no. 3, 2000, pp. 469-483.

Mkandawire, Thandika (2007), "The global economic context," in William Moseley (ed) **Taking Sides: Clashing Views on African Issues**, Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw Hill, pp. 82-93.

**Class Seven: (October 18<sup>th</sup>) (Mid-Term Test).**

**Class Eight (October 25<sup>th</sup>) FOREIGN AID, DEBT RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Required Readings**

Elkins, Meg & Feeny, Simon (2014), "Policies in PRSPs: dominance or diversity," **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**, 35, 2, 228-248 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Dijkstra, G. (2015), "The New Aid Paradigm: A Case of Policy Incoherence," **Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy**, 6, 2, 1-27.

Yiagadeesen, Samy & Aksli, Marje (2015), "Examination of bilateral donor performance and progress under the Paris Declaration on Aid effectiveness," **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**, 36, 4, 516-535 (Available online at Novanet).

Obert Hodzi (2018) "China and Africa: economic growth and a non-transformative political elite," **Journal of Contemporary African Studies**, 36:2, 191-206, 90 (Available online on Novanet)

### **Recommended:**

Samy, Yiagadeesen (2010), "China's Aid Policies in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges," **The Round Table**, Vol. 99, Issue 406, pp. 75-90 (Available online on Novanet).

Omotola, J. Shola & Saliu, Hassan (2009), "Foreign aid, debt relief and Africa's development: problems and prospects," **South African Journal of International Affairs**, Vol. 16, Issue 1, pp. 87-102 (Available online on Novanet).

Chhotray, Vasudha & Hulme, David (2009), "Contrasting visions for aid and governance in the twenty-first century: The White House MCA and DFID's Drivers of Change," **World Development**, 37, 1, pp. 36-49 (Available online at Novanet).

Whitfield, Lindsay (2010), "The State Elite, PRSPs, and Policy Implementation in aid dependent Ghana," **Third World Quarterly**, Vol. 31, Issue 5, pp. 721-737 (Available online at Novanet).

Moyo, Dambisa (2009), **Dead Aid: Why aid is not working and how there is a better way for Africa**, New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

### **Class Nine: (November 1<sup>st</sup>): Developmental "Models" & Politics of "Success" (Botswana & Mauritius).**

#### **Readings**

Sandbrook, Richard (2007), "Explaining good governance: The case of Mauritius," in Jennifer Welsh & Ngaire Woods (eds), **Exporting Good Governance: temptations and challenges in Canada's aid programme**, Waterloo: Wilfrid Laurier University Press & Centre for International Governance innovation (CIGI), pp. 203-221.

Matadeen, Jeevita & Seetanah, Boopen (2015), "Stock market development and economic growth: Evidence from Mauritius," **The Journal of Developing Areas**, 49, 6 (2015): 25-36. (Available Online at Novanet).

Cook, Amelia & Sarkin, Jeremy (2010) "Is Botswana the miracle of Africa? Democracy, the rule of law, and human rights versus economic development," **Transnational law & contemporary problems**, 19, 2, pp. 453-488 (Available Online at Novanet).

Agreement Jotia (2018), The role of social media in freeing Botswana from state control of the media,” **Journal of contemporary African Studies**, 36, 2, 264-278 (**Available Online at Novanet**).

### **Recommended**

Hillbom, Ellen (2014), “Cattle, Diamonds and Institutions: Main drivers of Botswana’s Economic development, 1850 to Present,” **Journal of International Development**, 26, 2, pp. 155–176.

Kasenny, Roukaya (2011), “Mauritius: Paradise Reconsidered,” **Journal of Democracy**, vol. 22, 2, pp. 160-169 (**Available Online at Novanet**).

Joseph, A. and Troester, B. (2013), Can the Mauritian Miracle continue? The role of financial and ICT services as prospective growth drivers, Berlin Working Papers on Money, Finance, Trade and Development in Cooperation: Working Paper No. 01/2013.

Hillbom, Ellen (2012), “Botswana: A development-oriented gate-keeping state,” **African Affairs**, Vol. 111, Issue 442, pp. 67-89 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Taylor, Ian (2012), “Botswana as a development-oriented gate-keeping state: A response,” **African Affairs**, Vol. 111, Issue 444, pp. 466-476.

Hillbom, Ellen (2008), “Diamonds or development? A structural assessment of Botswana’s forty years of success,” **Journal of Modern African Studies**, 46, 2, pp. 191-214 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Beaulier, Scott (2003), “Explaining Botswana’s success: the critical role of post-colonial policy,” **The Cato Journal**, 23, Issue 2, pp. 227-240.

## **Class Ten (November 8<sup>th</sup>) MILITARISM, THE CRISIS OF 'GOVERNANCE' & PEACE BUILDING**

### **Required Readings**

Annan, Nancy (2014), “Violent Conflicts and Civil Strife in West Africa: Causes, Challenges and Prospects,” **International Journal of Security and Development**, 3(1), p.p. 1-16. Art. 3. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/sta.da>

Lord, Janet & Stein, Michael (2015), “Peacebuilding and reintegrating ex-combatants with disabilities,” **International Journal of Human Rights**, 19, 3, pp. 277-292 (**Available online at Novanet**).

E. Randazzo, “The paradoxes of the ‘everyday’: scrutinizing the local turn in peacebuilding,” **Third World Quarterly**, 37 (8), 2016, 1351-1370 (**Available online at Novanet**)

### **Recommended**

McKnight, Janet (2010), “Child Soldiers in Africa: A Global approach to Human rights Protection, Enforcement and Post-Conflict Reintegration,” **African Journal of International & Comparative**



**Law**, 18, 2, pp. 113-142 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Joyce P. Kaufman & Kristen P. Williams (2015), "Women, DDR and Post-conflict transformation: Lessons from the Cases of Bosnia and South Africa," **Journal of Research in Gender Studies**, 5,2, pp. 11-53 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Murithi, Tim (2018), "Advancing transitional justice in post-conflict societies in Africa," **African Journal of Democracy and Governance**, 5, 3, pp. 103-124.

Dzinesa, G. (2007), "Post-conflict disarmaments, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants in Southern Africa," **International Studies Perspectives**, vol. 8, Issue 1, pp. 73-89 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Englebert, Pierre & Tull, Denis (2008), "Post-conflict reconstruction in Africa: Flawed Ideas about Failed State," **International Security**, 32 (4): 106-139(**Available online at Novanet**).

Williband, Sigrid (2006), "Does money work? Cash transfers to ex-combatants in disarmaments, demobilization and reintegration process," **Disasters**, 30, 3, pp. 316-339.

## **Class Eleven (November 22<sup>nd</sup>) DEMOCRATIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Required Readings**

Clark C. Gibson, Barak D. Hoffman, Ryan S. Jablonski, (2015), "Did aid promote democracy in Africa: the role of technical assistance in Africa's transition," **World Development**, 68, pp. 323-335 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Wahman, M. (2014), "Democratization and electoral turnovers in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond," **Democratization**, 21, 2, 220-243 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Cho W. & Logan C. (2014), "Looking Toward the Future Alternations in Power and Popular Perspectives on Democratic Durability in Africa," **Comparative Political Studies**, 47, 1, pp. 30-54. (**Available online at Novanet**).

### **Recommended:**

Nwosu, Bernard (2012), "Tracks of the third wave: democracy theory, democratisation and the dilemma of political succession in Africa," **Review of African Political Economy**, 39, 131, pp. 11-25 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Lynch, Gabrielle & Crawford, Gordon (2011), "Democratization in Africa 1990-2010: an assessment," **Democratization**, 18, 2, pp. 275-310 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Lewis, Peter (2008), "Growth without prosperity in Africa," **Journal of Democracy**, 19, 4, pp. 95-109 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Brown, Stephen & Kaiser, Paul (2007), "Democratizations in Africa: Attempts, Hindrances and Prospects," **Third World Quarterly**, 28, 6, 1131-49 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Ayers, Alison (2006), "Demystifying democratisation: the global constitution of neoliberal polities in Africa," **Third World Quarterly**, 27, 2, pp. 321-338.

## **Class Twelve: November 29<sup>th</sup>: REGIONALISM IN AFRICA**

### **Required**

Iheduru, Okechukwu C. (2011), "The 'new' ECOWAS: implications for the study of regional integration," In Timothy M. Shaw, J. Andrew Grant, and Scarlett Cornelissen (Editors), **Ashgate Research Companion to Regionalisms**, Farnham: Ashgate Publishing Ltd, pp. 213-239 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Channing Arndt & Simon J. Roberts (2018), "Key issues in regional growth and integration in Southern Africa," **Development Southern Africa**, 35:3, 297-314 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Bah, Adama (2013), "Civil Conflicts as a Constraint to Regional Economic Integration in Africa," **Defence and peace economics**, 24, 6, pp. 521 -534 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Healy, Sally (2011), "Seeking Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa: the contribution of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development," **International Affairs**, 87, 1, pp. 105-120 (**Available online at Novanet**).

### **Recommended**

Bachmann, Veit and Sidaway, James (2010). "African regional integration and European involvement: external agents in the East African Community," **The South African Geographical Journal**, 92 (1): 1-6 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Gibb, Richard (2009), "Regional integration and Africa's Development and Africa's Development Trajectory: meta-theories, expectations and reality," **Third World Quarterly**, 30 (4): 701-721 (**Available online at Novanet**).

Tavares, Rodrigo and Tang, Vanessa (2011). "Regional economic integration in Africa: impediments to progress," **South African Journal of International Affairs**, 18 (2): 217-233.

Dirar, Luwan (2010). "Common Market for Eastern and Southern African Countries: Multiplicity of Membership Issue and Choices," **African Journal of Comparative and International Law**, 18 (2): 217-232.

## **Other Important Information**

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

Dalhousie University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all Treaty people.

### **Academic Integrity**

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At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all of our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility and respect (The Center for Academic Integrity, Duke University, 1999). As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all of the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity.

Students are reminded that **plagiarism** (handing in another person's work as one's own or exact copying of the words of another author without attribution), submitting the same essay to more than 1 course, and close **paraphrasing** (reliance on a source with only minor alterations in wording) are unacceptable. Any paper submitted by a student may be checked for originality to confirm that the student has not plagiarized from other sources. Plagiarism is considered a serious academic offence which may lead to loss of credit, suspension or expulsion from the University, or even the revocation of a degree. It is essential that there be correct attribution of authorities from which facts and opinions have been derived. At Dalhousie, there are University Regulations which deal with plagiarism and, prior to submitting any paper in a course, students should read the Policy on Intellectual Honesty contained in the Calendar or on the Dal web at:

(read more:

[https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/university\\_secretariat/Syllabus\\_Statement](https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/university_secretariat/Syllabus_Statement) \

### • **Accessibility**

The Advising and Access Services Centre is Dalhousie's Centre of expertise for student accessibility and accommodation. The advising team works with students who request accommodation as a result of: a disability, religious obligation, or any barrier related to any other characteristic protected under Human Rights legislation (NS, NB, PEI, NFLD).

Students who require academic accommodation for either classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams should make their request to the Office of Student Accessibility & Accommodation (OSAA) prior to or at the outset of the term. Please see [www.studentaccessibility.dal.ca](http://www.studentaccessibility.dal.ca) for more information and to obtain the Request for Accommodation – Form A.

Please note that your classroom may contain specialized accessible furniture and equipment. It is important that these items remain in the classroom so that students who require their usage will be able to participate in the class (read more:

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### • **Student Code of Conduct**

Everyone at Dalhousie is expected to treat others with dignity and respect. The Code of Student Conduct allows Dalhousie to take disciplinary action if students don't follow this community expectation. When appropriate, violations of the code can be resolved in a reasonable and informal

manner—perhaps through a restorative justice process. If an informal resolution can't be reached, or would be inappropriate, procedures exist for formal dispute resolution. (read more: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/student-life-policies/code-of-student-conduct.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/student-life-policies/code-of-student-conduct.html))

### **Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect**

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness (Strategic Priority 5.2).

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### **University Policies and Programs**

Important Dates in the Academic Year (including add/drop dates)

[http://www.dal.ca/academics/important\\_dates.html](http://www.dal.ca/academics/important_dates.html)

University Grading Practices: Statement of Principles and Procedures

[http://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/academic/grading-practices.html](http://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/grading-practices.html)

Scent-Free Program

<http://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/occupational-safety/scent-free.html>

### **Learning and Support Resources**

General Academic Support – Advising

[http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/student\\_services/academic-support/advising.html](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student_services/academic-support/advising.html)

Fair Dealing Guidelines

<http://www.dal.ca/dept/copyrightoffice/fair-dealing/fair-dealing-guidelines.html>

Library

<http://libraries.dal.ca>

Black Students

[http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/student\\_services/black-student-advising.html](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student_services/black-student-advising.html));

International Students

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Student Health Services

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Counselling

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Copyright Office

<http://www.dal.ca/dept/copyrightoffice.html>

E-Learning website

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