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**Soc 188j/D**  
**CHANGE IN MODERN SOUTH AFRICA**

South Africa has undergone extensive, but by no means revolutionary change since Apartheid formally came to an end in 1994. Changes introduced after 1994 have certainly altered the social and political landscape, but the country still sports many of the injustices that were institutionalized in earlier decades. To understand why South Africa remains both so promising and frustrating, this course has two concentrations. The first half examines debates about the rise and decline of the Apartheid state. Unsurprisingly, the sheer massiveness of this well-elaborated state form continues to reverberate in the post-Apartheid era. The second half of the course focuses on debates that have arisen to account for the persistence of racial-based poverty and the proliferation of allied social problems. Official policies in the post-Apartheid era have long dashed the hopes that the ANC government would reverse the legacies of Apartheid by implementing extensive "social welfare" policies. Instead, the government argues that its embrace of gradualism, privatization and globalization policies has stabilized the economy. This claim lies at the core of the debates about post-Apartheid South Africa. Today it is not an exaggeration to say that the commendable achievements of the anti-Apartheid movement may yet be undone by extraordinary high levels of murder, rape, violent robberies, the growth of official corruption, anxiety about the future and most importantly, the persistence--and even the deepening--of racialized poverty.

**Required sources (\*):**

The following texts are available only from Groundwork Books (tel: 858/ 453-9625)

- Deegan, *The Politics of the New South Africa*. (Longman, 2001).
- J. Nattrass, *Mortal Combat: AIDS Denialism and the Struggle for Antiretrovirals in South Africa* (UKZN Press, 2007).
- Course reader: The reader must be purchased online from URPS at [www.universityreaders.com](http://www.universityreaders.com) . Please do so before the quarter begins as it takes several days for the material to be delivered to the address you provide.

**Recommended background readings:**

- Allister Sparks, *Tomorrow is Another Country: The Inside Story of South Africa's Road to Change*. (1995)
- Rian Malan, *My Traitor's Heart* (1990)

- Edwin Cameron (2005). *Witness to AIDS* (2005).
- Herman Giliomee, *The Afrikaner: Biography of a People* (2003)
- Nelson Mandela, *Long Walk To Freedom : The Autobiography Of Nelson Mandela* (1994)
- T.R.H. Davenport, *South Africa : A Modern History* (1987)
- Jeremy Krikler, *White Rising : The 1922 Insurrection And Racial Killing In South Africa* (2005)
- Desmond Tutu, *No Future Without Forgiveness* (1999).

*Recommended newspapers:*

To keep up on South African news, I suggest the following news organizations on the web: A great source that summarizes news in South Africa on a daily basis and is linked to most other South African newspapers is: <http://www.int.iol.co.za/>. The next best source is the highly independent *Mail and Guardian* ([www.mg.co.za](http://www.mg.co.za)).

**Course requirements:**

Take-home midterm exam 50%

In-class final exam (Mon, March 16, 11:30 – 2:30 p.m.) 50%

I strongly urge you to read and digest the readings before each class. Many of the readings are somewhat theoretical and a bit skimpy on South Africa's complicated history . So come to class prepared to ask for clarifications about both theory and South African history.

## SEGREGATION AND APARTHEID

**[Note: readings in blue will be placed on Webct]**

### **Week 1 (1/5, 7, 9) : Introduction/Racial domination in comparative perspective**

\* Deegan , *The Politics of the New South Africa*, Ch. 1

• Anthony Butler, *Democracy and Apartheid*, Ch. 2.

### **Week 2: Segregation, ideology and labor controls, 1910-1948**

\* Deegan, *The Politics of the New South Africa*, Chapter 2.

• I. Evans, *Bureaucracy and Race*. (U of California Press, 1996), 25-45

• S. Greenberg, *Legitimizing the Illegitimate: States, Markets and Resistance in South Africa*, (U of California, 1987), Ch. 3.

### **Week 3: Social and political innovations of Apartheid: Afrikaner theology; “enforced ethnicity”; the Bantustan policy**

- H. Giliomee, *The Afrikaners*. (Hurst and Co., 2003), 495-522.
- R. Price, “Race and reconciliation in the New South Africa,” *Politics and Society*, 25 (1997). NOTE: read only pp145-156.
- S. Greenberg, *Legitimizing the Illegitimate*, Ch. 3.
- B. Cousins and A. Klaasens, “Communal land rights, democracy and traditional leaders in post-Apartheid South Africa,” in M. Saruchera (ed.), *Securing Land and resource Rights in South Africa*, SAPL (2004), 139-144 only.
- G. Seidman, “No Freedom without the Women”: Mobilization and Gender in South Africa, 1970-1992,” *Signs*, 18/2 (Winter, 1993), pp. 291-320

### **Week 4: “Near revolution”: how South Africa avoided revolution**

- \* Deegan, *The Politics of the New South Africa*, Chapters 3 and 4.
- Price, “Race and reconciliation in the New South Africa,” read only pp. 156-178. (See the same reading for Week 3).

### **Week 5: The “democratic compromise” and the new constitution**

- \* Deegan, *Politics and Society in South Africa*, Chapter 5
- Glaser, *Politics and Society in South Africa* (Sage Publications, 2001), Ch. 8.

## **POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Week 6: Economic policies**

- Judith Christine Streak, “The Gear legacy: did Gear fail or move South Africa forward in development?,” *Development Southern Africa*, 21/2 (June 2004).
- V. Padayachee, “The South African economy, 1994-2004,” in V. Padayachee (ed.), *The Development Decade?: Economic and Social Change in South Africa, 1994-2004*. (HSRC Press, 2006).
- G. Hart, “Post-Apartheid developments in historical and comparative perspective” in V. Padayachee (ed.), *The Development Decade?*

- P. Bond, “Reconciliation and economic reaction: flaws in South Africa's elite transition,” *Journal of International Affairs* (Fall 2006)
- Kgomotso, Nyanto, “South Africa: the coming of the black middle class,” *New African* (April 2006)
- B. Bearak, “South Africa’s Poor Renew a Tradition of Protest,” *NY Times* (7 Sept. 2009)

### **Week 7: The TRC: reconciliation over justice**

- G. Simpson, “A snake gives birth to a snake,” in B. Dixon and E. v.d. Spuy (eds), *Justice Gained? Crime and Crime Control in South Africa* (UCT Press, 2004).
- J. Gibson, “Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation: Judging the Fairness of Amnesty in South Africa,” *American Journal of Political Science*, 46/3 (July 2002), 540-556.
- R. A. Wilson, “Conclusions: Human Rights, Reconciliation and Retribution”, Chapter 8 of his *The Politics of Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa: Legitimizing the Post-Apartheid State*. (Cambridge, 2001), 223-230.

Possible Movie: “Long Night's Journey Into Day” [FVLV 3932-1]

### **Week 8: The AIDS saga**

- N. Nattrass, *Mortal Combat: AIDS Denialism and the Struggle for Antiretrovirals in South Africa* (UKZN Press, 2007). Whole book
- Movie: “Yesterday”

### **Week 9: Crime, violence and policing policies**

- R. Jewkes and N. Abrahams, “The epidemiology of rape and sexual coercion in South Africa: an overview,” *Social Science & Medicine*, 55/ 7 (October 2002): 1231-1244.
- “Every 6 hours a woman is killed by her intimate partner,” MRC Policy Brief 35 (June 2005).
- T. Samara, “Development, Social Justice and Global Governance: challenges to implementing restorative and criminal justice reform in South Africa,” *Acta Juridica*, (2007), 113-133.

### **Week 10 (I): Emerging Xenophobia; the land question**

- N. Johnston and R. Wolmarans, “Xenophobic violence grips Johannesburg,” *Mail & Guardian*, (18 May 2008), at <http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-05-18-xenophobic-violence-grips-johannesburg>
- D. McDonald et al, “Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Migration from Lesotho, Mozambique and Zimbabwe to South Africa,” *International Migration Review* 34/3 (Autumn, 2000), pp. 813-841
- N. Valji, “Creating the Nation: The Rise of Violent Xenophobia in the New South Africa.” Master’s Thesis, NYU, (2003).

**Week 10 (II) (March 9, 11,13): Civil society in South Africa: Women’s movements**

- S. Hassim, “Voices, hierarchies and spaces: reconfiguring the women’s movement in democratic South Africa,” (paper, 2004)
- Review for Final Exam