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MARRIAGE SYSTEMS IN AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA

The relations between individuals and social groups established through marriage are a central aspect of African life, at once the foundation and complement to relations between kin. This course allows students to deepen their understanding of African societies by analyzing the range and complexity of African and Afro-american marriage systems. The importance of marriage to pastoral and farm production, social and political organisation and even chiefly bureaucracies will be explored in detail. These systems anchored a variety of indigenous societies, but also adapted vigorously to radical changes, whether from captivity in the Americas or economic and political transformations in Africa. Readings will consider the effects of cash crops, individual land tenure, labor migration, urbanisation, capitalist and socialist development, colonisation, Western education, Christianity and Islam, apartheid, war, and economic crisis on relations between the sexes. Class format will be agreed on, considering students' numbers and background.

Course Outline

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War, Famine and Poverty	Apr. 12

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Farmers: The Majority

Jan. 26

Beidelman, T. O. The Kaguru. pp. 59-79. Prospect Heights, Illinois, Waveland, 1983.

Okeyo, Achola Pala, "Daughters of the Lakes and Rivers: Colonization and the Land Rights of Luo Women." pp. 187-213 in Mona Etienne and Eleanor Leacock, eds., Women and Colonization: Anthropological Perspectives. New York, Bergin and Garvey, 1980.

Guyer, Jane, Family and Farm in Southern Cameroon, pp. 15-32. Boston, Boston University African Studies Center, 1984.

Goody, Esther, "Conjugal Separation and Divorce Among the Gonja of Northern Ghana." pp. 15-54 in Meyer Fortes, ed., Marriage in Tribal Societies. Cambridge University Press, 1962.

Marriage Politics

Feb. 2

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Kuper, Hilda, The Swazi, pp. 9-11, 21-4, 53-9. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1986.

Morton-Williams, Peter, "The Yoruba Kingdom of Oyo." pp. 64-5 in Darryl Forde and P. M. Kaberry, eds., West African Kingdoms in the Nineteenth Century. London, Oxford University Press, 1967.

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Sex and/or Marriage

Feb. 9

Llewelyn-Davis, Melissa, "Two Contexts of Solidarity." pp. 206-37 in Patricia Caplan and Janet M. Bujra, eds., Women United, Women Divided. London, Tavistock, 1978.

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Bohannon, Laura, "Dahomean Marriage: a Re-evaluation." pp. 85-130 in Paul Bohannon and John Middleton, eds., Marriage, Family and Residence. New York, Natural History Press, 1968.

O'Brien, Denise, "Female Husbands in Southern Bantu Societies." pp. 109-26 in Alice Schlegel, ed., Sexual Stratification. New York, Columbia University Press, 1977.

Gay, Judith, "'Mummies and Babies' and Friends and Lovers in Lesotho." pp. 97-116 in Evelyn Blackwood, ed., Anthropology and Homosexual Behavior. New York, Haworth, 1986.

Slavery and Trade

Feb. 16

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Robertson, Claire and Martin Klein, "Women's Importance in African Slave Systems." pp. 3-25 in Claire Robertson and Martin Klein, eds., Women and Slavery in Africa, U. Wisconsin Press, 1983.

Harms, Robert, "Sustaining the System: Trading Towns along the Middle Zaire." pp. 95-110 in Claire Robertson and Martin Klein, eds., Women and Slavery in Africa, U. Wisconsin Press, 1983.

Robertson, Claire, "Post-Proclamation Slavery in Accra: A Female Affair?" pp. 220-45 in Claire Robertson and Martin Klein, eds., Women and Slavery in Africa, U. Wisconsin Press, 1983.

MacCormack, Carol, "Slaves, Slave Owners and Slave Dealers: Sherbro Coast and Hinterland." pp. 271-94 in Claire Robertson and Martin Klein, eds., Women and Slavery in Africa, U. Wisconsin Press, 1983.

Sudarkasa, Niara, "Where Women Work: A Study of Yoruba Women in the Marketplace and in the Home," pp. 25-37. Anthropological Papers 53, Museum of Anthropology, U. of Michigan, 1973.

MacGaffey, Janet, "Women and Class Formation in a Dependent Economy: Kisangani Entrepreneurs." pp. 161-77 in Claire Robertson and Iris Berger, Women and Class in Africa. New York, Africana, 1986.

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Cohen, Ronald, The Kanuri of Bornu, pp. 33-52. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1967.

Constantinides, Pamela, "Women's Spirit Possession and Urban Adaptation in the Muslim Northern Sudan." pp. 185-205 in Patricia Caplan and Janet M. Bujra, eds., Women United, Women Divided. London, Tavistock, 1978.

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