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AAS 330. African Leaders.

Personal rule has become the outstanding feature of the political system in post-colonial Africa. In this system of rule, the relative stability of the polity may be determined by the leader's political skills, his experience, luck and understanding of the opportunities and constraints that govern his actions rather than by institutional rules and political conventions. One illuminating way of understanding the dynamics of politics in sub-Saharan Africa, then, is by a study of political leadership behavior which, it will be assumed in this course, takes place in an environment shaped by culture, historical setting, social structure and systems of economic production etc. An attempt will be made in this course to examine the political behavior, ideas and attitudes of important African leaders in terms of their responses to such great issues as freedom vs. authoritarianism, single-party and multi-party systems of political control, political institutionalization and personal rule. 3 credits, TTh 2-3:30, 2211 SEB.

AAS 461. Pan-Africanism.

Africans and peoples of African descent have been in contact with the white world for, at least, three centuries. During this period Black peoples have felt the need not only to protest, in all kinds of ways, against racial discrimination, but have also tried to formulate ideologies, the common theme of which is the principle that all men and all races are equal and should therefore enjoy equal rights. This course is designed to help students gain some understanding of Pan-Africanism as a complex cultural and political phenomenon in modern history. The historical roots, ideas and orientations of this movement will be explored within the context of the growing feeling of racial solidarity among educated Africans and peoples of African descent in the United States, Europe and the West Indies. This course will also attempt to illuminate the nature of the series of Pan-African movements which assumed different institutional forms and ideological characteristics, under different leaderships, in different parts of the world. 3 credits, MWF 1-2:00, 2225 SEB.

