UCSD Spring Quarter 2011

HIAF 120

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-9:20 A.M.  H&SS 5053

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HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA

This course examines the history of South Africa from 1652—the present. The course will help students to understand the forces that have shaped contemporary South Africa. We will examine the early societies and culture, the contact with Europe, and the consequences for these societies. Our study will include European settler society, slavery, the British in South Africa, and the early 19th century upheavals in South Africa. The impact of the discovery of diamonds and gold, industrialization of South Africa, and the conflict between Africans, the Afrikaner, and the British will receive attention. The emergence of segregation, racial politics, apartheid, African nationalism, and the factors that led to the creation of a multi-racial democracy will be examined. There will be a mid-term examination on April 28th and a final on June 9th. A ten page term paper will be due on May 26th. Each of these assignments will count 1/3rd of the student’s course grade.

Texts (all texts are also on reserve)

Leonard Thompson, A History of South Africa

Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom

J.B. Peires, The Dead Will Arise

Lectures and Assignments

March 29 and 30  Introduction and Overview

            Early History of South Africa

            European Beginnings in South Africa
April 5 and 7  Dutch settlement at the Cape
                Thompson, Chapter 2

April 12 and 14  The Mfecane
               The British at the Cape
               The Great Trek
               Thompson, Chapter 3
               Finish reading Peires

April 19, 21, 26  Diamonds and Gold
               The Scramble for South Africa
               The Boer War and Independence
               Thompson, Chapter 4

April 28  Mid-Term Examination (Bring Blue Books)

May 3, 6, 10  Politics of Segregation
              African Resistance
              Road to War
              Start reading Mandela's book
              Thompson Chapter 5

My 12, 17, 19  War and the Nationalist Government of 1948
                Apartheid and Black Politics
Continue to read Mandela’s book

Thompson, Chapter 6

May 24, 26, 31  Intensification of Apartheid

Steven Biko, Black Consciousness

The End of Apartheid

Finish reading Mandela, Thompson, Chapters 7, 8, 9

May 26  Term paper is due

June 2  Conclusion

(Make sure all reading assignments have been completed)

June 9  Final Exam