UCSD Winter Quarter 2013
HIAF 120
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-9:20 A.M. Peterson 102
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Office Hours: H&SS 5053 Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 A.M.

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 February 7 and a final on March 21. A ten page term paper will be due on March 12. Each of these assignments will count 1/3rd of the student’s course grade.

Texts (Available 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
January 8 and 10 Introduction and Overview
  Early History of South Africa
  European Beginnings in South Africa

January 15 and 17 Dutch settlement at the Cape
  Thompson, Chapter II

January 22 and 24 The Mfecane
  The British at the Cape
  The Great Trek
  Thompson, Chapter III
  Finish reading Peires

January 29, 31, Feb 5 Diamonds and Gold
  The Scramble for South Africa
  The Boer War and Independence
  Thompson, Chapter IV

Feb 7 Mid-Term Examination (Bring Blue Books)

Feb 12, 14, 19 Politics of Segregation
African Resistance
Road to War
Start reading Mandela’s book
Thompson Chapter V

Feb 21, 26, 28
War and the Nationalist Government of 1948
Apartheid and Black Politics
Continue to read Mandela’s book
Thompson, Chapter VI

Mar 5, 7, 12
Intensification of Apartheid
Steven Biko, Black Consciousness
The End of Apartheid
Finish reading Mandela, Thompson, Chapters 7, 8, 9

Mar 12
Term paper is due

Mar 14
Conclusion
(Make sure all reading assignments have been completed)

Mar 21
Final Exam 08:00a - 10:59a