Decolonizing the Academy

The African Politics Reading List 2020

In response to requests from colleagues and friends, some of whom said that they wanted to diversify their course material but were not always sure how to do so, Democracy in Africa have assembled this set of readings on African Politics - the Decolonizing the University Academy Reading List.

This reading list was collated in 2015 in solidarity with those who are currently attempting to decolonise the academy. We have updated it for 2020 to reflect our continued commitment to this goal, and our support for the #BlackInTheIvory and #BlackLivesMatter movements. To be clear, our efforts here are simply to make available as many sources as possible written by African scholars. The list has been crowd sourced, so if someone is not included, that is just because they have not been proposed. We welcome your recommendations of outstanding scholarship to add to this bibliography - please make them via the comments section at the end.

NB: Currently, this list focuses on English translations and texts but we do hope to develop lists in other languages and would welcome your suggestions.

Decolonization, Global Knowledge Inequalities & Research Methods

• Mbembe, A. 2015. "Decolonizing knowledge and the question of the archive."
• Nyamnjoh, F. B. 2016. #RhodesMustFall: Nibbling at resilient colonialism in South Africa. *Langaa RPCIG*.

**African Political Thought**


*Pre-colonial Politics, Slavery and the Role of Traditional leaders*

**Nationalism, Pan Africanism, and Anti-colonial Struggles**

• Chinodya, S. 1990. *Harvest of Thorns*.
• Langa, M. 2014. *The Texture of Shadows*.


**Citizenship and Statehood**


Social Movements and Civil Society


**Democracy, Elections and Parties**


The Politics of Ethnicity


The Politics of Religion

The Politics of Gender and Youth


**Agricultural Politics and Land Reform**


• Mkandawire, T., 2009. *Institutional Monocropping and Monotasking in Africa*. UNRISD.


**Urban Politics**


• Ismail, S. 2015. *The Victoria Mxenge Housing project- women building activism through social activism and informal learning*. UCT Press, Cape Town


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**Foreign Policy, International Relations, and African Union**


The Military and Security Sector Reform


**Conflict and Civil War**


The Politics of Refugees and Migration


**Peace-making, Peace-building, and Reconciliation**


The Politics of International Development


The Politics of Language, Knowledge and Education


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