

Kansas African Studies Center

African Studies Seminar Series

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“The Question of Leadership in Africa” 3:30-5:00 p.m.

This seminar series aims to provide a forum to fill the perceived gap in the growing scholarship on leadership in Africa. Through a series of presentations, an attempt will be made to anchor the subject of leadership in Africa in appropriate social, historical, academic, and international contexts. Among other things, the series will seek concrete answers to the following pertinent questions: Why has a clear pattern of poor leadership emerged in Africa, and what accounts for the obvious tenacity of the same pattern? If it is true that the leadership vacuum in Africa is suggestive of something deeper and much more fundamental in the political culture of Africa, what exactly is that thing? What role, if any, are global factors playing in the determination of the character of leadership that has consistently emerged in Africa?

Thursday, September 20: “The Lagos-Ibadan ‘Theocratic Class’ and the Obasanjo Presidency in Nigeria (1999-2007),” Ebenezer Obadare, Kansas University, the Pine Room, Kansas Union

Friday, October 5: “The Power of Elections and Elites in Africa,” Staffan Lindberg, University of Florida, the Malott Room, Kansas Union.

Thursday, October 25: “Rwandan Genocide Leading to Mobutu's Overthrow in the Congo,” John Quinn, Truman State University, the Pine Room, Kansas Union.

Friday, November 2: “Women in African Politics: A Continental Shift,” Hannah Britton, Associate Professor, Kansas University, Room 109, Bailey Hall.

Thursday, November 8: “Leadership: A Cape Viridian Presidential Style.” President Antonio Monteiro, Former President of Cape Verde, the Pine Room, Kansas Union.

Thursday, November 29: “Tribalism in Leadership in Zimbabwe and Mozambique,” Elizabeth MacGonagle, Assistant Professor, Kansas University, the Pine Room, Kansas Union.

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