



Post-Colonial Africa

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The post-World War II period witnessed widespread anti-colonial agitations and calls for the end of European colonial rule in African societies. After a century of European imperial dominance, the decolonization of Africa became one of the turning points in the history of the post-war world. The struggle for political liberty by the peoples of Africa also inspired the civil rights movement in the United States. By the 1950s, young African leaders such as Kwame Nkrumah in West Africa and Nelson Mandela in South Africa, stood in solidarity with other advocates for civil and political rights, Martin Luther King in the US, and Jawaharlal Nehru in India.

Students in this class will be exposed to developments in this momentous episode in world history, when the peoples of East, West, And South Africa embarked on the quest for freedom and, following that, in the establishment of modern nation-states. Students will critically assess the triumphs and challenges of emergent African nation-states in the post-colonial period. We shall pay close attention to the cultural, economic, social, and political developments in the respective regions of the African continent. The course will give students an opportunity to better obtain a more comprehensive knowledge of African societies..

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