

**POLI120N: Contention and Conflict in Africa**

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**Midterm Study Sheet**

Binyavanga Wainana

Equal-area projection map

Herbst's argument for why and how population density matters

Herbst's assessment and explanation of the challenge of African leaders

Landlocked

Late colonization of Africa

Malaria

State capacity

Tropical climate

Precolonial Africa

Slave trades

Trans-Atlantic slave trade

Nunn's argument about causal effect of slave trade

Slave trade and trust

Europe in late 19<sup>th</sup> century (pre-Scramble)

Scramble for Africa

Berlin Conference

Principle of Effectivity (or effective occupation)

King Leopold and the Congo Free State

Inter-colonial differences

Bula Matari

Lumumba

Mobutu

Katanga

Roots of African independence

Unsustainability of colonial project

Conversionism

Collective action problem

Role of Indian independence for African independence

Role of World War II for African independence

Role of African farmers for African independence

Differences in timing and form of independence by colonial power

Arbitrary borders

Economic distortions

Big Man rule

Tribalization

Role of economic boom at time of African independence (Meredith reading and lecture)

Civil war: definitional issues

Ancient tribal/ethnic hatred

Clash of civilizations

Rationalist explanation for conflict

Fearon's commitment problem

Primordialism

Constructivism

Early economic explanations of conflict

Greed v. Grievance

Primary commodity exports

Herbst's critique of greed v. grievance

Role of ethnic diversity in conflict

Spuriousness

Role of natural resources in conflict

Limitations of economic approach

Wimmer et al.'s different types of conflict

Ethnic Power Relations Dataset

Roessler's coup-rebellion tradeoff (or substitution effect)

Americo-Liberians

Krahn/Mandingo

Gio/Mano

Samuel Doe

Charles Taylor

Thomas Quiwonkpa

Prince Johnson

President Tubman

President Tolbert

"He killed my ma, he killed my pa, but I will vote for him"

Explanations for Liberia's conflict