

ANTH 329.02 Darfur: Background to Conflict

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8:30-4:30; Room SS113

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Content

The conflict in Darfur involves a complex of ethnographic, ecological, religious and political history. This course traces the main features of ethnic, religion, climate, subsistence patterns and change that underlie the conflict. The local and wider geo-political context attempts to account for the present roles of the various players in the current conflict.

These Topic Sections correspond to the 9 information sessions: 8;30-9:45 and 12:30-13:45 (excluding Saturday pm which is devoted to Final Essay topic discussion)

1. Land, climate, subsistence and ethnicity
2. The Fur Sultanate, The Turkiyya, Mahdiya and British Rule (1450-1956)
Independence: the first phases (1956-1969); War in the south
The Nimeiri Regime (1969-1985)
Political and administrative reforms; cementing the Centre-Periphery pattern
3. Resource depletion: rainfall and animal and human increase
Famines in Darfur: 1870 on; the 1970s and the 1980s
Pastoral-sedentary conflict zones: the decline of traditional conflict resolution
4. Turabi and the rise of the Jihadi State
5. Local: Global: Libya and Chad and Darfur: Cold War and post Cold War
6. The Rise of Darfur factions: SLA, JEM and the Janjawiid
7. Multilateral agencies: UN, AU, EU, the USA
The CPA and the external focus on the Civil War in Southern Sudan

NGOs, Aid and relations with the GoS (Govt of Sudan) and multilateral agencies

8. US Public Opinion 2003 and The Darfur Campaign

9. Abuja - an abortive distraction; The Doha Round

Where Are We Now: Patterns and Repetitions?

Assessment

Asst 1 Film review due Day	10%
Asst 2 Geography exercise in class Day 1	10%
Asst 3 Wiki article on one ethnic group Day 3	10%
Asst 4 Article/Chapter summary Day 4	15%
Asst 5 Wiki article due Day 5	10%
Final paper – due 2 weeks after final class	45%

(September 24)

Note: Assignments 1 & 4 should be prepared in the three weeks prior to the First Day of classes. The films will be on reserve at Com/Media and the additional textbooks for the chapters in the library. Additional copies may be available (films at Calgary Public Library and Dept Office).

All these details will be posted at least three weeks before the start of classes. Please check Blackboard regularly.

The format required for the Film Review will be posted.

The Wiki type articles should be between 300 and 600 words.

Textbooks (These *must* be read before the first day of classes.)

Flint, J. and Alex de Waal, 2008 (2nd Edn), Darfur: A New History of a Long War, Zed Books

Richard Cockett, 2010, Sudan: Darfur and the Failure of an African State, Yale UP

Films for Review (view One)

The Devil came on Horseback

Sand and Sorrow

Darfur Now

All About Darfur

Darfur Diaries