

List of Excursions

DRAFT SYLLABUS

SOCI 188jGS: Change in Modern South Africa SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND SOCIAL PROCESSES—CAPE TOWN AND THE ANTIX APARTHEID MOVEMENT

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Office hours/venue: TBA

Lecture hall/times: TBA

Introduction

Cape Town played a distinct role in the anti-Apartheid movement in South Africa. Largely because of the curious racial demography that Apartheid policies forced on it, the city developed a large African population only from the 1970s onwards, long after the emergence of a mixed-race community of “coloureds” that viewed the city’s metropolitan region as its geographical and cultural “home”. Intra-black relations between Africans and coloureds throughout the 20th century were therefore shaped by a complex cluster of racial, ethnic, class and gender factors that simultaneously drew the groups together but also kept them at arm’s length. Ethnic tension was therefore as germane to the relations between the two groups as the broad unity they forged to confront the Apartheid state. Evidence of these ambivalent relations is everywhere present in the city even today, almost two decades after Apartheid ended in 1994—in some respects, divisions between the two communities may be said to be as firm, if not firmer, today than they were in 1994. This course examines the city as a living embodiment and repository of the many contradictions of Apartheid by mainly focusing on the social movements that emerged in the course of the Apartheid era (1948-1994).

Cape Town’s anti-Apartheid social movements reflected the mélange of vibrant and often blurred ethnic identities that collectively comprised the broad category referred to as “Blacks”: “Cape Malays”, “Coloureds”, “Indians”, “Christians”, “Muslims” and Africans who were mainly Xhosa. Lectures by expert South African academics and community leaders and frequent walking tours of the city will explore both the sense of community that “Blacks” shared as well as the deep ethnic fissures that still divide the city’s inhabitants.

Readings:

All readings may be found in the course reader, which must be purchased online from University Readers before departing for Cape Town. Go to www.universityreaders.com and click on the big red “Students Buy Now” button on the top right side of the page.

Readings will be taken from the following:

- Nigel Worden, Elizabeth van Heyningen, Vivian Bickford@Smith, *Cape Town: The Making Of A City : An Illustrated Social History*. Claremont, South Africa : David Philip Publishers, 1998
- Catherine Besteman, *Transforming Cape Town*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008.
- David M. Smith, ed., *The Apartheid City And Beyond: Urbanization And Social Change In South Africa*. Johannesburg : Witwatersrand University Press, 1992
- Vivian Bickford@Smith, *Ethnic Pride And Racial Prejudice In Victorian Cape Town: Group Identity And Social Practice, 1875N1902*. New York : Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- Noëleen Murray, Nick Shepherd & Martin Hall, eds., *Desire Lines: Space, Memory And Identity In The PostNApartheid City*. New York: Routledge, 2007.
- John Western, John. *Outcast Cape Town*. Berkeley : University of California Press, 1996.

Requirements:

The course grade consists of 3 components as follows:

- *Weekly commentaries* (30%): Each commentary should be 2 pages long and double@spaced.
- *Final exam* (50%): a 2@hour exam will be given on the last day of the course. A study guide will be handed out one week earlier.
- *Participation* (20%)

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, all lectures take place on Tues/Thurs from 9a.m.@ 12p.m.

WEEK 1

Tuesday: Group orientation and introduction to the course.

- *Guided bus tour of the Cape Peninsula.*
- *Welcome dinner: Kirstenbosch Gardens, 4N6 pm.*

Thursday lecture: Overview of South African history.

- *Guided walking/shopping tour of the central city district.*

- *Lunch near Greenmarket Sqaure.*

WEEK 2

Tuesday: Overview of Apartheid racial policies and antiXApartheid movements

- *Trip to Robben Island*

Thursday: Dismembering the city: "District 6" and the Group Areas Act of 1950.

- *Guest Lecturer from the Dept. of Sociology, UWC]*
- *Possible visits: Parliament Building, BoNKAap Museum, and District 6 Museum*

WEEK 3

Tuesday: AntiXApartheid movements: focus on student movements in Cape Town

- *Visits to the University of the Western Cape and the UCT Law Clinic.*

Tuesday: "Near revolution": how South Africa avoided revolution

- *Walk up Table Mountain, departing from Constantia (or by cable car for those who prefer not to walk)*

WEEK 4

Tuesday: Discourses of Crime and Xenophobia in the postXApartheid city

- *Guided tour of Khayelisha and the Victoria and Albert Waterfront.*

Thursday: Race, sport and the "Rainbow Nation": Focus on The World Cup of 2010

- *Outing to Stellenbosch area for lunch.*

WEEK 5

Tuesday: The postXApartheid era: what has changed and by how much?

- *Guest lecturer, Sociology Dept.,, UCT]*

Thursday: InXclass exam

- *Final dinner at "Biesmiellah Restaurant" (Cape Malay restaurant, BoNKAap)*