

A Working Conference

Designing Constitutional Arrangements for Democratic Governance in Africa: Challenges and Possibilities

Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis
Indiana University, Bloomington
March 30-31, 2006

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AGENDA

Meetings will be held at 513 North Park Avenue, Workshop Seminar Room

Thursday, March 30

8:00-8:30am Coffee and Rolls

8:30-9:00am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Maria Grosz-Ngaté, Associate Director, African Studies Program, Indiana University
Patrick O'Meara, Dean, Office of International Programs, Indiana University
Elinor Ostrom, Codirector, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University
Amos Sawyer, Codirector, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University

Session 1: Beyond the Post-Colonial State—Rethinking and Redesigning Governance Institutions in Africa: Puzzles and Possibilities

9:00-9:30am **Between State and Community: Challenges to Redesigning Governance in Africa**
Goran Hyden, Distinguished Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Florida

9:30-10:00am General Discussion

10:00-10:15am Break

Session 2: Reconstituting Governance from the Ground Up: Possibilities for DRC, Nigeria, and Liberia

10:15-10:45am **Constitution and Citizenship in Post-Mobutu Congo**
Osita Afoaku, Clinical Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

10:45-11:15am **Structural Transformation and Polycentric Governance: A Constitutional Gateway towards Nigerian Democratization**
Shittu Akinola, Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Administration, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria

11:15-11:45am **Elections and Unfolding Patterns of Political Change in Liberia**
Amos Sawyer, Co-Director, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University

11:45am-12:30pm General Discussion

12:30-1:15pm Lunch (Will be brought in)

Session 3: The Place of African Chieftaincy Orders in Constitutional Democracy in Africa

1:15-1:45pm **Self-Government or Good Government: Traditional Rule and the Challenge of Constitutional Democracy and Development in Africa**
Maxwell Owusu, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

1:45-2:15pm General Discussion

2:15-2:45pm **Institutions and Organization of Defense and Security among the Yoruba in the Nineteenth Century**
Oyebade (Kunle) Oyerinde, Ph.D. Candidate, Joint Program, Department of Political Science and School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

2:45-3:15pm General Discussion

3:15-3:30pm Break

Session 4: Religion, Spiritual Capital, and Public Entrepreneurship in Africa

3:30-4:00pm **Strategizing for the Lord and for Self-Governance: What IGOs and NGOs Can Learn from the Missionary Experience of the Indigenization of African Christianity**
Michael McGinnis, Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, and The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

4:00-4:30pm **Religion and Democratization Processes in Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa: Parallels in the Evolution of Religious and Political Governance Structures**
Sheldon Gellar, Research Associate, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University

4:30-5:00pm **Spiritual Capital and Civic Engagement: Conceptualization of Key Variables, Challenges, Propositions**
Ann Marie Thomson, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

5:00-6:00pm General Discussion

6:30pm Dinner (Open)

Friday, March 31

8:00-8:30am Coffee and Rolls

Session 5: Can Local People Become Their Own Governors? Unlocking Local Potential for Democratic Governance

8:30-9:00am **Governing the Ungovernable: Leadership Skills and Accountability in Ghana's Marketplace Commodity Groups**
Gracia Clark, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University

9:00-9:30am **The Politics of Poverty and Social Welfare in Africa: The Narrowing of Reciprocity by Donors, States, Informal Social Networks and the Poor**
Lauren Morris MacLean, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University

9:30-10:00am **The Scramble for Property Rights: Renegotiating Livelihoods and Sustainability after Uganda's Forest Sector Governance Reform—Methods for Empirically Testing Whether Local People Can Successfully Become Their Own Governors**
Pamela Jagger, Ph.D. Candidate, Joint Program, Department of Political Science and School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

10:00-10:45am General Discussion

10:45-10:55am Break

Session 6: Local Institutions and Local Knowledge

10:55-11:25am **Democratizing Knowledge: New Information Networks and the Possibilities for Open Access in Africa**
Charlotte Hess, Director of Library and Information Services, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University

11:25-11:50am General Discussion

11:50am-12:20pm **Closing Discussion**

12:20-12:30pm **Closing Remarks**
Maria Grosz-Ngaté, Associate Director, African Studies Program, Indiana University
Amos Sawyer, Codirector, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University

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