

## **ANTH 329 Darfur: Background to Conflict**

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**Fall Term 2011 Block Course: September 6-10**

**8:30-4:30; Room SA137**

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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.

1. Land, climate, subsistence and ethnicity
2. The Fur Sultanate, The Turkiyya and British Rule (1450-1956)
3. Independence: the first phases (1956-1969); War in the south
4. The Nimeiri Regime (1969-1985)

Political and administrative reforms; cementing the Centre-Periphery pattern

5. 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

6. Turabi and the rise of the Jihadi State
7. Libya and Chad and Darfur
8. The Rise of Darfur factions: SLA, JEM and the Janjawiid
9. Multilateral agencies: UN, AU, EU, the USA

The CPA and the external focus on the Civil War in Southern Sudan

10. NGOs, Aid and relations with the GoS (Govt of Sudan) and multilateral agencies
11. US Public Opinion 2003 and The Darfur Campaign



12. Abuja - an abortive distraction

13. Where Are We Now: Patterns and Repetitions?

### **Assessment**

Asst 1 Film review due Day 1 pm	10%
Asst 2 Geography exercise in class Day 1	10%
Asst 3 Wiki article on one ethnic group Day 2pm	5%
Asst 4 Article/Chapter summary (10%) Day 3	
And class presentation (5%)	15%
Asst 5 Two Wiki articles due Day 4 pm	10%
Final paper – due 2 weeks after final class	50%

(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 and books at 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**

**The Devil came on Horseback**

**Sand and Sorrow**

### **Grading Scale:**

A+	94.9–100	A	89.9–94.8%	A-	84.9–89.8 %
B+	79.9–84.8 %	B	74.9–79.8 %	B-	70.9–74.8 %
C+	66.9–70.8 %	C	62.9–66.8 %	C-	68.9–62.8 %
D+	54.9 %– 58.8%	D	49.9–54.8 %	F	49.8 and below

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### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION**

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Social Science Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the ICT Food Court.

### **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

Plagiarism: "to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (Webster's). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing July also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:

<https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>