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DEMOCRACY, DEMOCRATIZATION, AND ELECTIONS
A NEW DAY FOR DEMOCRACY IN WEST AFRICA
ANALYSIS OF RECENT ELECTIONS, 1990-2007

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



PEARSON HALL, ROOM 112
DATE: APRIL 10TH 2008
TIME: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

**Miami University
Department of Political Science
Recent Elections in West Africa Conference
April 10 & 11
Miami Inn**

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, April 9

Arrival and Check-in at the Miami Inn

Thursday April 10

Breakfast Meeting (8:00 – 9: 15 a.m.)

Class visits (9: 30 – 10-45 a.m.)

Lunch (11: 30 a.m.-12: 45 p.m.)

Conference Opening

(Pearson Hall, Room112 at 1: 00 p.m.)

Dr. David Hodge, President Miami University

Dr. Jeffrey Herbst, Provost & Executive vice-
President for Academic Affairs, Miami
University

Dr. Steven DeLue, Senior Associate Dean,
College of Arts and Science

Dr. Ryan Barilleaux, Chair, Department of
Political Science, Miami University

Dr. Abdoulaye Saine, Department of
Political Science, Conference Coordinator,
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Afternoon Panels

1: 30-3: 00 p.m.

Panel 1 (Room A)

Consolidating Democracies?

Chair: **Dr. Steve DeLue**, Miami University
(deluesm@muohio.edu)

Dr. Mathurin Hounnikpo, National Defense University, “Electoral Democracy in Benin: Expectations vs. Realities.”

Dr. Linda Beck, University of Maine (Senegal)

Dr. Cyril Daddieh, Miami University,
“Democratic Consolidation Without a Second Turnover: Ghana’s Remarkable 2004 Elections.”

Mr. Bakary Camara, University of Bamako,
“The 2007 Elections in Mali.”

Discussant: **Dr. Leonardo Villalon**, University of Florida

Panel 2- (Room B)

Elections in civilian/Liberalizing States

Chair: **Dr. Oleta Prinsloo**, Miami University
(Prislo@muohio.edu)

Dr. Mike McGowan, Yale University (Guinea)

Dr. Alozie Wachuku, City University of New York (CUNY), Mercy College, “Nigeria: Recent Elections: 1990-2007.”

Dr. Dirk Kohnert, Institute of African Affairs, Hamburg, “Togo: Failed Transitions and Misguided Aid at the Root of Economic Misery.”

Discussant: **Dr. Osaak Olumwullah**, Miami University

Panel 3 (Room C)

Post-conflict /Elections/Liberalizing States

Chair: **Dr. Sante Matteo**, Miami University
(matteos@muohio.edu)

Dr. Earl Morgan-Conteh, University of South Florida, “An Analysis of Postwar Elections in Sierra Leone: Democratization or War Fatigue.”

Dr. George Kieh, Grand Valley State University, “Elections and Democratization in Liberia.”

Dr. Simon Akindes, University of Wisconsin, “Democratizing in Cote d’Ivoire: Endurance and Pervasive Autocratic Practices.”

Discussant: **Dr. Julius Nyang’oro**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

3: 10- 5: 4: 40 p.m.

Campus/ town visit

5: -5: 45 p.m.

Authors/ discussants’ /Meeting (Rooms A & B)

6: 00 p.m. Open Bar/ Dinner (Tavern)

8: 00 p.m. Movie/ TBA

Facilitator- **Dr. Babacar Camara**, Miami University, Middletown (**Rooms A & B**)

Friday, April 11

Breakfast Meeting- 8:00- 8: 50 a.m. (Tavern)

9: 00 - 10: 30 a.m.

Panel 4 (Room B)

POL 471 Capstone Seminar on Elections

Chair: **Dr. Brian Danoff**, Miami University

Mr. Nathan DeCoster, (Uzbekistan)

Mr. Zachary Renard, (Pakistan)

Mr. Seth Fields, (Russia)

Panel 5 (Room C)

POL 471 Capstone Seminar on Elections

Chair: **Dr. Walter Vanderbush**, Miami University

Mr. Josh Nelson, (Venezuela)

Mr. Daniel O'Connell, "Columbia: Analysis of Democracy within Domestic Conflict."

Ms. Lauren Evansky, (Argentina)

Panel 6 (Room A)

POL 471 Capstone Seminar on Democratization/ Elections

Chair: **Dr. Paula Saine**, Miami University

Mr. Jay Stolkin, (Zimbabwe)

Ms. Aubrey Gavron (Egypt)

Mr. Richard Yowler (Uganda)

Plenary Session- 10: 45- 12: 00 p.m.

**(Rooms A& B) The Future of
Democratization in Africa**

Chair: **Dr. Julius Nyang'oro**, University of
North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. Jeffrey Herbst, Miami University, "The
Future Prospects of Democratization in Africa."

Discussant: **Dr. Leonardo Villalon**, University
of Florida

Lunch (Tavern) 12: 10- 1: 40 p.m.

**Plenary session (Tavern) Comparative
Regional Elections**

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Russian and Post-Soviet Studies/ International
Studies Program/Department of Political
Science

Chair, **Dr. Jeanne Hey**, Miami University

Dr. Conor O'Dwyer, University of Florida,
"Paths of Party System Development in East
Central Europe: Lessons for Other New
Democracies."

Dr. Fabrice Lehoucq, University of North
Carolina-Greensboro, "Elections and
Development in Latin America."

Dr. Staffan Lindberg, University of Florida,
"Elections, Leadership and Democratization in
Africa."

Discussant: **Dr. Gulnaz Sharafutdinova**,
Miami University

**Roundtable- Kenyan Presidential Election
(Rooms A & B) 2: 00-3:00 p.m.**

Chair: **Dr. Allan Winkler**, Miami University

Dr. Julius Nyang'oro, University of North
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Dr. Oliver Mogga, Miami University

Dr. Staffan Lindberg, University of Florida

Ms. Jane Njeri Luseno-Osaak, Miami
University

**Roundtable- US Presidential and
Congressional Elections
3: 05-4: 05 p.m.
(Rooms A & B)**

Chair: **Dr. Bryan Marshall**, Miami University

Dr. Ryan Barilleaux, Miami University

Dr. Clyde Brown, Miami University

Dr. Augustus Jones, Jr., Miami University

4: 10-5: 40- Panel 7 (Room A)
Liberal and Autocratic Elections in
Lusophone West Africa

Chair: **Dr. Adeed Dawisha**, Miami University
Dr. Peter Meyns, University of Duisburg-
 Essen, “Cape Verde: From Transition to
 Consolidation.”

Dr. Peter Mendy, Rhode Island College
 “Democracy on Stage: the 2005 Presidential
 Election in Guinea Bissau.”

Discussant: **Dr. Lori Hartmann-Mahmud**,
 Center College

Panel 8 (Room B)
**Quasi-military/ Authoritarian Regimes/
 Engineered Elections**

Chair: **Dr. Sheila Croucher**, Miami University
Dr. Boubacar N’Diaye, College of Wooster,
 “Mauritania: Free and Fair Elections at Last!
 Then What?”

Dr. Mamoudou Gazibo, University of
 Montreal, “Institutionalizing Democracy:
 Niger’s 2004 Presidential Election.”

Dr. Carlos Santiso, Center for Democratic
 Governance, Burkina Faso, “Explaining the
 Unexpected: Electoral Reform and Democratic
 Governance in Burkina Faso.”

Dr. Abdoulaye Saine, Miami University, “The
 2006/ 2007 Presidential and National Assembly

Elections in The Gambia: Continuity or Change.”

Discussant: **Dr. Sakah Mahmud**, Transylvania University

Panel 9 (Room C) Graduate Student Panel

Chair: **Dr. Venelin Ganey**, Miami University

Mr. Francis Schortgen, Miami University,
“The Expanding China-Africa Connection,”

Mr. Abdullah Yuvaci, Miami University,
“Examining African-Turkish Relations.”

Mr. Alagi Yorro Jallow, Harvard University,
“The Media and Electoral Democracy in
Africa.”

Mr. Levar Smith, Georgia Tech., “HIV/AIDS
and Democratization in Africa.”

Mr. Richard Aidoo, Miami University, “Taking
off the Veil: Ethnicity and Democratization in
Ghana.”

5: 45-6: 00 P.M. (Room A & B)

Conference Ends/ Closing Remarks

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**7: 00 P.M. African dinner at the Saine's- 708
Shultz Dr.Hamilton, OH 45013 (Mini-van
leaves at 6: 30 P.M.)**

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