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The CANDIDO MENDES UNIVERSITY - UCAM - which replaced the Candido Mendes University Complex, by the Decree number 2.207/97, is maintained by the Brazilian Society of Instruction (SBI), a non-profit private organization, created in 1902.

As a "specialized university", the areas developed in teaching and research are Law, Political Sciences and Economics, and Administration, in its four campuses (Downtown, Ipanema, Campos and Friburgo).

All the University institutions maintain links with numerous international and national financing agencies which contribute to the quality of its teaching, research and other activities, thence justifying the high regard they enjoy within the academic community.

It is within this university context that the CEAA offers the *Lato Sensu* Graduate Course in **African History**, a pioneer in Brazil.

CEAA: A profile

The Center for Afro-Asian Studies - CEAA, was created in 1973 by Prof. Candido Mendes, its present director, as an integral part of the Candido Mendes University Complex, now a University.

In its first phase, the CEAA followed three main lines of operation: Educational cooperation with the five African countries in which Portuguese is the official language (PALOP), recently independent; a program of university extension courses and edition of texts about Africa and Asia, which was a pioneer in Rio de Janeiro, reaching about 500 students through the more than 20 courses offered. The third one consisted of actions in support of the Black community, eager to understand the events taking place in Africa.

The second phase was marked by the release of the biannual journal **Afro-Asian Studies**, and by the financial support of Finep and, above all, The Ford Foundation (1980). The latter allowed new hirings of Brazilian researchers, who joined the African researchers, until then majority in CEAA, and opened the space for the development of the program "Brazilian Relations with Africa: Its impact on Brazilian society in general and on the Black community in particular." The program included a line of research on contemporary Africa-Brazil relations, which resulted in a dozen of articles published in **Afro-Asian Studies** and other journals.

This program also allowed the realization of national and international seminars, among which we highlight "Latin America-Africa Relations (1981)"; "I Meeting of Afro-Latinism (1983)" and the "III International Congress of the Latin American Society of Afro-Asian Studies - ALADAA (1983)", an institution then presided by Prof. Candido Mendes. Those seminars, which received the support of UNESCO, ONUDI and the World Bank, had the participation of dozens of African academics, ministers and leaders. Researchers from CEAA also took part in similar events in African countries.

A third phase began in 1986, when the focus of CEAA shifted to academic research on Afro-Brazilian issues and on race relations in Brazil. With the objective of stimulating studies on the participation of Blacks in Brazilian society, a national level monography contest and an annual endowment program for research on Black Brazilians were established, with donations from the Ford Foundation.

In the area of African studies two research lines were developed. The first was directly linked to the elaboration of dissertations and thesis by its researchers, and the other was geared to applied research in response to the needs of private enterprise, under the financing of FINEP. In the latter category, we highlight the study of the socio-economic development plans of ten African countries visited by our researchers.

Since 1991 the CEAA has developed an educational exchange program that has already reached more than five hundred participants. This program, initially funded by The Ford Foundation, operates through the support and regular supervision of African students in Brazil. It involves the passing on of study

grants, the provision of health insurance, the reception, housing, etc. In universities all over Brazil, the African students are supervised in a personal manner, providing their home institutions and financing agencies an efficient mechanism of control of the process of their academic training.

As a sequence to that program the Center for Academic Preparation and the Center for Technical Specialization were created, offering African students with a high school degree a recycling that gives them the competency to enter Brazilian universities. At the same time, they offer specialized training in technical areas such as administration, accounting, marketing, among others.

The emphasis on activities of cooperation with African countries, such as the ones with highlighted above, and on teaching, such as the graduate course on African History, in addition to the research on African and Afro-Brazilian issues, are the marks of the present phase of the Center.

The CEAA has been editing, since 1979, the journal **Afro-Asian Studies**, with a biannual publication. Every semester it edits the video clip **A Question of Race**: Selection of news reports from the Brazilian press on race relations in Brazil, and, also, **The Numbers of Color**, about the socio-economic situation of the groups of color in Brazil and in all of its geographical regions.

GRADUATE COURSE "LATO SENSU"

HISTORY OF AFRICA

This course is justified by two main reasons. The first is that Africa is one of the historical and cultural foundations of the Brazilian people. About half of that people descends more directly from Africans brought to Brazil throughout the centuries of slave traffic. Almost everyone recognizes the high degree of participation that the African cultures, techniques and social institutions had, and still have, on the formation of our society. A better knowledge of the continent from where this contribution originated is still lacking, a knowledge without which a great part of Brazilian history becomes incomprehensible.

The second reason is related to the urgent need of a more integrated comprehension of historical processes extremely relevant to our contemporary epoch, such as the decolonization of Africa and its consequences. The new level at which Brazil intends to insert itself in the current international scenario demands a new kind of study of Africa (and of other continents, such as Latin America and Asia). It demands as well that this study be not realized through a colonial, eurocentric vision, nor from the boastful optic, falsely afrocentric, which followed soon after independence. The route is that of the utilization of a new historiographic trend, under the leadership of new historians, which presents itself critical and realistic. It will be this current that will map our studies of Africa and its relations with the world. It is in accordance to that vision that the new course will be ministered within a multidisciplinar frame, with the participation of sociology, economy, anthropology, political science, international relations and literature, besides, of course, the disciplines referent to the history of Brazilians Blacks and to Afro-Brazilian culture.

NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF THE COURSE

The Brazilian state, ratifying the reasons presented above, has been taking measures to introduce the subject of African History in the universities and to introduce, in the primary and high schools, the subject of African History and Afro-Brazilian Culture. The main problem encountered has been the lack of specialized teachers to attend this demand in any of the levels mentioned. In that regard, we have the Project of Law number 18, from 1995, authored by Senator Benedita da Silva (PT, RJ), which proposes the inclusion of African History in all three levels of education.

OBJECTIVES

Train college graduates and teachers to teach introductory courses on African History at the college level, as well as introduce elements of this theme and of Afro-Brazilian culture in History classes in the high school level.

DISCIPLINES AVAILABLE

History of Africa I - The African Past
African Geography - Profile of the Six Macro-Regions of Africa
Methodology and Techniques of Research
History of Africa II - Colonialism
History of Africa III - Modes of Production
History of Africa IV - Decolonization/Liberation
African Economy
History of Africa V - PALOP
African Anthropology
African Literature
Society and State in Africa
Afro-Brazilian History and Culture
Didactics in College Teaching

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

It is aimed at college graduates, bachelors in Humanities, researchers, professionals and social activists, whose interest may lead him or her to seek a deeper knowledge of the African reality and of Afro-Brazilian culture.

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Necessary Documents:

Photocopy of identity card and CPF; one photograph 3cmx4cm, official registration form; transcripts (College level) and college diploma or certificate of completion (in the act of registration).

Registrations can be made up to the beginning of the course

Class schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 6pm to 10pm.

Course Hours: 380 hours.

Brazilian candidates must have a college degree. African students assisted by PAB/CEAA need to be attending, at least, the 7th semester of college courses.

Adopted form of selection: Interview and Curriculum Vitae.

Class: Minimum of 15 students.

Fees: 10 monthly fees of R\$ 150,00 (one hundred and fifty reais).

Frequency: The obligatory frequency is 85% of the total course hours.

Complementary Activities: The teaching body will offer tutorials to the students; cycle of talks; and bibliographical follow-up for each discipline.

Evaluation: Through grades (0-10) assigned by the teacher responsible for each discipline, based on tests, seminars and monographies.

Certificate: A Certificate of Completion will be granted by the University to the students who receive a positive evaluation.

CLASS SYLLABUSES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The basic bibliographies presented are preferentially in Portuguese.

1. HISTORY OF AFRICA I - The African Past

Syllabus: Methodology and historiography. Africa and the demystification of the concept of prehistory. The great migrations in the interior of the continent and the alterations in the geographic scenario. African societies in Antiquity. The Islamic expansion (origins). African societies and the long distance trans-Saharan commercial trade. The Atlantic commerce and the transformations in the interior of the continent: the internal and trans-Atlantic traffic (XVI-XIX). New historical approaches. The social-religious movements of Islamic renovation. The end of the traffic and the new economic articulations. The methods and objectives of the European expansion over Africa (XIX century) and the African resistance.

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2. AFRICAN GEOGRAPHY – Profile of the Six Macro-Regions of Africa

Syllabus: Provide the student, at the beginning of the course a global and introductory vision of the continent through the study of the geographic, geo-political, historical-cultural and geo-economic profiles of the six macro-regions of Africa: North, West, East, Central, Southern and Indic. In addition to the basic physical-geographic, climatic and demographic indicators, it will also be studied the historical-cultural foundations and basis that generate, in larger or lesser degrees, regional homogeneities. The course will also deal with issues in the realm of ethno-linguistics, religion and international relations internal to the continent.

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3. METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

Syllabus: This course seeks to familiarize the student with methodological issues in the social sciences, particularly in anthropology. The emphasis will be placed on contemporary issues. In addition to the theoretical bibliography, some monographies and classical works will be studied, followed by recent works. The objective will be to examine the construction of Africa as an object. The purpose is to allow the student to think the theme Africa, understanding it as a construction, historically forged within a thought system with complex transatlantic affiliations, and, at the same time, to allow him or her to learn about the anthropological praxis.

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- GEFFRAY, Christian. A causa das armas. Porto: Ed. Apontamento, 1991.

4. HISTORY OF AFRICA II - Colonialism

Syllabus: Endogenous and exogenous causes of European occupation of Africa. The Berlin Conference and the new principles of occupation. The questioning of the economic cause of occupation. The political structures and colonialism's alliances with local authorities. The different types of colonization (containment or exploitation, settlement and mixed). Direct or indirect rule. Comparative systems of colonization, varying not only in colonial power, but also in time and territory. Coercive mechanisms of the colonial economy for the insertion in the world economy (sovereignty taxation; forced

labor and cultivation); the social effects of this economy. The regional "federative" organization of the colonial powers. Racism as the organic ideology of colonialism. Assimilationist and Luso-tropicalist politics. Peasant rebellions and messianism. The participation of Africans in WWII and its consequences.

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5. HISTORY OF AFRICA III - Articulation of Modes of Productions

Syllabus: Fundaments and logic of domestic societies. The process of incorporation of Africa into the global economy. The difference between central and periféric capitalism. Portugal: an example of a semi-periféric capitalism. The role of cotton in Mozambique. Southern Africa: The formation of a regional economy. The role of gold in the formation of South Africa. The articulation between the modes of production. Economic objectives in the maintenance of domestic societies. Apartheid as an example of articulation. The socialist experiment of Frelimo. The limits of the real socialist project. Resistance of the domestic community. The imposition of a capitalist logic. The capitalist globalization and the articulation of the relative marginalization of the region. The break up of the basis of economic integration in Southern Africa. The exhaustion of the capitalist system.

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6. HISTORY OF AFRICA IV - Decolonization/Liberation

Syllabus: Concepts of decolonization/liberation. The ideologies of African emancipation: pan-Africanism (origins, the congresses, a balance); negritude (context, uses, derivations); pan-Islamism and the role of Africa in pan-Arabism; the Conference of Bandung and the appearance of Afro-Asiatic and Positive Neutralism. Analysis of the political discourses of: Senghor, Nasser, N'Krumah, Fanon e Cabral. Political parties and movements of liberation after the war; sindicalism; the various types of pro-independence/liberation fights. Decolonization: processes, stages and institutions (British and French communities). The liberation fights. The "moderate" alliances (Monavia group); the "progressives" (Casablanca group).

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7. AFRICAN ECONOMY

Syllabus: Economy and African societies. Economic relations. Production, circulation, distribution and consumption. Classification of the great periods; traditional economy, colonialism and nationalism. Main forest, mining and agricultural regions. The domestic society. Forms of production and reproduction. Agrarian systems: slash and burn, pasture land. Technics of production. Modern production and domestic society. Conflicts. Colonial economic policies. Means and objectives. Areas of Portuguese, English and French influence. Articulation of modes of production. Maintenance and

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8. HISTORY OF AFRICA V - Case studies: PALOP

Syllabus: Portuguese colonialism: its differentiation through time and space, specificities and periodicities. Institutions and ideologies (Luso-Tropicalism and unity), discussion of ultra-colonialism and the indirect colonization. Centralization and dictatorship of the New State (Salazar). The pilar of Portuguese colonization. Profiles of colonization and of the fight for independence of Guine-Bissau, Cape Verde and Saint Thomas and Prince colonies.

Angola: Factors in the unequal ethnic-regional development in the differentiated formation of the nationalist movements: FNLA, MPLA and UNITA - projects and social-ethnic basis. Cold War influence in the fight for liberation. Destabilization and civil war in the post-independence government of MPLA - economy in the West, and models and alliances in the East. Conflicts and negotiations in the post-Cold War context. Democratization, peace agreements, elections and the new civil war (1992-1994). The agreements of Lusaka and the III Republic.

Mozambique. The colonial process in the context of Southern Africa and south african hegemony. The development of nationalism and the project of Frelimo. Post-independence: technicians' exodus, destabilization war (South

Africa and Renamo) and economic disaster. The end of state centralism and the difficulties of the market economy (IMF and WB programs). The "channels" of services, turism and agricultural enterprise; the situation of peasants in the domestic economy. Perspectives after multi-party elections and democratization in South Africa.

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9. AFRICAN ANTHROPOLOGY

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10. AFRICAN LITERATURE

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poetry as participation. The literary production: aesthetics and political intervention; the acquisition of social consciousness. Case studies: Mozambique (the reality and utopia in the Universe of War); Hora di Bai (the anguish of evasiveness); Nós Matamos o Cão Tinhoso (domination and struggle in Mozambiquian short stories).

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11. SOCIETY AND STATE IN AFRICA

Syllabus: Unity and diversity in Africa. Cultural pluralism vs "forced unity" of the continent. Social structures and dynamics after independence; urbanization in the form of "slums." The issue of State/Nation: centripetal and centrifugal forces. Patrimonialism and neo-tribalism. Nation, ethnicity and class: issues of identity. The exhaustion of the single-party model. The role of the army; military regimes. Analysis and typology of armed intra and inter-state conflicts. The neo-liberal wave (IMF and WB); democratize Africa and Africanize democracy.

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Syllabus: Theoretical presuppositions. The New Cultural History; the Imaginary and its images. The theological foundations of slavery: the discourses of legitimization; quilombo and denial of legitimacy. Liberalism and slavery; the abolitionist laws and the transition to a free labor market. The Liberal Republican State. The invisible Africas: the re-exclusion of African descendants; the myth of racial democracy. The Black Front of 1930 - the

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13.DIDACTICS IN COLLEGE TEACHING

Syllabus: The integral connection between education and research. The training of the teacher-researcher. Teaching planning: conceptualization, levels of planning, planning of courses, unities and classes: formulation of objectives and choice of contents. Teaching methodology: procedures and didactic resources for building up knowledge. Evaluation and teaching: conceptualization; the interdependency of planning-content-evaluation; means of evaluation.

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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course fulfills academic requirements, presenting systematized contents based upon a good bibliography, and with references to research sources and comparison of different views and historiographic trends.

The major difficulties that the Course presents are linked to the fact that the students were not offered courses on Africa at the college level. Because of that the Course must be equivalent to a college level course.

The classes will be taught in a dialogue format, with thematic debates and wide use of audio-video resources: maps, slides and videos. The students will be asked to prepare seminars on themes or specifics works and to annotate texts, books and articles.

Taking into consideration the characteristics of the graduate students and the objectives of this course, the process of teaching-learning will be centered on the stimulation of the production of analysis and reflection by the students themselves. It will also center on the systematization of the contents of the discussions in the classroom, in the form of texts elaborated for evaluation tests, essays and/or oral presentations.

At the end of the course the students shall present a monography about one of the discussed subjects under the supervision of one of the teachers.

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