



Berkeley
SUMMER SESSIONS

GLOBAL LANDSCAPES OF NEW AFRICAN SLAVERY

AFRICAM 139.2
TTh 10AM- 12PM | Class #15352 | Session A
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Millions of Africans are held in bondage today conditions worldwide in conditions that fit what is generally referred as new or contemporary slavery. What do we mean by “new slavery” and how does it compare with historical understandings of slavery? Is this slavery even new? How do we rise beyond the oft-exaggerated reports from the NGOs? Can we describe the conditions of most “new slaves” in the same terms we do of the enslaved Africans in the Americas? While answering these basic questions, this course aims will examine the dimensions, patterns and characteristics of new slavery in the context of changing political economies, review the anti-slavery campaign and attempt an explanation of the persistence of slavery despite these efforts.

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