

Africans on Africa: Gender, Generation, and Globalization

April 3 to 9, 2009

featuring Senegalese political activists (*see below for bios*)

Penda Mbow, former Minister of Culture, historian at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop and
Aisatta Tall Sall, prominent lawyer, former Minister of Information and Communication,
and star in the film "Bamako"



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Aisatta Tall Sall

Seminar for Faculty and Graduate Students, with Penda Mbow and Aisatta Tall Sall

Friday, April 3, 2009 - 1:00 - 2:30 pm

New Africa House, 2nd Floor Library, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. [More>](#)

PUBLIC EVENTS:

"Women and Senegalese Politics: Life Stories and Community Dialogue"

Monday, April 6, 2009 -7:00 pm : Reception following.
Scanlon Banquet Hall, Westfield State College. [More>](#)

Film Screening: Women and the "Heroism of Everyday Life," by Ousmane Sembene.

Introduction by Professor Samba Gadjigo

Panel discussion with Penda Mbow and Aisatta Tall Sall

Tuesday April 7, 2009 - 7:30pm

Gamble Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College. [More>](#)

"Women, Democracy and Civil Society in Africa: The Case of Senegal"

Thursday, April 9, 2009 -7:30 pm

106 Seelye Hall, Smith College. [More>](#)

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Aisatta Tall-Sall is a prominent lawyer in Dakar with clients in many parts of the West African region and beyond. She is known as an activist, committed to democratization, social justice, and government accountability. She is a member of the politburo of the Senegalese Socialist Party, one of the leading political groupings in the Senegalese opposition. In the late 1990s she served in the Senegalese cabinet as Minister of Information and Communication. Ms. Tall also starred in the film "Bamako" as the prosecutor in the mock trial of the World Bank and the IMF that forms the key focus of the film's narrative.

Penda Mbow is Associate Professor in the History Department at University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal. She has been the recipient of a Senior Fulbright award to study at Michigan State University; a Rockefeller Foundation award for research at the Bellagio Center in Italy; and most recently, a grant from the National Endowment for Democracy to conduct research on citizenship and the secular state in Muslim countries. Professor Mbow is one of the world's leading voices on the rights of women in Islamic societies. She has written extensively about the evolution of Islam's relationship with democracy in Senegal and the interplay between gender, human rights, and religion in the Islamic world. She is on the editorial board of several publications, including *The study of religions in Africa*, *Africa Zamani* and *Convergence*. She has also served as Senegal's minister of culture and as cultural advisor to the Senegalese department of ethnography and historical heritage. In recognition of her achievements as a scholar, thinker, and political activist, she was named Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur Francaise (Knight of the French Legion of Honor) in 2003.

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