

Walter Rodney's *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa* (1972)

Seminar of the NYC Marxist Studies Collective on Zoom

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This term we will carefully study Walter Rodney's classic and great work on Europe's oppressive relationship to Africa, *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*.

In this work Rodney (1942–1980) looks at the question of what “development” is, at the history of Africa's development prior to the European intrusions into Africa in the fifteenth century, at African contributions to European capitalist development, and at how Europe has set about systematically underdeveloping Africa.

Rodney's study is a fundamental one concerning African history and remains essential reading for scholars and social activists today.

We will read and discuss the entire work during the Spring term.

The Spring term will run for 14 weeks on Friday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM starting on Friday, February 14, 2025 and continuing until Friday, May 16, 2025.

Rodney's *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa* is available in a somewhat inexpensive edition from Verso books (you can order it from the Verso website, www.versobooks.com/products/788-how-europe-underdeveloped-africa). (Arrangements will be made for students who cannot buy a copy of this book.)

All are welcome! And it is free!

Write to rdale@mail.mayfirst.org if you have any questions.