

SYSTEMIC PERIODS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY

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1. **The systemic period of Dutch colonialism (1652 - ±1800).**
2. **The systemic period of British colonialism (±1800 - 1890).**
3. **The systemic period of the two Boer Republics (1850 - 1900).**
4. **The systemic period of British imperialism and the political economic hegemony of the English establishment (1890 - 1948).**
5. **The systemic period of the political hegemony of the Afrikaner establishment (1948 - 1994).**
6. **The hegemony of the African political establishment since 1994.**

POWER CONSTELLATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA HISTORY

Dutch colonialism (1652 - ±1800)

- Dutch East Indian company
- White landowning class
- The Boere Commando

2. British colonialism (±1800 – 1886)

- Colonial Office
- British army
- Settler establishments in the Eastern Cape and Natal
- English media – especially the Grahamstown Journal

3. The period of segregation (1886 – 1948)

- Mining and energy complex (MEC)
- British imperialism and the British army
- Local English establishment and the co-opted Afrikaner notables (1910 – 1948)
- Mining press
- ideological liberalism and racism (Social Darwinism)

- The white economic power and property was “carried over” into the economic system of triumphalist neoliberal global capitalism (NGC). It is a system legitimized by the ideology of market fundamentalism and controlled by American corporate power.
- This NGC system has enable the white middle class to perpetuate and to augment their economic power and property quite considerable.
- In accordance with the principle of market fundamentalism in a system of NGC those with power and property become richer and those without power and property become poorer.
- The politico-economic system in the period 1890-1990 was dysfunctional – it exploited the blacks systemically.
- The present politico-economic system is also dysfunctional – it neglect and ignore the poor systemically and enriched the rich (both the white and the black rich) systemically.

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