

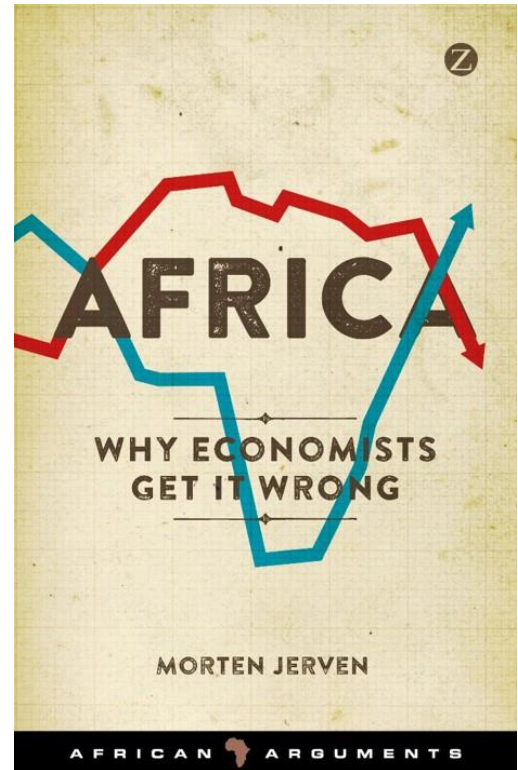
# Africa: Why Economists Get It Wrong

**Date/Time: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 4:30 pm**

**Location: Lauder-Fischer Hall, Room 105**

Dr. Morten Jerven, a Professor of Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and a Visiting Professor in Economic History at Lund University, will be guest lecturing in Advanced Topics in International Studies, a course taught by Dr. Ronald Granieri of the Lauder Institute. Jerven will speak about his latest book: *Africa: Why Economists Get It Wrong* (2015). Members of the Penn community and the public are welcome to attend.

**Please RSVP to [kerenwe@upenn.edu](mailto:kerenwe@upenn.edu).**



**Bio:** Jerven has a Ph.D. in Economic History from the London School of Economics. He is also the author of the book *Poor Numbers: How We Are Misled by African Development Statistics and What to Do About It* (Cornell University Press, 2013). He has since published a more detailed study of what happened to the economic growth evidence in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia from 1965 to 1995 with Oxford University Press. He has also edited two volumes with Routledge: *Measuring African Development: Past and Present* and *Statistical Tragedy in Africa?: Evaluating the Database for African Economic Development*. In his current research 'A world that counts?,' Jerven studies the way that numbers and quantification shapes our knowledge and decisions in international development.

**Attendees are encouraged to do the following readings in advance of the lecture:**

- <http://africanarguments.org/2015/06/24/liberating-african-economic-history-from-the-tyranny-of-econometrics-by-alex-de-waal/>
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/09/11/economists-getting-africa-wrong-are-a-warning-for-the-rest-of-us/>
- <http://africanarguments.org/2015/06/09/misunderstanding-growth-in-africa-how-economists-get-it-wrong-by-morten-jerven/>