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Film Screening and Q&A: Ousmane Sembène’s Borom Sarret (1963) and Djibril Diop Mambéty’s La petite vendeuse de soleil (1999)
Tuesday, January 15th, 6 p.m., Buchanan 1910
Souleymane Bachir Diagne will be the guest speaker at a screening of these two landmark Senegalese films, followed by a Q&A with Professor Eric Prieto.

Graduate Seminar: “A postcolonial Bergson: élan vital in the philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal and Leopold Sédar Senghor”
Wednesday, January 16th, 2 p.m., Phelps 6206C
Space is limited, so please contact Dalia Bolotnikov Mazur (dbolotnikov@ucsb.edu) to sign up as soon as possible.

Lecture: “Translation and Decolonization”
Thursday, January 17th, 4 p.m., Wallis Annenberg Conference Room (SSMS 4315)
In the colonial space, one imperial language presents itself as the Logos incarnate, in contrast to the local indigenous vernaculars which are then deemed lacking and incomplete. How the act of translation, of “putting in touch” languages (Antoine Berman, The Experience of the Foreign), creates linguistic equality and reciprocity, even in a colonial situation, is the topic of this presentation.

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