This is a somewhat eclectic guide to reading and thinking about African Studies from a social science perspective. It is personalized by my reading and experiences but set up so that additional materials can be added over time. The book reflects my own background and interests so some regions of Africa are less than complete. Since there are currently 54 countries in Africa not all countries could be covered.

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