COURSE DETAIL

DEBATES IN MODERN AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY
Country South Africa
Host Institution University of Cape Town
Program(s) University of Cape Town
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History African Studies
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title DEBATES IN MODERN AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title MOD AFR INTELL HIST
UCEAP Quarter Units 10.00
UCEAP Semester Units 6.70

Course Description

This course provides a critical understanding of a broad range of complex and diverse intellectual traditions in modern African worlds of thought. Its emphasis is on debates and arguments, conversations and contestations, and connections and displacements. In contrast to an essentialized and unitary notion of African thought, this course emphasizes the plural and dynamic worlds of African intellectuality, drawing particular attention to the vibrant histories of critiques and auto-critiques. In doing so, it also provides a basic sense of the various historical contexts of continental and diasporic activism in which these intellectual approaches were formulated and discussed. Among other themes, the course engages the debates on and around decolonization and violence, nationalism and tribalism, afro-communism and afro-feminism, precolonial epistemologies and customary law, aesthetics and materiality, religion and pedagogy, and postcolonial and neoliberal conditions. The study materials used in this course include original texts by African thinkers, visual sources, and musical compositions.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HST3043F

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

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