COURSE DETAIL

THE HISTORY OF PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICA FROM 1960 TO THE PRESENT

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History African Studies

UCEAP Course Number

155

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

THE HISTORY OF PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICA FROM 1960 TO THE PRESENT

UCEAP Transcript Title

PORT-SPEAKNG AFRICA

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores the political, economic, and social history of Portuguese-speaking Africa from 1960, when most of Africa became independent and anti-colonial wars broke out in the Portuguese colonies, to the present. The course places the modern history of Lusophone Africa within the larger context of the history of the Portuguese presence on the continent, and relates the history of Portuguese-speaking Africa to the history of the rest of Black Africa. Students examine decolonization and the transition to post-colonial politics in the five former Portuguese colonies. Topics include the roots and nature of nationalism, the impact of armed struggle, the consequences of the 1974 revolution in Lisbon, the impact of decolonization of the post-colonial governments, the relevance of socialist policies, the failures of development, the curse of civil war and other forms of violence, the involvement of outside powers in southern Africa, the importance of oil to politics, the transition to multiparty politics, and the prospects for development.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5AAH1024

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Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History