# COURSE DETAIL

| AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT |
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| **Country**<br>Germany |
| **Host Institution**<br>Free University of Berlin |
| **Program(s)**<br>Free University Berlin |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Political Science African Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>130 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>AFRICAN POL THOUGHT |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>4.50 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>3.00 |

**Course Description**
This seminar looks at the way in which intellectuals, revolutionaries, and novelists theorize on pressing political issues on the African continent. The ideas of African thought leaders are discussed to understand knowledge production from a distinctly African perspective focusing on political ideas from the wake of independence until today. The seminar also examines the ways in which Africa has been imagined in a Western context and debates the difficult endeavor of decolonization – both inside Africa and outside. Thematically the seminar is divided into four sections: African independence and democratic transition; aid and exploitation; the colonial encounter in political literature; and contemporary ideas and critiques. The above issues are debated with the help of path-breaking texts. The seminar draws on a wide range of primary materials. Students are asked to analyze seminal speeches from African freedom fighters as well as literary classics. The aim of the seminar is to open up to African ideas and viewpoints which are all too often ignored in the Western context and to re-examine the colonial legacy.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
15044

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**

**Host Institution Campus**
POLITIK- UND SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft

**Course Last Reviewed**

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