

COURSE DETAIL

AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science African Studies

UCEAP Course Number

130

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

UCEAP Transcript Title

AFRICAN POL THOUGHT

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

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

AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Host Institution Campus

POLITIK- UND SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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