COURSE DETAIL

POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICA
Country Switzerland
Host Institution University of Geneva
Program(s) Global Studies, Geneva
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science African Studies
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICA
UCEAP Transcript Title POL CONTEMP AFRICA
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the study of politics in contemporary Africa. It focuses on the historical dynamics of state formation since the establishment of colonial rule and on the relations between state and society, as well as current debates on politics and the state in Africa. The course is structured both chronologically and thematically. It begins with the legacies of colonial rule and moves on to the formation of one-party states in the Cold War context, the crisis of modernization and the implementation of neo-liberal policies, the post-1990 democratization dynamics and their consequences, civil wars and the "failure" of the State in the 1990s, and the current rhetoric of "Africa Rising." The course is comprised of a weekly lecture as well as a course complement, which provides an opportunity to explore some themes more in depth.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
J2P234

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
University of Geneva

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Global Studies Institute

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