COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL ECONOMY: AFRICA

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Leiden University College

Program(s)
Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science Economics African Studies

UCEAP Course Number
136

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
POLITICAL ECONOMY: AFRICA

UCEAP Transcript Title
POL ECONOMY:AFRICA

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course analyzes the intersection of politics and economics in relation to diverse developments in Africa. These dynamics are explored from both the perspectives of African countries and those of external actors. Specifically, the focus is on both intra African relationships and the engagement of African countries/Africa with the rest of the world. The course explores, among other things, the dynamics that have influenced the economic and political development of natural-resource-dependent countries like Nigeria, Botswana, and Angola. It also explores the impact of natural resources on conflict in countries like Sierra Leone, Liberia, Congo DRC, and South Sudan. Furthermore, the course critiques the relationship between political stability and economic growth across the continent. At another level, the course also explains why, perhaps with the exception of Mauritius, manufacturing has rarely driven economic growth in Africa and the implications of this for the future economic advancement of the continent. The course also examines the impact of foreign direct investments and foreign aid on the political and economic development of Africa. Greater emphasis is placed on aid-dependent countries like Rwanda, South Sudan, and Liberia. Finally, the course looks at the relationship between states and businesses across the continent and the potential role of indigenous entrepreneurship and the African diaspora in African development. In summary, this course explores the diverse debates on the political economy of Africa. Key topics include: the relationship between African states and businesses; regional and monetary integration both at the continental and sub continental levels; Africa and the global financial system; intra African trade and African trade with the rest of the world; natural resources and conflict in Africa; foreign aid and foreign direct investments in Africa; China in Africa; the future of Africa; and the role and dynamics of the African diaspora among others. Prerequisites for this course are an introdutctory policy course and an introductory economics course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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POLITICAL ECONOMY: AFRICA
Host Institution Course Details
Host Institution Campus LUC The Hague- Level 2
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Governance, Economics and Development
Course Last Reviewed

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