COURSE DETAIL

LEARNING FROM THE SOUTH: THE HORN OF AFRICA AS A LITMUS TEST FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORIES AND FRAMEWORKS

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science International Studies African Studies

UCEAP Course Number
134

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
AFRICA & INTL RELAT

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course shows that Africa is a productive laboratory for students and researchers in international relations and security studies as the region gathers some of the most enduring interlinked political rivalries within the international system. It challenges and sometimes clarifies powerful concepts developed by the field (hegemonic stability, regional security complex, failed states, small state, sovereignty). It contrasts arguments that international relations focuses on the politics of powerful states and that, as a consequence, there is an African exceptionalism which explains the field's inability to accurately address African experiences. The course examines how Africa has often been neglected by the different theoretical approaches to international relations and more generally by the discipline, demonstrating that the Horn of Africa is pertinent not only for area specialists but also constitutes a remarkable ground for fieldwork and theory-testing of both old and new approaches.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DAFF 25A15

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree Seminar
Host Institution Department International Relations
Course Last Reviewed

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