

COURSE DETAIL

AFRICA AND THE WORLD: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

London School of Economics

Program(s)

Summer at London School of Economics

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Development Studies African Studies

UCEAP Course Number

102

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

AFRICA AND THE WORLD: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT

UCEAP Transcript Title

AFRICA & THE WORLD

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.70

Course Description

How have global forces shaped Africa's states and economies—and how will today's shifting world order define its future? In this course, students explore the evolution of contemporary Africa, examining the uneven trajectories of nations and regions through the lens of geography, history, geopolitics, and global markets. Students trace Africa's place in the global system from the colonial era to Cold War developmentalism, to the neoliberal "Washington Consensus," and the "Africa Rising" narrative driven by China's ascent. Finally, students contemplate today's tectonic shifts in global geopolitics and the current polycrisis of climate, geopolitics, and deglobalization. Through scholarly readings, policy reports, films, debates, and case studies, students critically engage with these pressing issues, gaining a deeper understanding of Africa's past, present, and possible futures—while also better understanding the global economic and political shifts since the 1950s.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IR221

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Government

Course Last Reviewed

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