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Socio-political analysis of Africa

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits	30.0 h	Q2

Teacher(s)	De Leener Philippe ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	All themes of general interest are examined, mainly the questions of ethnicity, conflict internal violence, the relation between the states and civil societies, natural resources management, collective action, social movements, democracy and governance, decentralization and external relations
Aims	1 Acquaintance with topics and analysis on the socio-political situation of African states - - - - *The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".*
Evaluation methods	**Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.** **Written examination** . Several reflection questions in close connection with subject matters that have been deepened during the course. Measures taken to prevent or combat the covid-19 pandemic could involve the implementation of other modalities, procedures, methods, approaches, or contents.
Teaching methods	**Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.** **Participatory and active methods** will be prioritized from the beginning. Practical student experiences will be particularly valued as far as possible. Professional and first line witnesses could be invited to share their own lived-through experiences closely related to matters addressed during the course (field actors, researchers, activists, …). Measures taken to prevent or combat the covid-19 pandemic could involve the implementation of other modalities, procedures, methods, approaches, or contents.
Content	The course aims at developing the capacity to **understand what is really at stake in the fields of politics in Africa** (understanding the "why that?" but also the "why that this particular way?". It also aims at getting rid of lots of Westernized preconceptions and prejudices that prevent from properly deciphering the political "machinery" actually at work in Africa. The course is organizedinto **three parts** : (1) analyzing so-called "good governance" and democracy in Africa, (2) investigating political frames and dynamics in the light of five crucial analytical keys (individual, collective, norms and rules, power and change addressed from an African angle of view) and (3) practically probing the actual functioning of the political sphere in a selection of African countries (applying concepts and learning in working groups). Measures taken to prevent or combat the covid-19 pandemic could involve the implementation of other modalities, procedures, methods, approaches, or contents.
Other infos	It is advised to have a basic knowledge of subsaharan Africa
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	SPRI2M	5		🔍
Master [120] in Population and Development Studies	SPED2M	5		🔍
Master [60] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M1	5		🔍
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		🔍