



# Faculté des sciences économiques, sociales et politiques

**ESPO**

DVLP3143 **Socio-economic analysis of Africa**

[30h] 4 credits

Language: french  
Level: 3rd cycle course

## Aims

To analyse the main social and economic constraints confronting sub-Saharan Africa in terms of its past and recent history, and the situation it currently faces.

## Main themes

The constraints will be analysed under the following thematic headings:

- Africa in world geopolitics.
- The mechanisms of dependence.
- Africa and funders.
- Africa's debt.
- From structural adjustment to political adjustment.
- Enterprises and African entrepreneurs.
- The informal sector.
- Africa: its towns and cities and the countryside.

## Content and teaching methods

### Methodology

The course will be given in the form of lecture-like expositions interspersed with debates.

Each student (or group of students) will give a talk based on substantive data on one of the constraints listed in the Course specifications.

The assessment will be carried out on the basis of the talks.

## Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

There are no particular pre-requirements, although students will be expected to have a basic knowledge of sub-Saharan Africa. Students' understanding will be verified by oral examinations or by written work (essays) dealing with the themes of the course.

Support: Talks will be illustrated partly by such supports as charts, graphs and tables, and partly by videos.

## Other credits in programs

<b>DVLP3DS</b>	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement	(4 credits)
<b>DVLP3DS/AD</b>	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement (Analyse du développement)	(4 credits)