



## African Actors in World Politics

### Presentation

How can Africa and its relations with the rest of the world contribute to our understanding of world politics? What do International Relations theories have to say about it? The last 15 years have experienced a dramatic shift in the representations of Sub-Saharan Africa on the international scene. Part of this shift lies in the recent economic and diplomatic growing involvement of non-Western states and firms, coming from Asia more particularly. These newcomers induce a new competitive stance among the traditional partners of the sub-continent, arguably providing African actors with new economic opportunities. The course intends to document these current trends, including their sociological and historical backgrounds, and relate them to key issues explored by International Relations (IR) scholars, regarding the logics of cooperation and conflict, the role of the interstate system in the capitalist world economy, multilateral institutions, regional integration, security communities, the politics of identity, etc.

### Recommended Prerequisite(s)

Students eager to take this course should have basic knowledge in International Relations, International Political Economy and/or political science.

### In brief

**ECTS credits** : 2.0

**Number of hours** : 18.0

**Teaching term** : Six-monthly

**Teaching activity** : Lecture course

**Year** : Third year

**Validation** : Other

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