



Linnéuniversitetet

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Kursplan

Fakultetsnämnden för humaniora och samhällsvetenskap
Institutionen för samhällsvetenskaper

1SK236 African Politics, 7,5 högskolepoäng
African Politics, 7.5 credits

Huvudområde

Statsvetenskap

Ämnesgrupp

Statsvetenskap

Nivå

Grundnivå

Fördjupning

G1F

Fastställande

Fastställd av institutionsstyrelsen vid Institutionen för samhällsvetenskaper 2011-03-16

Kursplanen gäller från och med vårterminen 2011

Förkunskaper

Engelska B. Political Science 1-30 credits

Förväntade studieresultat

Upon course completion the student shall be able to:

- demonstrate thorough knowledge of African politics,
- independently reflect upon and analyse contemporary issues relating to African politics,
- apply and relate theories in an empirical manner, and take a critical approach to current scientific issues within the field of political science relating to African politics.

Innehåll

The course is designed as a basic entry point into some of the broad themes and political challenges in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa. Broadly, the course considers the legacy of colonialism, the making and frailty of the African state, governance issues and the persistent "underdevelopment" of African economies. In addition, a few case studies that touch on "hot topics" in recent African politics are examined: the politics of oil in West Africa, the land question in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa, and the challenges of democratization in Africa.

Undervisningsformer

The teaching methods consist of lectures, seminars and/or other assignments. The course is taught in English. At some moments of the course, attendance may be

required.

Examinationsformer

Kursen bedöms med betygen Underkänd, Godkänd eller Väl godkänd.

The course is assessed by a research paper in combination with student participation.

The grades are transferred to the following ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx.

Kursvärdering

A written evaluation is completed after the course, and it will be archived at the School of Social Sciences. The result and possible changes will be communicated to the students next time the course will be given.

Kurslitteratur och övriga läromedel

Literature

Hyden, Goran (Latest edition) *African Politics in Comparative Perspective*.

Cambridge University Press.

Articles