

research of the department.

Initial competences

- All students of the Master in Political Sciences: International Politics, Master in Conflict and Development, the Master in African Languages and Cultures, the Master in History, the Master in Philosophy, the Master in Moral Sciences, the Master in Sociology and the Master in Geography can take this course.
- No specific prior knowledge is required.

Final competences

- 1 Advanced knowledge of, and insight into, the historical state formation process in Central and Eastern Africa.
- 2 Insight in actual processes of contestation and conflict and their social impact, including the political, economic, social, regional and cultural aspects
- 3 Insight into contextual determinants of conflict and resistance.
- 4 Competence in the development of a research agenda.
- 5 Knowledge into the current critical and decolonised thinking on conflict and society in Central and Eastern Africa
- 6 Apply and assess theories from the fields of anthropology, sociology and politicology as part of the study of current dynamics of conflict and society in Central and Eastern Africa

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, Seminar, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

This course will include seminars.

The assignment takes the form of problem-based learning. Two different assignments will be requested: a critical reading of provided literature to be translated into an essay, and a blog piece. Work students can get specific facilities.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, lectures might be adapted to 'blended learning' and be a combination of on campus and online sessions. Seminars will be mainly online.

Study material

None

References

Journals: Review of African Political Economy, African Affairs, Development and Change, Journal of Modern African Studies, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Journal of Eastern African Studies, Politique Africaine.

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support through Ufora.

Feed back on appointment.

Department-related tutoring: library, research by the Conflict Research Group (CRG).

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The assignments are aimed at acquiring competences 1) in gathering and processing of sources and research literature, 2) in developing a specific case and developing a critical perspective, and 3) in reporting and presenting research findings.

Calculation of the examination mark

Continuous : individual papers. The score for the continuous evaluation is composed as follows: 5 points for critical reading of literature, 9 points for essay, 6 points for the blog post.

Facilities for Working Students

Students with the status of working student can obtain facilities (individual paper and presentation at another time).