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July 2026

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African Politics



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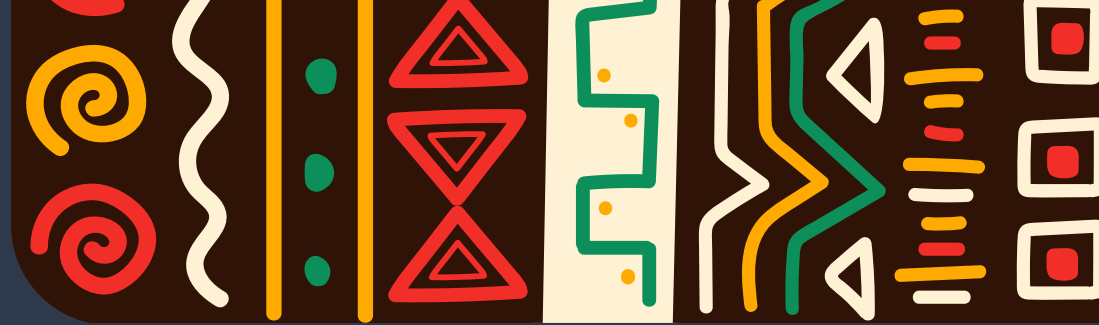
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Objectives



Offer unique multidisciplinary knowledge about the African continent, with a focus on relevant and current political topics;



Offer training in research strategies and methods for the analysis of political phenomena in Africa;



Offer personalised feedback to help participants develop research skills and different types of projects (e.g. for research or intervention).





Learn to research African politics with methodological rigour, a multidisciplinary perspective and a critical eye.

Target Audience

- ◆ Postgraduate students in social sciences and humanities, especially those developing a master's or doctoral thesis on politics in Africa;
- ◆ Professionals and workers from different sectors who work with or have an interest in African politics.

Access Requirements

- ◆ Be 18 years of age or older;
- ◆ Hold a bachelor's or master's degree, or be a postgraduate student in social sciences and humanities.

Applications

- ◆ Curriculum vitae;
- ◆ Brief summary of research interest (maximum 300 words)



Module 1

Research strategies and methods

- Researching politics in Africa: emerging topics and methodological pluralism;
- Methodological strategies for research in post-conflict societies.

Module 2

Identifying Research Topics

- Electoral violence in Africa: actors, causes and dynamics of citizen participation;
- Women and Peacebuilding;
- Multidimensional political representation in Africa;
- Opposition politics in Africa;
- Political memory in Africa;
- Mapping social activism in post-Arab Spring Africa. Reflections from the case of Angola.

Module 3

Research Labs

- Presentations by researchers and participants;
- Round table: how to publish in academic journals.



Instructors



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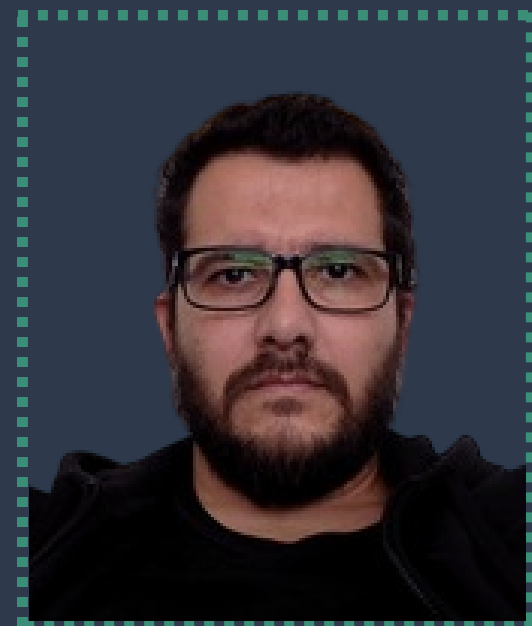
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Specialists in comparative politics, international relations, political memory, activism and social dynamics in Africa, the faculty researchers bring the current pulse of academic debate to the course.

Learn from those who also question!

Informations



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09:30 am - 5:30 pm
Hybrid format



Course taught in English



ICS — Universidade de Lisboa
Av. Professor Aníbal de Bettencourt, 9
1600-189 Lisbon



Limited spots

Minimum 8 participants, maximum 25



Investment

200 € - General public

100 € - ICS community, students from ULisboa, Iscte-IUL and FCSH-NOVA, and students from universities in Africa

10€ - Application fee

25€ - Registration fee

10€ - Certificate of attendance (optional)



Admissions: escolas@ics.ulisboa.pt

Applications open until: 23rd June 2026



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> African Politics

Three days to question, debate and learn with experts and peers, with the African continent as the common thread.

If you study, research or work with Africa, its politics, conflicts, memories or transformations, this course is for you!



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1 - 3 July 2026 | Hybrid format

PROGRAM

MODULE 1. RESEARCH STRATEGIES AND METHODS

1 July

- 09:30-10:10 **Opening session**
Edalina Sanches (ICS-ULisboa) & Ana Lúcia Sá (Iscte-IUL)
- 10:10-11:20 **Researching African Politics: Emergent themes and methodological pluralism**
Edalina Sanches (ICS-ULisboa)
- 11:20-11:50 Break
- 11:50-13:00 **Methodological Strategies for doing Research in Post-conflict Societies**
Alexandra Magnólia Dias (FCSH-UNL)

2 July

- 14:00-15:20 **Politics of Memory in Africa**
Vasco Martins (Iscte-IUL)
- 15:20-15:40 Break
- 15:40-17:10 **Mapping social activism in Post-Arab Spring Africa. Reflections from the case of Angola**
Ruy Blanes (Iscte-IUL)
- 17:10-17:30 Wrap-up

MODULE 2. IDENTIFYING RESEARCH TOPICS

1 July

- 14:00-15:20 **Electoral Violence in Africa: Mapping Actors and Unpacking Causes**
Cláudia Almeida (IPRI-UNL)
- 15:20-15:40 Break
- 15:40-17:10 **Women and Peacebuilding**
Leonor Toscano (University of Oslo)
- 17:10-17:30 Wrap-up

2 July

- 09:30-10:50 **Multidimensional Political Representation in Africa**
Edalina Sanches (ICS-ULisboa)
- 10:50-11:10 Break
- 11:10-12:30 **Opposition Politics in Africa**
Ana Lúcia Sá (Iscte-IUL)
- 12:30-13:00 Wrap-up

MODULO 3. RESEARCH LABORATORIES

3 July

- 09:30-11:30 **Tutorial sessions**
- 11:30-12:00 Break
- 12:00-13:00 **Oral presentations**
- 13:00-14:00 Break
- 14:00-15:30 **Oral presentations**
- 15:30-16:00 Break
- 16:00-17:30 **Roundtable: How to get published**
Ana Lúcia Sá (Iscte-IUL), Edalina Sanches (ICS-ULisboa)
- 17:30 **Closing session**

Organization



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