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***International Interventions in Africa***

Lecture, first semester, 18 hours

***Course Description***

International interventions in Africa offer rich insights on important issues in international politics: threats to international peace and security, humanitarian crises, armed conflicts prevention and management. Beyond these particular crises, international interventions reflect changing power relations among states at the global scale. They also reveal complex forms of political decision-making and social monitoring, involving a diversity of actors: politicians, national and international bureaucrats, diplomats, militaries, rebels, investors, business(wo)men, consultants, activists, scientists, artists, journalists, etc. The multidimensional interactions these actors entertain locally or in faraway headquarters are even blurring the divide between the intervenors on one side and local actors and host governments on the other. Students attending this course will study empirical cases and discuss analytical tools provided by political science / International Relations, political economy, and of course African studies, in order to build a more systematic understanding of past and present international interventionism in the African continent.

***Schedule***

Friday, 9:45-11:15

***Examination***

Written exam

***Some Readings***

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Denis M. Tull and Andreas Mehler (2005), “The Hidden Costs of Power-Sharing: Reproducing Insurgent Violence in Africa”, *African Affairs*, Vol. 104, No 416, p. 375–398

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