

## Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa

Academic Year: ( 2023 / 2024 )

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher:

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

## OBJECTIVES

- To know the most important geopolitical and geostrategic elements and themes affecting Sub-Saharan Africa.
- To interrelate and understand synoptically the different geopolitical and geostrategic elements and phenomena specific to Sub-Saharan Africa.
- To locate and relate geopolitical and geostrategic regional dynamics of Sub-Saharan Africa with the global geopolitical structure.
- To link theoretical analysis to the historical processes, socio-economic structures, and geopolitical challenges prevalent in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- To understand, use and rigorously apply the main theoretical frameworks formulated recently to explain the structure and functioning of regional geopolitics in the context of Sub-Saharan Africa.
- To analyze the economic power of major countries along with alliances, initiatives and ongoing rivalries at the regional level.
- To understand and analyze the major conflicts, risks and threats in Sub-Saharan Africa related to international security.
- To understand and analyze the geo-economic and political consequences of globalization and regionalization in Sub-Saharan Africa and their geostrategic implications.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

This course will approach the analysis of the region under study attending at least the following aspects:

- Delimitation and geopolitical characterization of the region.
- Geographic imaginaries (how the region is perceived and represented externally, and vice versa) and their geopolitical dimensions and consequences.
- The legacy of the past: territorial history and process of configuration of the current political map.
- Political systems and models of territorial organization.
- Geographic setting and natural, demographic, economic and cultural resources. Strengths and weaknesses.
- Ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity.
- Development and socio-economic and territorial inequalities.
- Structuring of the territory: transport networks and system of cities.
- Main geopolitical challenges, threats and conflicts.
- Main regional blocks and powers. Study of cases.
- External relations and relevance of the region in world geopolitics.
- When appropriate, relations of the region with Spain.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

<b>% end-of-term-examination/test:</b>	50
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	50

Ordinary call:

The assessment system in the ordinary call will take into account the following criteria:

- Classroom attendance and participation: 20 % of the course grade.
- Continuous assessment assignments: 30% of the course grade

<b>% end-of-term-examination/test:</b>	50
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	50

-Term paper: 50% of the course grade.

Extraordinary call: In order to pass the course in the extraordinary call, students must take and pass a paper related to the subject contents.