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## ***Teach Mob – Visiting Professors*** ***Academic year 2015/2016***

1st term
<p><b>COURSE TITLE</b> <b>AFRICAN HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT</b></p>
<p><b>Scientific area</b> <b>HISTORY</b></p>
<p><b>Department of Cultures, Politics and Societies</b></p>
<p><b>Language used to teach</b> <b>ENGLISH</b></p>
<p><b>Course summary</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Pre-colonial Africa (Early times to 1880s): Explores the Socio-political dynamics of African societies (communal, clan/ethnic systems, quasi-feudal, feudal, non-centralised states and Economic systems)</li> <li>2) Africa and the out-side world: Africa during the Mercantile era; Colonisation &amp; Colonialism (1880-1960s), Neo-Colonialism, Globalisation.</li> <li>3) Africa and Transformation: (Explores the Political, Social and Economic Changes in Colonial Africa)</li> <li>4) Theories and processes of Development in Africa (Modernisation, Dependency)</li> <li>5) Independence Movements (The struggles for and independence in Africa)</li> <li>6) The Political Economy of Post-independence Africa (1960-1970s): (a) Politics and States (Challenges, Crises/failures, Neo-colonialism/Cold War, Coups, poor governance) (b) Socio-Economic Development (Developmental State, Challenges, Economic Crisis and Poverty)</li> <li>7) Democracy, Governance and Human Rights in Africa</li> <li>8) Africa Organisations, Regional Integration and Development</li> <li>9) Africa and the Reforms 1980 - (Economic, Political and Institutional Reforms).</li> <li>10) Africa and Globalisation</li> </ol>
<p><b>Learning objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11) To examine the processes and dynamics of development in Africa from early period to-date.</li> <li>12) To explore and understand internal dynamics and external factors that shaped transformation and developments in Africa</li> <li>13) To investigate and understand development and underdevelopment challenges in Africa</li> <li>14) To interrogate and understand the nature and challenges of political, governance and development in post-independence Africa</li> <li>15) To assess and understand the impact of Economic and Political reforms in Africa.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Other activities besides the course: i.e. seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows, dissemination conferences</b></p> <p>The teaching program in African History, at the moment unavailable in any of the University of Torino departments, will support the development of African studies promoted by Centro Piemontese di Studi Africani (a cultural institution founded by University of Torino, Torino Municipality, Piemonte Region, Torino Metropolitan area). More specifically, the course will be included in a range of coordinated activities on Africa resulting in the conference "Urban Africa. Economy, populations, cultures" taking place in Torino next October, during the 3rd World Forum on Local Economic Development (LED).</p>

**Visiting Professor Profile**

A scholar specialized in African History & Development Studies, with research experiences in subjects as Rural Development, Political Developments in Democracy and Governance, Rights, Citizenship, Gender Relations, Resource Contestations and Civil Society Advocacy specifically referring to sub-Saharan Africa.

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