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# Governance in Africa: Elections, Politics and Civil Society

Continuing education in African Affairs  
12-13 September 2019



ADVANCED STUDIES

# Governance in Africa: Elections, Politics and Civil Society

## Date & time

12 September 2019, 9am-5pm  
13 September 2019, 9am-5pm

## Faculty

Dominik Balthasar, senior researcher at swisspeace and senior lecturer for political science at the University of Basel

Lucy Koechlin, senior lecturer at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Basel

Elísio Macamo, Professor of African Studies at the Institute of Sociology, University of Basel

## Language

Depending on demand, the course is taught in English or German.

## Credits/degree

The course is awarded with 1 ECTS credits for the CAS in African Affairs (assessment required).

## Course fee

CHF 690 incl. course documentation; travel expenses, accommodation and meals are not included.

*Additional fee for assessment (required for ECTS credits): CHF 60*

## Registration deadline

31 August 2019

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## Details and registration

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In 2019, several major African countries are holding general or presidential elections, including Nigeria, South Africa, Mozambique and Senegal. Elections are volatile junctures in African politics and in many instances allow compelling insights into the relation between state and society. In this course, elections serve as a point of departure for an engagement with the key structures and processes that constitute governance and politics.

Participants develop a thorough understanding of key concepts of governance, engage with the role of different actors involved in politics and appreciate different approaches to political order and transformation. In particular, the course addresses democratization processes in various African states, civil society agency in different settings as well as governance in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.

## Key themes:

- Key concepts of governance
- Myths and meanings of the state
- Elections and democratization
- The role of civil society actors
- Governance in fragile contexts

**This course is part of the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in African Affairs offered by the Centre for African Studies Basel.**  
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