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# Being Young: Youth, Education and Mobility in Africa

Continuing education in African Affairs  
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ADVANCED STUDIES

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Nearly 70 percent of Africa's population is under 30 years old. This phenomenon is often perceived as a ticking time bomb. Unemployed, restless youth are feared to become either clandestine immigrants to Europe or violent actors of civil unrest in edgy African terrains. At the same time, young African entrepreneurs, fresh-faced artists and highly qualified urban dwellers form part of the recently much-hyped "Africa rising" and the "new middle class", representing the continent's economic booster and creative future.

By looking at various forms and images of being young in Africa, this course avoids snap judgments and classifications. Participants engage with case studies and different perspectives on the overall theme, and develop a nuanced picture of young African "makers and breakers" on the continent and beyond.

## Key themes:

- Images and discourses of youth
- Education, labour market and social mobility
- Migration and mobility
- Youth movements and political change

## Date & time

22 November 2018, 1.30pm-5pm  
23 November 2018, 9am-5pm

## Faculty

Michelle Engeler, lecturer at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Basel

Joschka Philipps, senior researcher at *swisspeace*

Nestor Zanté, sociologist and activist

## Language

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

## Credits/degree

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

## Course fee

CHF 540 incl. course documentation; travel expenses, accommodation and meals are not included.  
*Additional fee for assessment (required for ECTS credits): CHF 60*

## Registration deadline

12 November 2018

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## Details and registration

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