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# Youth in Africa: Agents of Change or Ticking Time Bomb?

Continuing education in African Affairs  
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ADVANCED STUDIES

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## Date & time

28 November 2019, 1.30pm-5pm  
29 November 2019, 9am-5pm

## Faculty

Hafid Derbal, Programme coordinator  
South Africa and Zimbabwe, terre des hommes schweiz

Michelle Engeler, research associate  
at the Institute of Social Anthropology,  
University of Basel

Joschka Philipps, senior researcher at  
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Nestor Zanté, research associate at the  
University of Leipzig

## 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

7 November 2019

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## Details and registration

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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 theoretical and practical perspectives on the overall theme. They 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
- Youth and development: theory and practice
- Youth movements and political change

**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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