

SPECIALIZATION COURSE

# Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa

## Focus on Russia's presence in Africa

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5th edition

## Objectives

- Identify key geopolitical issues in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Reflect on key dimensions of geopolitical action, namely those related to domestic and international politics, the environment, issues of war and peace and multilateral security organizations.
- Highlight relevant cases of Portuguese-speaking African Countries.
- Understand the processes in a regional way, involving several States, with regard to dynamics in the South Atlantic, Gulf of Guinea and Horn of Africa.

## Recipients

- Students from the various cycles of Higher Education, namely from the areas of International Relations, Political Science, History, Sociology, Geography, Economics, Communication and African Studies.
- Diplomatic corps and senior embassy officials;
- Journalists and experts on the subject.
- Members of the Armed Forces and Security Forces and Services.
- Public Administration staff, namely from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of Internal Administration and the Ministry of Economy.
- Senior staff and technicians from Municipal Councils and Companies oriented towards internationalization.

## Information

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Classes will be held exclusively online and in english

## Description

The Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa course uses the Geopolitics analysis tool – space as a theater of operations – to understand Sub-Saharan Africa today, with a special focus on Portuguese-speaking African Countries and regional security structures. With a multidisciplinary approach, the course covers key issues of geopolitical activity in the region, presented by researchers specialized in the subjects. The organization is up to three research institutions: National Defense Institute (IDN) under the Ministry of Defense, the Center for International Studies, Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon (CEI-Iscte) and OBSERVARE of the Autonomous University of Lisbon (UAL).

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## CALENDAR

19–23 June 2023

### TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday 17:00 – 21:00

### DURATION | ECTS

20 hours | 5 ECTS

### FEE

Enrolment

200€\*

\*30% discount for students from ISCTE-IUL, UAL, IDN and Public Entities

### ECTS

5 ECTS (optional, upon the positive evaluation of an essay with 6000 words)

## Promotors



## Programme

### Focus on Russia in Africa

#### Russia's Africa Ambitions

Alex Vines (Chatham House)

#### The Putin's Russia footprint in Africa: the African vector in Russian foreign policy

Sónia Sénica (UAL e IPRI-NOVA)

#### The Russian challenge to European interests and values in Sub-Saharan Africa

Licínia Simão (FEUC/CES)

#### Cold War Handbook, Hybrid Tools & Contemporary Realities: Russia's Proxies and Presence in Africa

Cyprian Kozera (University of Warsaw)

#### Contesting the lusophonie in Africa? Russia's influence in Mozambique

Ana Isabel Xavier (OBSERVARE/UAL)

#### Private Military Companies. The case of Russia's Wagner Group

Andreas Heinemann-Gruder (University of Bonn)

#### The activity of the Wagner group in Africa

Tenente-General Marco Serronha

### General theme

#### Conflicts, separatism, and secession in the Horn of Africa

Aleksi Ylonen (CEI-Iscte/IUL)

#### Climate Change, Migration and Securitisation:

#### Lessons from Guinea-Bissau

Cláudia Santos (ICS-ULisboa)

#### The African Union's foreign and security policy

Frank Mattheis (UNU-CRIS)