

POLITICS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: BEYOND LIBERATION STRUGGLES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is a comparative study of the Politics of the Southern African countries. Secondly it attempts to establish how this history of colonial and settler domination together with the manner such domination was challenged and destroyed shaped the internal dynamics of political and socio-economic changes in each of the countries of the region with wider implications for the region as a whole. It also examines the inter-relationships among the countries of the region in which South Africa is the regional power as well as the role played by Zambia in the liberation struggles within the region. The focus of the course shall be on the nature and origins of regional dependence and interdependence, the role of regional organisations in enhancing regional integration, and the political economy of the region within a global context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students should be able to:

- (i) Understand and analyse colonial experiences of these countries and how these experiences together with the way decolonization took place shaped the post-colonial political economy of these countries;
- (ii) Identify agencies of mobilization and analyze structures and processes of the state in the countries of the region; and
- (iii) Evaluate the achievements or otherwise of development and/or national security policies and strategies of states in the region.
- (iv) understand and appreciate the nature and causes of regional dependence and interdependence in Southern Africa;
- (v) understand and appreciate the role played by internal actors in the regional politics of Southern Africa;
- (vi) Comprehend fully the position and role of the Southern Africa within the global political economy.