

Instructions for country case studies (presentation and report)

Please note that I will not respond to the questions related to presentations if the answer is already on this instruction :)

Each student that is enrolled in this course is expected to make a presentation and prepare a presentation report with a group of other students. Presentations must meet a high standard of academic criteria. Please remember that the weight of the presentations is %20 of your final grade. You will study as a group. So each person in the group is equally responsible for the representation of the case and preparation of the report. You can share the work, so only one or two of you can actually present the topic in the class while others help them to prepare it. So there is no need for all of you on the stage all the time. You have to choose your groups via moodle system no later than 17/11/2022. Each group will be composed of 3 to 4 students. In case you don't choose a group, I will assign you to one of the available ones. If the numbers are not even for each group, I will make adjustments. Due there might be changes in order to make an even distribution of the number of students to the groups, you have to check your group on Egeders 20/10/2022 morning. The final schedule will be available on Egeders on the same day.

In your presentations and in your reports, I expect groups to follow instructions below:

Preparation

- Re-read the related chapter, make a list of the key concepts and arguments
- Read the case study section of the related topic (each case available at the end of the related chapter). Do not limit yourself with this resource. I expect research on the country that you are assigned to. So try to use different resources!!
- Find and read a short history of the country.
- Try to make connections with the case you are analysing and the key concepts and assumptions in regard to that topic
- Focus on particular events in the history of that country. Do not try to cover all historical account of that country. Expand the issue in order to make the connection between the case and the topic better.
- Write down how particular examples from the history of that country can be explained by the concepts that we learned in the class

Presentation

- Prepare slides if you desire, do not overcrowd them with lots of info. Short and sharp ones are usually the best
 - Introduce the country briefly..
 - Introduce the case under scrutiny. Make slides for key concepts and arguments about that topic. Remind us how that particular case helps us to understand and explain African politics.
 - Introduce the particular event or events that you will discuss from the history of that country
 - Show the connections between the topics that I covered in class meetings and your case
- Use slides and visuals if necessary.

Paper

- Papers have to be composed of four parts: Introduction, presentation of the topic, presentation of the country and conclusion. I expect every one of these parts to be prepared by one student in your presentation group. So I can grade them fairly
- In the introduction part you will introduce the subject very briefly
- In the presentation of the topic you will introduce the key concepts and arguments of that topic
- In the presentation of the country you will briefly write down the narrative part of that particular events historical account and show how the topic is related to that event
- In the conclusion part you will summarise the points you make in the presentation and class discussion.
- Each group will prepare a single word/pdf file for the report. **But please do not forget to indicate in the heading page each student's name, surname and student ID together with the part that student is responsible for** (Introduction, presentation of the topic, presentation of the country and conclusion). Upload that file to the Egeders no later than 06/01/2022. No hardcopies required. Filename must include the country's name and the class you belong to. I.e. Nigeria_morning.pdf. Apart from the header page, reports must not be longer than 5 pages including references, must be written in Word, pdfs are also accepted font : times new roman size: 12 pt, line spacing 1,5. Papers which do not meet these criteria will lose out some grades.