

SYLLABUS

THE STRUCTURAL IMPACT OF THE POLITICAL ELITES IN THE DEMOCRATIC LANDSCAPE OF CAMEROON

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COURSE CONTENT

The course on « The structural impact of the political elites in the democratic landscape of Cameroon », aims to present the structuring of the elites in contemporary Cameroon and the impact that this structuring has on democratic life in Cameroon from 1990s to 2020.

Indeed, in December 2020, political liberalization laws were passed and the country, which has lived under a monolithic regime since 1966, found the path of political pluralism. How does the pluralization of political life impact the structuring of political elites? How does the classic pyramidal structure of Cameroonian political elites be perpetuated during the neo-pluralist period? The structuring of the political elites will it act as a brake or as a facilitator of democratic life which settles in at the beginning of the 90's?

The first part of the course will present in 4 chapters, the characteristics of the post-monolithic Cameroonian elite system with regard to: positional mesocratism, the pyramidal structure of the elites, the lack of autonomy and the mobilizing capacities of ethno-regional type.

The second part of the course will be devoted to the analysis of the impact of the structuring of political issues on democratic life in Cameroon through two phenomena: the possibility of republican integrations and the orbiting of the opposition leaders from 1990 to 2011.

PLAN

Session 1

Presentation of the teacher (training, professional background)

Presentation of the course methodology: interactive character, recap of the previous day's course, practical exercise on the essential concepts of the chapter...

Distribution of course materials

Course introduction

Chapter 1: The characteristics of the Cameroonian elite system: positional mesocratism

Session 2

Recap of chapter 1

Practical exercises on the essential notions of chapter 1

Chapter 2: The characteristics of the Cameroonian elite system: The pyramidal structure of political elites

Session 3

Recap of chapter 2

Practical exercises on the essential notions of chapter 2

Chapter 3: The characteristics of the Cameroonian elite system: the lack of autonomy

Session 4

Recap of chapter 3

Practical exercises on the essential notion of chapter 3

Chapter 4: The characteristics of the Cameroonian elite system: The mobilizing capacities of ethnic-regional type

Session 5

Recap of chapter 4

Practical exercises on the essential notion of chapter 4

Chapter 5: the impact of the elite pyramid structure on democracy: republican integrations

Session 6 :

Recap of chapter 5

Practical exercises on the essential notion of chapter 5

Chapter 6: the impact of the elite pyramid structure on democracy: the orbiting of the opposition leaders of 1990 to 2011

Recap of chapter 6

Practical exercises on the essential notion of chapter 6

Conclusion of the course

Opinions and recommendations of the students on the course of, the exercises and the course materials

LEARNING GOALS

At the end of the course, students must:

- Have a clear knowledge of the characteristics of the political elites in Cameroon
- Understand how the elites are structured in Cameroon
- Master the various concepts relating to africanist literature, serving to conceptualize the elite facts in Cameroon
- Master the various concepts relating to africanist literature, serving to conceptualize the republican integrations

MONITORING AND EVALUATIONS OF LESSONS

To determine

CREDITS AND SCORES

To determine