

POLS 227 A
Case study presentation

Your presentation will explore the manifestation of one of the phenomena that we investigate in Part II of the course in an African country of your choice.

The phenomena in question are:

- Poverty: Nina
- Development and globalization: Fitz and Jack
- Inequality and exclusion: Will
- Authoritarianism and authoritarian resurgence: Mimi

Feel free to consult me about the choice of your country case; for the presentation on inequality, I strongly recommend South Africa. Several of readings for classes later in the course focus on Malawi and Uganda and our discussions would benefit from expert knowledge on the two countries that some of you could develop through work on the presentation.

To prepare the presentation, you will need to develop a good understanding of your country case; to do so you may use online sources such as Wikipedia, but the best presentations will draw on much more in-depth knowledge of the country, derived, for example, from reading a scholarly overview of its history. You will also need to consult some scholarly sources and media articles on the phenomenon of interest in the country. You should address both the causes and impacts of the phenomenon's prominence in the country.

A suggested plan / outline for presentations (but feel free to experiment!):

1. A very brief introduction to the country case
2. Poverty, development/globalization, inequality/exclusion, or authoritarianism in your country case
3. Causes of the country's poverty, etc.
4. Some effects of the country's poverty, etc., on the country