

POLS 227

Africa in World Politics

Class 1:

Introduction to the course

Populism, inequality, and the value of comparative analysis

Welcome to POLS 227!

Political peripheries: the drylands of East Africa and the Horn



Redistribution of political power



Rationale for the course



Los Angeles Times

WORLD & NATION

Ethnic violence in Ethiopia has forced nearly 3 million people from their homes



WORLD & NATION

Bahamas prime minister says Hurricane Dorian has caused at least five deaths
Sep. 2, 2019

WORLD & NATION

Newsletter: In the path of Dorian's destruction
Sep. 2, 2019

WORLD & NATION

Pastor's kidnapping underscores threat to migrants returned to Mexican border towns
Sep. 2, 2019

WORLD & NATION

At this Florida camp, believers can ask for healing or a chat with the dead
Sep. 2, 2019

WORLD & NATION

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Demonstrators protest the deaths of 23 people in ethnic violence in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September 2018. (Maheder Haileselassie Tadesse / AFP/Getty Images)

Course outline

- Introduction: connections
- Recent trends
- Divide and rule
- Weapons of the weak

The danger of single stories



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Ihs241zeg>

Assignments

- Case study presentation 5%
- Case study paper 10%
- Research proposal 5%
- Research essay:
 - Initial draft 10%
 - Final draft 10%

Other assessment

- Class involvement 10%
- Quizzes 5%
- Peer review 10%
- Final exam:
 - In-class component 15%
 - Out-of-class component 15%

