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Africa in the Twenty-First Century: Understanding Politics and Security on the Continent

Presented by Special Guest Lecturer
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Though geographically and historically set apart from the United States, Africa today occupies a significant place in international relations. The continent has experienced much political upheaval since the independence movements of the late 1960s. Throughout the Cold War, the global struggle between the United States and the Soviet Union played out through the use of proxies across Africa. African politics developed its own unique

character in the post-Cold War era.

Navigating the complexities of the African continent in the twenty-first century, thus, requires a sound understanding of its geographic and historical realities. The lecture will share knowledge and understanding of a continent not well understood or even considered in the United States, which is a detriment to U.S. interests and policies now and in the future.

Dr. Chau currently teaches on the campus of California State University at San Bernardino, where his research focus is on International Politics, Strategic Studies, East Asia, and Africa. He received his Ph.D. in 2005 from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. Donovan is considered a subject matter expert in the fields of Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and Homeland Security.

This presentation is open to all, and refreshments will be served.

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