

# Department of Political Science Department Seminar

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## "Emmanuel Macron and a new Africa Policy for France: a new paradigm?"



**Moderator: Dr Elaine Tan**  
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### ABSTRACT

France is the leading European power in Africa. Its Africa policy over the past two Presidencies has gone through different but complementary tones, promising a new departure at every turn. The Macron Presidency is showing early signs of a different method and activism. Old reflexes are re-emerging with the potential to rewrite what the Sarkozy and Hollande Presidencies had sought to achieve. The talk will interrogate the new/old identities emerging under Macron and the consequences of these, not only in terms of the policy promise of normalisation of Franco-African relations- but most importantly the ability of African actors to chart 'African solutions to African problems'.

### BIO

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In 2016 Dr Hengari joined Amnesty International as Deputy Director for Southern Africa. Before that he served as Senior Research Fellow at SAIIA from 2012-2016 in its Foreign Policy Programme. He held several lectureships and fellowships at amongst others, the University of Cape Town, Wits University and Rouen Business School in France. He was a scholar in residence at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala, Sweden. Between 2002-2003, he served as the chef de cabinet and senior special assistant to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia.

His research focus is on the foreign policies of Africa's anchor states; South Africa, the African Union and conflicts in Africa, including comparative foreign policy analysis of small states in Africa and Northern Europe; democratic norms transfer, policy convergence and the state in Africa and France, the United Kingdom and the European Union as security actors in Africa. He is a regular commentator on international affairs in the South African and international broadcast and print media.

