



Rift Valley Institute Courses 2014 General Information

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The courses are designed for aid workers, policy-makers, researchers, business executives, and diplomats—those living and working in the countries of Eastern and Central Africa and those about to start. They are taught by teams composed of leading international and regionally-based specialists and activists.

AN IMMERSIVE PROGRAMME

The courses offer an immersive, dawn-to-dusk programme of lectures, seminars, and panel discussions, with local excursions. An examination of the historical, environmental, and cultural features of each subregion provides the basis for an analytical account of current political and developmental challenges. The residential nature of the courses ensures ample opportunity for informal exchange between participants and teaching staff. (Video clips from previous courses can be seen here: www.youtube.com/RiftValleyInstitute.)

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open from 1 January 2014. To apply online—and to obtain further information on courses, staff, and locations—please visit www.riftvalley.net/key-projects/courses. Applications are considered in order of receipt. For other enquiries see contact details overleaf. Participants in the courses are eligible for three optional graduate-level credits in the US tertiary educational system. Location, staff, and other course arrangements may be subject to change.

COST

The cost of each course is US \$4,100. The fee covers tuition, special events, local transport, advance course literature, and seven nights' full board and accommodation.

FLIGHTS AND VISAS

Flights to and from the course location are not included. For advice on flights and visas, please contact the Institute.

THE RIFT VALLEY INSTITUTE

The RVI (www.riftvalley.net) is a non-profit organisation that works in Eastern and Central Africa to advance understanding of the region and its communities, connecting local knowledge to social and political action, defending freedom of information and promoting social justice. The Institute is registered as UK Charity No 1144010.



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FIELD COURSES 2014

Horn of Africa **31 May - 6 June**
Sudan & South Sudan **14 June - 20 June**
Great Lakes **28 June - 4 July**

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Rift Valley Institute
Horn of Africa Course
Kenya 31 May – 6 June

SCOPE OF THE COURSE

The Horn of Africa Course covers Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Somaliland, Puntland, and Northern Kenya. The 2014 course offers a multi-disciplinary examination of the crises afflicting the Horn and explores continuity and change under new political leadership at the national and sub-national level across the region.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SYLLABUS

DAY 1 History, people, and the land: geography and environment; pre-colonial and colonial histories.

DAY 2 Identity politics: nationalism, politics, and religion; gender and youth issues; rights, identity, and resources.

DAY 3 Ethiopia: political trends since 1991; the developmental state; post-Meles politics; regional and global relations.

DAY 4 Eritrea, Djibouti, and Northern Kenya: legacies of the Ethiopia-Eritrea war; contemporary Djibouti; devolution, refugees and northern Kenya; LAPSSET.

DAY 5 Somalia, Somaliland, and Puntland: state-building; the Federal Government of Somalia; al-Shabaab; famine; the diaspora.

DAY 6 Socio-economic development trends: livelihoods under stress; the private sector; civil society; impact of aid.

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Rift Valley Institute
Sudan & South Sudan Course
Kenya 14 – 20 June

SCOPE OF THE COURSE

Insurgency and civil war in the Sudans put social and economic development in jeopardy. Understanding the history of state formation and conflict is more important than ever. The 2014 Sudan and South Sudan Course addresses the challenge of working in this complex, fluid environment, linking analysis of current events to contextual understanding of history, politics, society and economy.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SYLLABUS

DAY 1 Fragile states: the history of state formation, social organisation and political control.

DAY 2 Peoples, cultures, identities and beliefs in the two Sudans.

DAY 3 Governance, violence, war: legacies of law and misrule, coercion and mobilisation.

DAY 4 Political economy: natural resources, economic structures, changing livelihoods.

DAY 5 Engagement and intervention: trajectories in regional and international relations, the history of humanitarian, development and peacebuilding initiatives.

DAY 6 Political and economic futures: prospects for the peoples of the Sudans.

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Rift Valley Institute
Great Lakes Course
Burundi 28 June – 4 July

SCOPE OF THE COURSE

The Great Lakes Course covers Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The 2014 course examines the ongoing violence in the Kivus in the wake of the defeat of the M23, as well as the prospects of institutional reform in the DRC as the country prepares for local elections. In Burundi, it will examine the challenges facing the country in the run-up to the 2015 elections. For Rwanda, the focus will be on the tensions between political liberalization and the top-down approach to economic and social development. The course is in English and French with simultaneous translation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SYLLABUS

DAY 1 The roots of conflict in the Kivus: a history of land, identity, and violence in the region.

DAY 2 The DRC: what kind of state? Decentralization, institutional reform, and donor engagement.

DAY 3 The DRC: the crisis in the Kivus, pitfalls and solutions.

DAY 4 Rwanda: the 1994 genocide; contrasting views of governance and reform; transitional justice in Rwanda.

DAY 5 Burundi: the Arusha peace process; the current political landscape; justice and reconciliation.

DAY 6 Foreign aid and institutional weakness; peacekeeping today and tomorrow.

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