

POL140 Comparative Politics

GUEST LECTURE

# ANGOLA

## From Portuguese Colonialism to Decolonization and Civil War

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**Abstract:** A former colony of the Portuguese Empire, Angola has endured several storms in its turbulent history. After the triumph of a Marxist-inspired liberation movement (1961-1975), the country became the theatre of foreign interventions and a brutal civil war (1975-2002). Blessed with abundant natural resources, including oil, diamonds, gold and arable land, Angola nonetheless terribly failed to meet the expectation of its citizens. This paper will revisit Angola's history and politics using a comparative perspective and leaving room for discussion.

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