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Civil society and the state 860 (SOC 860)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 30.00

Programmes [MSocSci Gender Studies \(Coursework\)](#)

[MSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies \(Coursework\)](#)

[MSocSci Sociology \(Coursework\)](#)

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

The module will critically assess theoretical and current debates on the nature of the state and civil society as well as their interrelationship. In particular, the module explores conceptualisations of the state and civil society in Africa, as well as their historical trajectories in relation to the question of social transformation. Throughout, an emphasis will be placed on sociological perspectives that emphasize the importance of situating power relations within a context of socio-economic and socio-cultural relations.

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