

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT RESEARCH SEMINAR

Analysis of Global Trends, Determinants, and Elements of Digital Foreign Policy in Africa

Abstract:

The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) presents the world and Africa with new opportunities in digitalising politics, policymaking, and governance. Africa's contributions to digital dialogue remain minimal compared to its counterparts in the developing world, particularly in shaping cybersecurity, international policies, e-commerce, and the future of data. This presentation will appreciate the sporadic contributions, elements, and characteristics possessed by different African countries and offer a compact analysis of how these countries can formally structure a comprehensive digital foreign policy framework as done in Europe and how countries, through institutions, can strive towards digital sovereignty using available resources, and how to leverage on digital diplomacy which is developed and developing in many African states.

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