



ANALYZING COMPLEX POLITICAL DYNAMIC Advanced Analysis Course

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THE COURSE

The Analyzing Complex Political Dynamics (ACPD) course is an **advanced intelligence analysis course** that equips analysts to understand political and security phenomena within a strategic context, enabling them to uncover hidden dynamics and relationships that drive and influence security, political-economics, conflict and humanitarian crises. In an era where political and conflict dynamics occur in an increasingly interconnected world, there is a greater need to understand local phenomena as part of a complex-dynamic system with regional and global characteristics. The movement of politico-military and social actors into the cyber space adds a further, and increasingly important dynamic to understanding local realities. The ACPD course is aimed at analysts who seek to understand and communicate complex dynamics, working in government, humanitarian or political organizations

. The course is underpinned by 4 foundational components: Cognition and Complexity; Systems Analysis, Complex Analytic Techniques as well as Effective Communication.

The course is taught through an exciting mix of lectures, mentoring, case studies and real-world project exercises. These are integrated into and culminate in a practical Course Exercise - in the form of an Analytic Briefing prepared by course participants - all under the mentorship of the course facilitators.

ABOUT US

ASPI is a research and training organisation that specializes in the development of analytic capacity in the government, development and peacekeeping environment. The Analyzing Complex Political Dynamics (ACPD) course is part of our suite of specialized analysis and information analysis products, delivered by accomplished and experienced security and analysis experts. Our courses have been delivered to Political Officers, Security Analysts, Intelligence Officers, Law Enforcement Analysts and Humanitarian Researchers working across the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Asia.

COURSE CONTENT

1. Understanding complex-dynamic systems
2. Deception and Counter-Deception
3. Thinking Strategically about Conflict
4. Analytically driven, targeted collection
5. Strategic Landscape Analysis
6. Communicating effectively

Registration and Fees

The course will take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 18-22 April 2016. For further information please contact Raziya Parker at rparker@aspi.org.za, with reference ACPD04-16. The course fee of R15 000 includes tuition, course reader and teas. Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation in Cape Town, and we are happy to advise on suitable venues.



The course is delivered by David Africa and Andre Zaيمان. Andre and David are co-founders of the newly established *African Centre for Security and Intelligence Praxis (ACSIP)*. David Africa is the founder of AFRICA-Analysis and has worked in the intelligence and conflict environment for 20 years. His experience includes managing a statutory intelligence unit, leading a UN analysis team and training more than 400 analysts from political, humanitarian and security agencies.



Andre has extensive intelligence and strategy development experience, both within the liberation movement prior to 1994, and in government thereafter. He served in the Presidential Support Unit under President Mbeki, where he worked on conflict across the African continent and the Middle East. Following this, Andre was appointed as a senior manager in the National Intelligence Coordinating Committee, responsible for the assessment of intelligence from various agencies. He has conducted extensive research into complex dynamic systems and its application in the field of intelligence and robotics

A WORD FROM OUR PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

"Having taken David's Early Warning Analysis Course..., I was deeply impressed with the breadth and depth of the experience. The small group, hands-on environment allowed for personal involvement in exercises and discussions in both theory and application, practicing the tools and methodologies the same day we learned them...It was a Master-Level course" - NGO Security Advisor, Participant in Early Warning Analysis course

"...The course facilitators did excellent presentations and followed the trainees during our project exercises with good mentorship...The generic nature of all of the lessons taught in this course has given me a better understanding of Intelligence Analysis. The Course gave me also access to databases such as CIAO, proquest direct, a method to assess internet websites. The exchange/ sharing of experience with professionals from other "intelligence agencies" was particularly fruitful. Overall, I would strongly recommend David's courses and services. It was a pleasure