



AFRICA CHEETAH RUN CARLOS LOPES' BLOG



Running Like a Cheetah



I'm excited to announce my new book, *The Self-Deception Trap*. This work examines the economic relationship between Africa and Europe, revealing how negative narratives about Africa are perpetuated and how they influence key actors and processes. The book highlights how European actors often replace real economic transformation with charity, while African leaders, in their quest for aid, may inadvertently support these damaging narratives. It explores the historical context and current dynamics of Africa's peripheral role in the global economy. So far the praises have been overwhelming. *The Self-Deception Trap* is available as an open-access resource at www.selfdeceptiontrap.info, where you can also find more information about the book.



For the third year in a row, a dedicated [course on my contributions and thoughts](#) will be delivered by Professors Tamilton Teixeira and Magnus da Costa. The inaugural and subsequent editions were offered through a partnership between two universities in my home country of Guinea-Bissau, hosted at [INEP](#), the research institute I founded in 1984. This year, the course will travel to Brazil and be delivered at [UNILAB](#), a federal university.

I am profoundly grateful for the enthusiasm and dedication shown by the over 200 young participants who have engaged with the course so far. Their passion for learning and eagerness to delve into the intricacies of my work have been truly inspiring. The opportunity to expand this course to a new location and reach even more eager minds is both humbling and exhilarating. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the professors and the institutions involved for their unwavering commitment and support. Together, we are fostering a deeper understanding of significant global issues and empowering the next generation of leaders and thinkers.

My latest contributions



Jeune Afrique

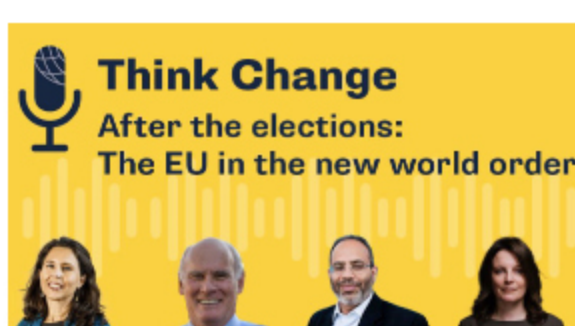
The events in Kenya have surprised many with their speed and transformative nature, serving as a powerful reminder that Generation Z will predominantly be an African phenomenon, given the continent's demographics. I provided an assessment of the consequences during an interview with *Jeune Afrique*, featured in the article [« FMI, ne touche pas au Kenya » : pourquoi le Fonds devient le coupable désigné de la rue »](#). This article was republished several times in French, and an English version was also published by [The Africa Report](#).

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The same issue was extensively covered by *Africa Confidential* and other media outlets, in the article ["How the fiscal squeeze threatens the patronage machine"](#), which highlighted my assessment of the IMF's potential impact on the challenges African countries are likely to encounter. This stems from the inadequate debt relief measures adopted by significant creditor countries, which could exacerbate the financial troubles faced by these countries. My insights emphasized the urgency for more effective and comprehensive solutions to address the growing debt crisis in Africa.

My Videos and Podcasts



After the Elections: the EU and the New World Order, ODI Think Tank Podcast, 25 June

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