Politics in Francophone Africa. By Victor T. Le Vine. Reviewed By Nicolas van de Walle. November/December 2004. In This Review. In This Review. Politics in Francophone Africa. Politics in Francophone Africa. Nonetheless, the book abounds with telling anecdotes and interesting examples and will be enjoyed by nonspecialists seeking a historical review of an often overlooked set of countries. Loading More By Nicolas van de Walle. View Francophone Africa Research Papers on Academia.edu for free. The study of North African literatures has been firmly rooted in francophone frameworks since the 1960s, an approach that perpetuates colonial categories of both space and language. It is thus imperative to continue to push the study of more. The study of North African literatures has been firmly rooted in francophone frameworks since the 1960s, an approach that perpetuates colonial categories of both space and language. It is thus imperative to continue to push the study of North African cultural production beyond the geographic and linguistic limitations of the so-called Francophone Maghrib. This book presents a series of essays by leading English and French scholars examining the politics, economics, international relations and defects of the literary scene of France and the former territories of francophone West Africa since 1965. The approach is emphatically a thematic one rather than a country-by-country analysis. In international relations, Françafrique (French pronunciation: [fʁɑ̃saʁik]) is France's sphere of influence (or pré carré in French, meaning backyard) over former French and Belgian colonies in sub-Saharan Africa. The term was derived from the expression France-Afrique, which was used by the first president of Ivory Coast, Félix Houphouët-Boigny, in 1955 to describe his country's close ties with France. It was later renamed Françafrique by François-Xavier Verschave in 1998 to criticise the alleged Politics in Francophone Africa. Author: Victor T. Le Vine. Language: This book should contain text in eng. Pages: 425. Binding: PAP. Traces the political evolution of the fourteen countries in west and equatorial Africa, exploring the elements that have shaped their particular political dynamics while allowing them to remain part of a unique francophone sociopolitical community. Product Identifiers. Publisher.