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**NEW!**

2ND EDITION

**Inside African Politics**

Kevin C. Dunn and Pierre Englebert

Praise for the first edition:

“A comprehensive, scholarly, and readable guide to (mostly) post-1990 Africa. Highly recommended.” —Choice

“Will no doubt become the standard text for years to come: a sharply written, well-informed, and completely up-to-date book that should find a wide audience beyond the classroom, as well.” —Nicolas van de Walle, Foreign Affairs

The second edition of Inside African Politics, updated throughout to reflect political developments across the continent, not only provides thorough coverage of the full range of core topics, but also furthers an awareness and understanding of key theoretical issues and current debates.

Drawing on their extensive teaching and fieldwork experience, Kevin Dunn and Pierre Englebert offer:

• An accessible style, making even complex ideas easy to understand
• A balanced approach, exposing multiple perspectives on contested issues
• A focus on both states and citizens, politics from above and below
• Discussions of existing policies, as well as policy implications of different approaches
• An abundance of rich data and illustrative examples

The result is both an essential text and a long-term resource for students and scholars alike.

Kevin C. Dunn is Donald R. Harter Professor of political science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Pierre Englebert is H. Russell Smith Professor of International Relations at Pomona College.


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**The Fates of African Rebels: Victory, Defeat, and the Politics of Civil War**

*Christopher Day*

“Theoretically sophisticated and empirically rich, this is an impressive contribution to the literature on African conflicts. Day offers innovative and compelling arguments while exploring fundamental questions about the fates of African rebels.” —Kevin Dunn, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

What determines the outcome for rebels in contemporary African civil wars? How are “victory” and “defeat” measured? Is there any connection between a rebel group’s organization and its fate? What implications do the answers to these questions have for policymakers concerned with ongoing armed conflicts? Addressing these issues and more, Christopher Day explores the relationship between rebel groups and regime politics in Africa.

*Christopher Day* is associate professor of political science at the College of Charleston.


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**Africa’s Totalitarian Temptation: The Evolution of Autocratic Regimes**

*Dave Peterson*

“Lucidly written and cogently argued, this book skillfully weaves together rich analyses of the differing autocratic regimes that have endured on the African continent in the wake of the democratization wave of the 1990s.” —Moses Khisa, North Carolina State University

Disappointment with the ability of democracy to deliver economic rewards in much of Africa—and with the persistence of instability, corruption, and poor governance in democratic regimes—has undermined democracy’s appeal for many on the continent. At the same time, many external actors are expressing sympathy for regimes that have demonstrated an ability to impose stability and deliver economic growth, despite the limits placed on their citizens’ freedom.

In this context, Dave Peterson asks: Is totalitarianism emerging as an acceptable alternative to democracy in Africa? And if so, with what consequences? Peterson draws on extensive research in countries across the continent to thoroughly explore the dilemma of the totalitarian temptation.

*Dave Peterson* is senior director of the Africa Program at the National Endowment for Democracy.


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The Puzzle of Ethiopian Politics

Terrence Lyons

How did a group with its origins in a small Marxist-Leninist insurgency in northern Ethiopia transform itself into a party (the EPRDF) with eight million members and a hierarchy that links even the smallest Ethiopian village to the center? How do the legacies of protracted civil war and rebel victory over the brutal Derg regime continue to shape contemporary Ethiopian politics? And can the EPRDF, after widespread protests and a state of emergency, transform itself under new leadership to meet popular demands?

Answering these questions in his comprehensive study of nearly three decades of Ethiopian politics, Terrence Lyons argues that the very structures that enabled the ruling party to overcome the challenges of a war-to-peace transition are the source of the challenges that it faces now. While the new political leadership has promised dramatic reforms, Lyons observes, the powerful authoritarian ruling party remains in place, unreconstructed.

Terrence Lyons is associate professor in the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.


With scholars far from agreement in their opinions of Ethiopia’s Haile Selassie, the questions remain: Who was Haile Selassie? What was the secret of his survival across half a century—and how did he come to be a virtual exile in his own country, then murdered, the last emperor in a centuries-old dynasty?

Haggai Erlich’s Haile Selassie, full of fresh perspectives and insights, adds much to our understanding of the emperor. Drawing on new archival sources, as well as decades of research on Ethiopia, Erlich tells the multifaceted, sometimes tragic, story not only of a single individual, but also of modern Ethiopia both domestically and in world affairs.

Haggai Erlich is professor emeritus of Middle East and African history at Tel Aviv University.


“A full, deft, but still slim biography of one of the 20th century’s key African leaders.” —Choice

“Insightful, comprehensive, and remarkably well documented.... Erlich’s new biography of Haile Selassie is a fresh and magisterial overview of the emperor’s life and Ethiopian history in the twentieth century. I recommend it highly.” —Peter Garretson, Florida State University

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Unmasking Boko Haram: Exploring Global Jihad in Nigeria

Jacob Zenn

The kidnapping of 276 schoolgirls from the village of Chibok, Nigeria, in 2014 drew the world’s attention to the previously little-known extremist group Boko Haram. Numerous questions followed, among them: Where did Boko Haram come from? What explains the rise of this militant Islamic group and its increasingly violent actions? What is its relationship to the Islamic State?

Jacob Zenn addresses these questions in his detailed chronicle of the foundation of Boko Haram, its strategy and tactics, and its evolution as a global Jihadist movement. Drawing on exclusive interviews and extensive primary sources in Arabic and Hausa, Zenn reveals the group’s inner working and the dynamics of its trajectory.

Jacob Zenn is senior fellow on African Affairs at the Jamestown Foundation and adjunct professor in Georgetown University’s Security Studies Program.


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Jean-Paul Kimonyo

Since the end of its genocidal civil war in 1994, Rwanda has embarked on an ambitious, and often controversial, process of reconstruction. Jean-Paul Kimonyo comprehensively analyzes that process in the political, military, socioeconomic, and cultural arenas.

Kimonyo combines the objectivity of a scholar with the front-row perspective of a participant to provide an unparalleled analysis of the ups and downs of Rwanda’s transformation. Drawing extensively on primary sources and grounding his study in historical context, he traces and analyzes the stages of reconstruction as they have continued to unfold since the election of Paul Kagame to the presidency.

Jean-Paul Kimonyo is a senior adviser in the Office of the President of Rwanda and also a fellow at the Rift Valley Institute.


US Policy Toward Africa: Eight Decades of Realpolitik

Herman J. Cohen

Herman Cohen draws on both the documentary record and his years of on-the-ground experience to provide a uniquely comprehensive survey and interpretation of nearly eight decades of US policy toward Africa.

Tracing how this policy has evolved across successive administrations since 1942 (beginning with President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s third term in office), Cohen illuminates the debates that have taken place at the highest levels of government; shows how policy toward Africa has been affected over the years by US relations with Europe, the Soviet Union, the Middle East, and most recently China; and points to the increasing reliance of Western economic interests on Africa’s natural resources. His deeply informed narrative reveals the roles not only of circumstance and ideology, but also of personalities, in the formulation and implementation of US foreign policy.

Herman J. Cohen was a member of the US Foreign Service for thirty-eight years, posted to embassies in France, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. He was US ambassador to Senegal and The Gambia and served as assistant secretary of state for Africa under President George H. W. Bush. Subsequently, he was senior adviser in the Africa region at the World Bank. He is now president of Cohen and Woods, an international consulting firm.


An ADST-DACOR Diplomats and Diplomacy Book
**Africa’s International Relations: Balancing Domestic and Global Interests**

Beth Elise Whitaker and John F. Clark

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**A Peacekeeper in Africa: Learning from UN Interventions in Other People’s Wars**

Alan Doss

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**A Project of the International Peace Institute**
African Actors in International Security: Shaping Contemporary Norms

Katharina P. Coleman and Thomas K. Tieku, editors

“This fills a longstanding gap.... The book deepens our understanding of normative processes while also demonstrating the extensive and innovative nature of African work in the realm of international peace and security norm development.”

—Jane Boulden, Royal Military College of Canada

What impact have African actors had on perceptions of and responses to current international security challenges? Are there international peace and security norms with African roots? How can actors that lack the power and financial resources of Western states help to shape prevailing conceptions of appropriate behavior in international politics?

Addressing these questions, the authors of African Actors in International Security identify and explore the diverse pathways by which African governments, IGOs, NGOs, and individuals can and do influence the normative structure of contemporary international relations.

Katharina P. Coleman is associate professor of political science at the University of British Columbia. Thomas K. Tieku is associate professor of political science at King’s University College, Western University.

New!

Mediation and Governance in Fragile Contexts: Small Steps to Peace

Dekha Ibrahim Abdi and Simon J. A. Mason

“For those of us who had the privilege of working with Dekha Ibrahim Abdi, Mediation and Governance in Fragile Contexts is a wonderful chance to hear once again the clarity, vision, and persuasiveness of her voice for peace. For those who never had the privilege of knowing her, this book is the next best thing.” —Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College

“This is a rare opportunity to read articulate and gripping grassroots stories about resolving violent conflict, and to get the inside track on what is actually involved in achieving sustainable peace. The case studies, complemented by a powerful, practical theoretical framework for international mediation, demonstrate the importance of engaging all levels of society [in the process].” —Pat Johnson, formerly Interpeace, Somali Region

The result of a long collaboration between a Kenyan-Somali mediator and a Swiss scholar-practitioner, Mediation and Governance in Fragile Contexts introduces an innovative, practical approach to resolving an enduring issue: How can conflicts be resolved in polarized societies?

This approach breaks out of the insider/outside dichotomy to develop a framework for achieving peace in the most challenging of contexts—a framework that unites outsider perspectives on mediation methodology with the rich experiences and reflections that only local peace practitioners can provide. The authors lay out the framework step by step, present case studies that show it in action, and clarify how local peace and security structures can act as a bridge between short-term mediation and long-term state-building efforts around the world.

The late Dekha Ibrahim Abdi’s path took her from teaching at a rural Kenyan school to being renowned as a global peacemaker. In 2007, she received the Right Livelihood Award (often referred to as the Alternative Nobel Prize), which honors “those offering practical and exemplary answers to the most urgent challenges facing us today.” Simon J. A. Mason is senior researcher and head of the Mediation Support Team at the Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich.

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Fatima Meer: Voices of Liberation
Shireen Hassim

Fatima Meer, a South African academic, public intellectual, and activist, was a tireless fighter for social justice and human rights—for which she variously suffered banning and detention by the apartheid government. After the end of apartheid, she declined a parliamentary seat, choosing instead to continue her advocacy work. She did, however, subsequently serve the ANC government in several capacities. She died in 2010, at the age of 81.

In Fatima Meer, Shireen Hassim deftly weaves a narrative in which Meer’s distinctive individuality unfolds. This serves as an apt context for the second part of the book, which presents Meer’s ideas in her own voice and makes palpable her belief in a common humanity.

Shireen Hassim is professor of political studies at the University of the Witwatersrand.


NEW!

African Development: Making Sense of the Issues and Actors
Todd J. Moss and Danielle Resnick

Praise for the previous editions:
“Thoughtful, well written.... [This] book leads the student to a deep understanding of the actors at work in Africa’s development.”
—Barry Riddell, Canadian Journal of Development Studies

“Moss] walks the reader briskly through Africa’s colonial legacy, the syndrome of personal rule, the economic liabilities of conflict, and the challenges of democratic reform.... Provides a thorough and critical but fair-minded treatment in a style that is plainspoken and often witty.... An excellent resource.” —Peter Lewis, Foreign Affairs

“An excellent introduction to current political and economic issues in Africa.... Highly recommended.” —Choice

Both authoritative and accessible, African Development introduces the issues, actors, and institutions at play in development trajectories across sub-Saharan Africa. This new edition, thoroughly updated, includes an entirely new chapter devoted to key demographic trends in the region, especially rapid urbanization and the distinct “youth bulge.” There is also a review of major economic gains and disappointments since 2011; analysis of renewed internal armed conflicts; and attention to the contemporary sovereign debt crisis relative to the structural adjustment debt of earlier decades.

The book uniquely brings to life the collective impact of history, economics, and politics on development in the region.

Todd J. Moss is senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and nonresident scholar at Rice University’s Baker Institute. Danielle Resnick is senior research fellow in the Development Strategy and Governance Division of the International Food Policy Research Institute.


Archie Mafeje: Voices of Liberation

Bongani Nyoka

Noted for his academic prowess, quick wit, and tireless struggle both for pan-Africanist ideals and for the political emancipation of South Africans living under apartheid, Archie Mafeje has been hailed as a giant not only as thinker, but also as a human being. His work addressed a broad range of issues critical to sub-Saharan Africa, among them agrarian reform, democracy, the politics of revolution, and even social science methods.

In this compelling biography, Bongani Nyoka discusses the influences on Mafeje's intellectual development; presents and contextualizes a selection of his writing; and reflects on his legacy.

Bongani Nyoka is a researcher at the Archie Mafeje Research Institute at the University of South Africa.


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NEW!

Thomas Sankara: Voices of Liberation

Jean-Claude Kongo and Leo Zeilig

His image is unmistakable: with beret and broad grin, Thomas Sankara’s picture is pasted on run-down taxis and seen on the walls of local bars throughout Africa. Known widely as the African Che Guevara, Sankara was Burkina Faso’s president from August 1983 until October 1987, when he was killed in a military coup led by Blaise Compaoré. His revolutionary ideas for African self-reliance made him an icon to many of Africa’s poor, and he remains immensely popular to this day.

In Thomas Sankara, Jean-Claude Kongo and Leo Zeilig trace Sankara’s life in the context of major events in Africa’s history; present and contextualize a selection of his speeches, broadcasts, and interviews; and reflect on his legacy, including the 2014 overthrow of President Compaoré in a popular uprising.

Jean-Claude Kongo, a Burkinabé journalist and social activist, was an enthusiastic supporter of President Sankara and active in the events that overturned the Compaoré regime in 2014. Leo Zeilig conducts research on African politics and history, specializing in radical transformation and change on the continent since independence.

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NEW!

Biko: Philosophy, Identity, and Liberation

Mabogo Percy More

“A major contribution to South African philosophy and our understanding of the drama of oppression and resistance. It will be read, taught and discussed, here and abroad, for many years to come.” —Richard Pithouse, Rhodes University

“More has added a much needed intellectual substance to the many volumes of work on Steve Biko and Black Consciousness in South Africa.... This is an essential text for every student and activist, and required reading at our universities.” —N. Barney Pityana, University of South Africa

“Incisive, insistent, and insightful... a valid confirmatory reflection that gives Biko his rightful philosophical standing in the Africana existentialist tradition. Biko will continue to stand as a canon because at each juncture it excavates and illuminates the figure that still haunts the antiblack world.” —Tendayi Sithole, University of South Africa

Why write a new book about Steve Biko?

Are there untapped lessons to be learned or principles to be gleaned from Biko’s work? As he answers these questions, Mabogo More presents an unparalleled critique of Biko’s philosophy and social theory. Perhaps most important, he shows how Biko’s ideas speak to the present human condition, especially the black condition, not only in South Africa, but also in the United States, Europe, and other societies where racism continues to manifest in various forms.

Mabogo Percy More is professor of philosophy at the University of Limpopo.

2017/306 pages
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Africa’s Cause Must Triumph: The Collected Writings of A.P. Mda
Robert Edgar and Luyanda ka Msumza, editors

A founding member of the African National Congress (ANC) Youth League, A.P. Mda was known for his passionate advocacy of African nationalism and his support for armed struggle against apartheid in the 1950s. Many of his peers considered him the foremost intellectual and strategist of their generation.

Robert Edgar and Luyanda ka Msumza trace Mda’s life from his early years through his three decades of exile in Basutoland/Lesotho to his death in 1993. They also present the rich written record that Mda left behind—in his letters, essays, political tracts and speeches, and letters to colleagues—charting the evolution of his views throughout his life not only on politics, but also on culture, language, literature, music, religion, and education.

Robert Edgar is professor emeritus of African Studies at Howard University and senior fellow in the Department of History at Stellenbosch University. Luyanda ka Msumza works on peace and development issues in South Africa.


NEW!

A Political Biography of Selby Msimang: Principle and Pragmatism in the Liberation Struggle
Sibongiseni M. Mkhize

Henry Selby Msimang (1886–1982), one of the great South Africans of the twentieth century, was a founding member of the African National Congress in 1912, president of the pioneering Industrial and Commercial Workers Union in the 1920s–1930s, general secretary of the All African Convention in the 1930s, a member of the Natives Representative Council and provincial secretary of the Natal ANC in the 1940s and early 1950s, a prominent member of the Liberal Party in the 1950s and 1960s, a founder and executive member of the Inkatha Yenkululeko Yesizwe in the 1970s—and more. He was also a prolific author, journalist, and public debater, and not least, a man who was steady in his commitment to the struggle for freedom, justice, and human rights.

In this first comprehensive political biography of Msimang, Sibongiseni Mkhize draws on a rich array of unpublished sources to tell a multilayered story of pragmatism, contradictions, and ideals. His book not only shines new light on Msimang and his milieu, but also shows us the diversity among the spectrum of political activists who were engaged in liberation struggles.

Sibongiseni M. Mkhize is a historian whose work focuses on South Africa’s twentieth century socioeconomic and political history. He serves as chief executive officer of the South African State Theatre.


Studying While Black: Race, Education, and Emancipation in South African Universities
Sharlene Swartz, Alude Mahali, Relebohile Moletsane, Emma Arogundade, Nene Ernest Khalem a, Adam Cooper, and Candice Groenewald

A n intimate portrait of the university experiences of a diverse sample of South African students, Studying While Black highlights the centrality of both race and geography in the quest for education and, ultimately, emancipation.

The book is the outcome of a five-year longitudinal qualitative study of eighty students from eight universities. The authors, a team of researchers from the Human Sciences Research Council, draw on their findings to provide fresh insights on the ongoing struggles in South Africa to transform the country’s higher education system.

Sharlene Swartz is executive director of the Education and Skills Development Programme at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). Alude Mahali is a research specialist at HSRC. Relebohile Moletsane holds the J. L. Dube Chair in Rural Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Emma Arogundade is academic coordinator at the School for International Training in Cape Town. Nene Ernest Khalem a is dean of the School of Built Environment and Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Adam Cooper and Candice Groenewald are senior research specialists at HSRC.


Broadcasting Democracy:
Radio and Identity in South Africa
Tanja Bosch

“An emphatic, engaging, well-grounded, and richly argued study of the centrality of radio in claims and contestations that pertain to identity and democracy in postapartheid South Africa.”
—Francis B. Nyamnjoh, University of Capetown

“Both scholarly and readable, this work is essential reading for anybody wanting to understand South Africa’s unique media landscape and still new democracy.”
—Franz Kruger, University of the Witwatersrand

The media—and especially radio—continue to be positioned at the center of debates about identity and cultural production in post-apartheid South Africa. Tanja Bosch explores the diverse world of South African radio, focusing on the roles that various formats and stations play, as well as the ways in which these stations are in an important sense “broadcasting democracy.”

Tanja Bosch is associate professor of media studies and production at the University of Cape Town’s Centre for Film and Media Studies.


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Media and Citizenship:
Between Marginalisation and Participation
Anthea Garman and Herman Wasserman, editors

The authors challenge assumptions about the relationship between the media and democracy in highly unequal societies like post-apartheid South Africa.

Anthea Garman is associate professor in the School of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University. Herman Wasserman is professor of media studies at the University of Cape Town.


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NEW!

Neva Again: Hip Hop Art, Activism, and Education in Post-Apartheid South Africa
Adam Haupt, Quentin Williams, H. Samy Alim, and Emile Jansen, editors

The culmination of decades of work on hip hop culture and activism, Neva Again weaves together the many varied and rich voices of the dynamic South African hip hop scene. The contributors—including scholars, activists, and the artists themselves—present a powerful reflection of the potential of youth art, culture, music, language, and identities to shape both politics and world views.

Adam Haupt is professor of media studies at University of Cape Town. Quentin Williams is senior lecturer in the Department of Linguistics at the University of the Western Cape. H. Samy Alim is David O. Sears Presidential Endowed Chair in the Social Sciences and professor of anthropology and African American studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. Emile Jansen is founding member of Black Noise and Heal the Hood.


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Tomaz Aquino de Bragança, edited and annotated by Marco Mondaini and Colin Darch

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Tomaz Aquino de Bragança, a close adviser to former Mozambican president Samora Machel, dedicated his life to the liberation struggles of southern Africa. Before his death in a plane crash (along with President Machel) in 1986, he was a journalist, an academic, a diplomat, and a public intellectual known for his skill in sensitive and discreet political negotiation, most notably his role in Mozambique’s revolution and independence from Portugal in 1975.

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Marco Mondaini is associate professor at the Center for Studies and Research on Social Rights and Social Policies at the Federal University of Pernambuco. Colin Darch, now retired, has conducted research and taught at universities in Brazil, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.


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Frederick Fourie is research fellow in the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of the Free State.


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Peter T. Jacobs is research director in the Economic Performance and Development Programme at the Human Sciences Research Council.


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Jocelyne Cesari is professor of religion and politics at the University of Birmingham; senior research fellow at Georgetown University’s Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs; and professorial fellow at the Australian Catholic University.

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