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Dekha Ibrahim Abdi and Simon J. A. Mason

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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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Kenneth Newton is professor emeritus of comparative politics at the University of Southampton.
Crisis in Autocratic Regimes

Johannes Gerschewski and Christoph H. Stefes, editors

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Johannes Gerschewski is research fellow in the Department of Social Sciences at Humboldt University of Berlin. Christoph H. Stefes is associate professor of comparative politics at the University of Colorado Denver.


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Joseph S. Tulchin is former director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.


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Sean Foley is associate professor of history at Middle Tennessee State University.


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Jillian Schwedler is professor of political science at Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York.


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J. Michael Ryan is assistant professor of sociology at Nazarbayev University.

Helen Rizzo is associate professor of sociology at the American University in Cairo.


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Turkey in Transition: The Dynamics of Domestic and Foreign Politics
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Gürkan Çelik is director of TurkeyInstitute.org. Ronald H. Linden is professor emeritus of political science at the University of Pittsburgh.


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Neta Oren

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Neta Oren is visiting scholar at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University.


Indonesia: State and Society in Transition

Jemima Purdey, Antje Missbach, and Dave McRae

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Kitaoka Shinichi is president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Previously, he was president of the International University of Japan, and he has held posts, among others, as professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and deputy permanent representative of Japan to the United Nations.


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Thomas S. Wilkins is senior lecturer in international security at the University of Sydney.


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Hans Stockton is director of the Center for International Studies (CIS), founding director for the Taiwan and East Asia Studies Program, and Cullen Trust for Higher Education Faye Sarofim Chair in International Studies at the University of St. Thomas.

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Alicia Campi is president of the Mongolia Society. A former US State Department foreign service officer, she now teaches at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and the Foreign Service Institute.


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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, as well as senior fellow at the Atlantic Council’s Africa Center.


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

Africa’s Totalitarian Temptation: The Evolution of Autocratic Regimes
Dave Peterson

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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.

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

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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?

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

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Haggai Erlich

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


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


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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?

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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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Guy Scott

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Guy Scott was acting president of Zambia after the death of President Michael Sata. Prior to that he was vice president (2011–2014) and has also served as minister of agriculture and an opposition leader in the Zambian parliament.

Africa’s International Relations: Balancing Domestic and Global Interests
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