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Land, Love and Lethal Conflict in the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan

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- Offers a new perspective on the causes of violence in Middle Eastern and other tribal Muslim communities.
- A rich ethnographic account of an area into which the war in Afghanistan is spreading.
- Of interest not only to specialists but to a larger public as well

Honour and violence is a major theme in the anthropology of the Middle East, yet – apart from political violence – most studies approach violence from the perspective of honour. By contrast, this important study examines the meanings of lethal conflict in a little studied tribal society in Pakistan’s unruly North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) and offers a new perspective on its causes. Based on an in-depth study of local conflicts, the book challenges stereotyped images of a region and people miscast as extremist and militant. Being grounded in local ethnography enables the book to shed light on the complexities of violence, not only at the structural or systemic level, but also as experienced by the men involved in lethal conflict. In this way, the book provides a subjective and experiential approach to violence that is applicable beyond the field locality and relevant for advancing the study of violence in the Middle East and South Asia. The book is the first ethnographic study of this region since renowned anthropologist Fredrik Barth’s pioneering study in 1954.

«We should make the best possible use of this analysis: for its daring perspectives, extreme empirical findings, and wide relevance. It deserves a very careful reading for its contributions to so many aspects of our understanding of honour, politics and human society.»

Fredrik Barth, Professor emeritus, Boston University and University of Oslo

SELECTED EDITED VOLUMES



Taxation and State Building in Developing Countries

Deborah Brautigam, Odd-Helge Fjeldstad and Mick Moore (Eds.) (2008)
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Developing countries face new and pressing challenges as they strive to build more effective and accountable public institutions. These difficulties differ from those experienced historically by OECD countries, yet patterns of state-society interaction, including taxation, remain central to the process. This book explores the vital links between taxation and state-building in a range of low and middle income countries, including China, Russia, Poland, Chile, Tanzania, Uganda and Ghana. It analyses whether taxation can provide the focus for constructive state-society bargaining and if global programmes of tax reform might be modified to take more account of state-building objectives.

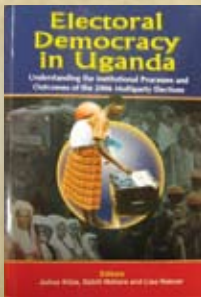
This is a book for both scholars and policymakers. It combines rigorous scrutiny of the evidence with practical suggestions for policy change.



Aid Relationships in Asia. Exploring Ownership in Japanese and Nordic Aid

Alf Morten Jerve, Yasutami Shimomura and Annette Skovsted Hansen (Eds.) (2008) Houndsmille, Basingstoke/ N.Y.: Palgrave MacMillan 237 p.

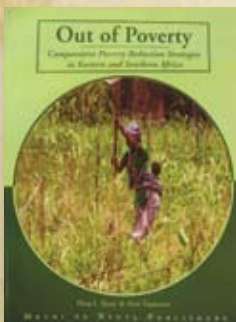
This book offers fresh perspectives on the current aid effectiveness and aid relationship debates by focusing on the issue of ownership. The book explores aid relationships from a recipient point of view through a range of country studies, including rapidly developing countries where aid plays a smaller role, such as China, Vietnam and Thailand, and more aid-dependent countries, such as Nepal, Sri Lanka and Mongolia.



Electoral Democracy in Uganda. Understanding Institutional Processes and Outcomes of the 2006 Multiparty Elections

Julius Kiiza, Sabiti Makara and Lise Rakner (Eds.) (2008) Kampala: Fountain Publishers 302 p

This book analyses the institutionalisation of democratic practice in the country with reference to the 2006 elections. The focus is on elections as a “test” of the strenght and legitimacy of political institutions. It is argued that elections are more than the casting and counting of ballots. The book analyses the 2006 elections in terms of the broader process.



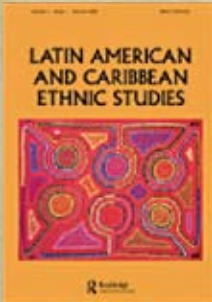
Out of Poverty. Comparative Poverty Reduction Strategies in Eastern and Southern Africa

Flora L. Kessy and Arne Tostensen (Eds.) (2008) Dar es Salaam: Mkuki Na Nyota Publishers Ltd 188 p.

This study examines, traces and maps the poverty reduction policies adopted by six countries in Eastern and Southern Africa since the mid-1990s with a view to highlighting differences and similarities. The first group of three countries - Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia - is made up of so-called Heavily

Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs), while the other three are non-HIPCs, comprising Botswana, Kenya and Namibia. Whereas the former are required to formulate Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) under terms of reference set by the IFIs, the latter are at liberty to chart home-grown strategies. The study compares these two categories of countries in order to ascertain whether their poverty reduction strategies differ substantially or largely converge. It is found that despite differences of nuance there is a strong tendency towards convergence of approach and design.

SELECTED PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES



Beyond the Permitted Indian? Bolivia and Guatemala in an Age of Neoliberal Developmentalism

McNeish, John-Andrew (2008)
 Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies vol. 3 no. 1 March 2008 pp 33-59

This paper outlines and discusses the contrasting histories of inclusion and contestation associated with the introduction of neoliberal and multicultural policies in Bolivia and Guatemala. In drawing out and discussing the ambiguities of mul-

ticulturalism in these countries, the paper aims to validate and further develop Charles Hale's recent thesis of the *indio permitido* (permitted Indian). Whereas Hale's thesis refers to a project of neoliberal governance and control, I argue that recent events reveal the partial failure of this project. As much as the idea of the *indio permitido* articulates a critique of the shortcomings and ambiguities of these reforms, it also points to the factors that account for salient innovations in the mass protests that have been taking place in both countries.

Democratizing a Dependent State: The Case of Afghanistan

Astri Suhrke (2008)
 Democratization vol. 15 no. 3 pp. 630-648

The post-Taliban democratic reforms in Afghanistan were in part a recreation of the past. Afghanistan has had six constitutions between 1923 and 1990, and most have provided for national assemblies and elections in one form or other. Yet the degree of foreign involvement in the

most recent reform process was unprecedented.

The heavy foreign hand contradicted the promise of national autonomy, representation, and fair process held out by the democratization agenda. By implicitly devaluing the institutions it sought to promote, the democratization process has also had potentially counterproductive effects. Moreover, while promoting democratization, Western governments simultaneously created a state so

dependent on external support that it deprived the critical institution of liberal democracy – the legislature – of its meaning. The logical response of the national assembly has been to engage mostly in politics with symbolic or nuisance value.

This study focuses on three areas of political reform: the structuring of the interim administration, the promulgation of a new constitution, and the establishment of the legislature.



The Depoliticisation of Development and the Democratisation of Politics in Tanzania: Parallel Structures as Obstacles to Delivering Services to the Poor

Siri Lange
 in Journal of Development Studies vol.44 no.8 pp. 1122-1144

Local democracy and the involvement of local communities in the provision of social services are central issues in the local government reforms that are presently being implemented in many developing countries. At the same time,

institutions that run parallel to local authorities, such as social funds and various user-committees, are established to improve accountability and participation. By focusing on actual political processes rather than administrative, legal, and fiscal aspects of decentralisation, this article traces the breakdown of two development projects in Tanzania to the existence of parallel structures, and suggests that user-committees and social funds should be integrated in local authority structures to avoid fragmentation of participation and to enhance local democracy.

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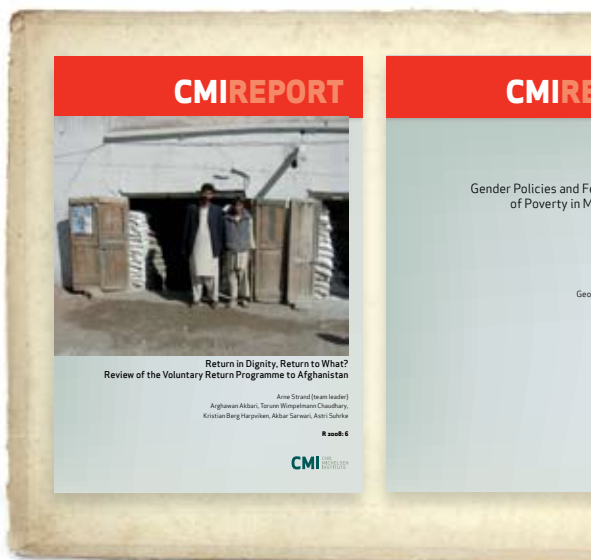
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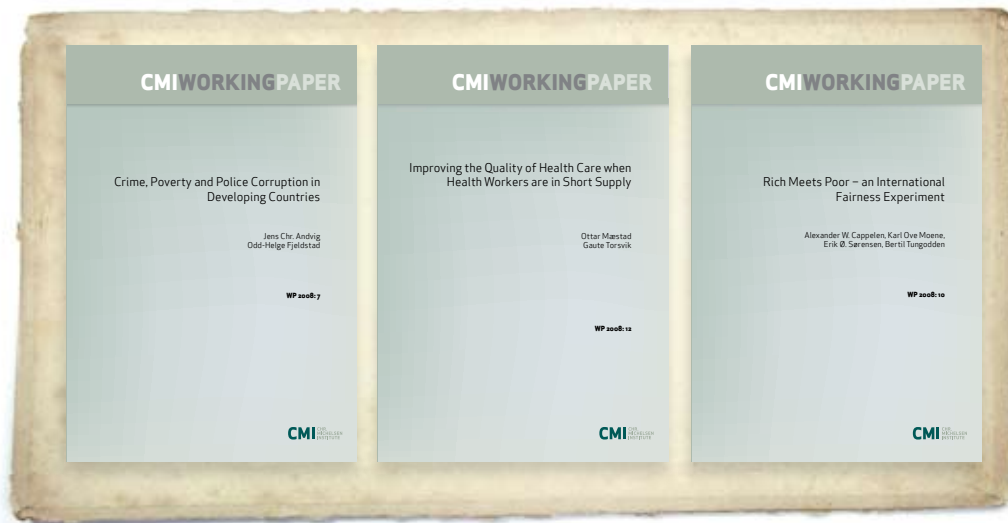
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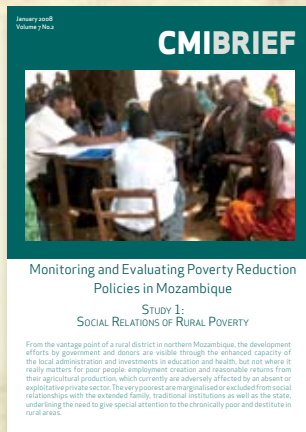
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The quote about 'taxi teachers' is from a participant at a U4 workshop in Honduras in October 2007. It illustrates, as it may seem, the peculiar distinctive mix of several corruption challenges in this country. Rigged tenders, an educational sector struggle to fight malpractice within teachers' unions, municipal management practices and schools, in order to provide more and better schooling to young Hondurans.

The resulting situation is one where, despite significant increases in available funds, the sector has not



Corruption in natural resource management - an introduction

Natural resources often provide fertile ground for corruption. Since a substantial number of partner countries in development cooperation are richly endowed with natural resources, these countries pose a particular challenge for effective donor action. The risk of corruption cuts across natural resource sectors - from non-renewable resources such as oil, gas, minerals and metals, to renewable resources such as forests, fisheries and land. There are, however, important variations in the challenges presented by these sectors and the manner in which corruption in relation to them can be addressed.

The basic relationship between corruption and natural resources is twofold. Firstly, the presence of natural resource endowments may cause corruption. The existence of appreciable resource revenues for which various small groups may vie, can result in a high level of non-ecological behaviour. Secondly, corruption itself occurs within natural resource management (NRM) systems themselves, leading to the sub-optimal use of these resources and to poor development outcomes in terms of

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Corruption-free education: Lessons from a State- and civil society joint initiative in Peru

A recent anti-corruption initiative targeting Peru's education sector was undertaken jointly by the Office of the Ombudsman and Transparency International's chapter in Peru, Proética. The initiative sought to help shape the public discussion surrounding educational reform by introducing the issue of corruption - one of several factors undermining the fundamental right of all to quality education. This U4 Brief reviews the initiative's methodology, findings, and lessons learned, including an overview of successful advocacy efforts targeting national educational authorities.

Brief description of the experience
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Embezzlement of donor funding in health projects

Donor funding has fuelled a vast increase in service delivery, medical research and clinical trials throughout the developing world. Yet there is a dark side to this rapidly needed influx of funding: with pressures to spend funds quickly and achieve results, projects may not pay sufficient attention to internal monitoring and security systems to protect against embezzlement. This U4 Brief analyses how this type of corruption occurred in a donor-funded project, and what can be done to minimise the risk.

Background
Embezzlement is defined as the misappropriation of property or funds legally entrusted to someone in their formal position as an agent or guardian. Everyone seems to believe that the people they hire are good employees who can be trusted to perform their responsibilities with integrity. But, the more well-meaning, hard working and honest employees in an organisation, the more of a target they become for theft or fraud.


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The impact of information and accountability on hospital procurement corruption in Argentina and Bolivia

Argentina and Bolivia have both attempted to curb corruption in procurement of hospital supplies. With varying degrees of success, their experiences tell a lesson: unless there are consequences attached to identified mal-practice, monitoring and publicising information will not guarantee sustained gains.

Introduction
While most studies on corruption have focused on abuse by police, customs, courts and public works, a great deal of public money and time is squandered in other public services, including public hospitals. Hospitals spend a great deal of money on supplies and have been the object of a wide range of scams, including kickbacks and delivery

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