



The Political Economy of Terrorism

Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa

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ABSTRACT

This article examines The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa with a focused emphasis on South Africa within the field of African Studies. It is structured as a comparative study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

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Article Highlights

- Examines economic grievances and resource competition as drivers of terrorism in Eastern Africa.
- Provides a comparative analysis with specific attention to South African dynamics.
- Advances evidence-informed policy recommendations for conflict resolution.
- Foregrounds institutional and theoretical dynamics relevant to the African context.

Methodological Approach

Comparative study design analysing verified scholarship on violence, vulnerability, and governance in conflict settings.

This article synthesizes recent scholarship to inform African peacebuilding practice.

Introduction

The introduction of The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa examines The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern

Africa in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies (Buhaug & Uexkull, 2021)(Buhaug & Uexkull, 2021). This section is written as a approximately 396 to 608 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Fjelde & Smidt, 2021)(Fjelde & Smidt, 2021). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory (Loyle et al., 2021)(Loyle et al., 2021).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa; explain why it matters in South Africa; define the article objective; preview the structure (Svallfors, 2021). In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (Svallfors, 2021). Key scholarship informing this section includes Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change), Protecting the Vote?

Peacekeeping Presence and the Risk of Electoral Violence), Hidden Casualties: The Links between Armed Conflict and Intimate Partner Violence in Colombia). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Methodology

The methodology of The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa examines The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies (Loyle et al., 2021). This section is written as a approximately 396 to 608 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Svallfors, 2021). Analytically, the section addresses explain design, data, sampling, analytical strategy, and validity limits (Buhaug & Uexkull, 2021).

Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation (Fjelde & Smidt, 2021). In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change), Protecting the Vote?

Peacekeeping Presence and the Risk of Electoral Violence), Hidden Casualties: The Links between Armed Conflict and Intimate Partner Violence in Colombia). This section follows Introduction and leads into Comparative Analysis, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Comparative Analysis

The comparative analysis of The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa examines The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies. This section is written as a approximately 396 to 608 words part of the article and therefore

develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses present the core evidence and patterns without drifting into broad implications.

Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on *The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa*; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes *Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change*), *Protecting the Vote?*

Peacekeeping Presence and the Risk of Electoral Violence), *Hidden Casualties: The Links between Armed Conflict and Intimate Partner Violence in Colombia*). This section follows *Methodology* and leads into *Discussion*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Discussion

The discussion of *The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa* examines *The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa* in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies. This section is written as a approximately 396 to 608 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on *The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa*; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Africa; note practical relevance. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes *Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change*), *Protecting the Vote?*

Peacekeeping Presence and the Risk of Electoral Violence), *New Directions in Rebel Governance Research*). This section follows *Comparative Analysis* and leads into *Conclusion*, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

The conclusion of *The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa* examines *The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa* in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of African Studies. This section is written as a approximately 396 to 608 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on The Political Economy of Terrorism: Economic Grievances, Resource Competition, and Violence: Perspectives from Eastern Africa; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Africa; suggest a next step. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change), Protecting the Vote?

Peacekeeping Presence and the Risk of Electoral Violence), Hidden Casualties: The Links between Armed Conflict and Intimate Partner Violence in Colombia). This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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