



Complex Solutions to Local Problems

The Dilemma of the African Union in Somalia

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This book looks at Indigenous alternative solutions to the conflict in Somalia that were available prior to the African Union’s (AU) peacekeeping operation – AMISOM. It argues that despite the long-standing stalemate between AMISOM and Al-Shabaab, it is not too late for the AU to source these Indigenous approaches and use them. It concludes that the longer it takes the AU to wake up to this reality, especially considering the crisis in Europe and the United States, the more likely they would lose out in the protracted war with Al-Shabaab. Problem Solving and the Conflict Tree are used as theories of analysis.

Readership

The book will be useful to scholars, peace practitioners, bureaucrats and students interested in peace, conflict and Africa.

Key selling points

- Consolidates on the relatively new theory, ‘the dominant single narrative’
- Contests the widely held status of Al-Shabaab as a terrorist organization and traces its origins to the Islamic Courts Union to portray the group as the nationalist that they really are
- Examines for the first time from an objective perspective the African Union’s mission in Somalia and shows the peace operation to be the miscalculation it really is
- Shows how fickle the African Union is in decision-making when the interests of its benefactors are at stake

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