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Explores the Indigenous alternative solutions to the conflict in Somalia that were available prior to the African Union’s peacekeeping operation.

This book examines Indigenous alternative solutions to the conflict in Somalia that were available prior to the African Union’s (AU) peacekeeping operation – AMISOM. Bearing the long-standing stalemate with Al-Shabaab, this book contends that the AU should retrace its steps and utilise these Indigenous approaches else it would lose out in a protracted war. AMISOM was a product of the extremely biased mainstream/Western narrative that has done great harm on the continent. So it is high time Africans tell their story of what the issues really are and encourage its IGOs to do the same in addressing issues on the continent, Somalia inclusive. The Single Story Thesis was the method of analysis adopted for this book.

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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