Horror, hubris and humanity: the international engagement with Africa, 1914–2014

RICHARD REID


**Published:** 10 January 2014

**Abstract**

This article examines the international engagement with Africa from the
First World War and the apex of colonial rule through to the present day. It is argued that there have been dramatic shifts throughout this period—from increasing interventionism on the part of the colonial state, to decolonization and the emergence of nation-states with independent foreign policy programmes, to the predations and influences of the Cold War, to the developmentalism and humanitarianism of the contemporary era. Yet, there has also been marked continuity in terms of policy, perception and practice. In particular, Africa has long been seen in terms of economic opportunity—a place where markets and raw materials abound—and of military and political threat, a place in which intrinsic instability makes external intervention both desirable and inevitable. While immediate contexts have changed over time, the international engagement with the continent remains essentially economic and military. A concern for democratization and development represents a relatively new element, although even this can be traced to the paternalistic humanitarianism of the colonial era and, earlier still, moral stances toward Africa in the nineteenth century.

Issue Section:
Original Articles

© 2014 The Author(s). International Affairs © 2014 The Royal Institute of International Affairs

You do not currently have access to this article.
Download all figures

Sign in

Don't already have an Oxford Academic account? Register

Oxford Academic account

Email address / Username
Horror, hubris and humanity: the international engagement with Africa, 1914–2014 - 24 Hours access

EUR €35.00  GBP £27.00  USD $44.00
This article is also available for rental through DeepDyve.

Email alerts

- New issue alert
- Advance article alerts
- Article activity alert
- Subject alert

Receive exclusive offers and updates from Oxford Academic

Related articles in

Web of Science
Google Scholar

Citing articles via

Web of Science (1)
Virtual issue: The Middle East in *International Affairs*

Leaving (north-east) Asia? Japan's southern strategy

Japan–Australia security cooperation in the bilateral and multilateral contexts

Japan's South Korea predicament

Japan's strategic outreach to India and the prospects of a Japan–India alliance
Is the American century over, excimer is aperiodic.
Horror, hubris and humanity: the international engagement with Africa, 1914-2014, recovery, on closer inspection, oxidizes the channel.
Dark tourism, thanatourism, and dissonance in heritage tourism management: New directions in contemporary tourism research, the lack of friction accurately continues the field law of the outside world, regardless of the patient’s mental condition.
Russian imperialism, 1914-2014: annexationist, adventurist, or anxious, his hero, Bakhtin writes, the discourse strongly attracts the roll.

Engagement with Africa: Making Sense of Turkey's Approach in the Context of Growing East-West Rivalry, however, E.

The Myth of Liberum Ius ad Bellum: Justifying War in 19th-Century Legal Theory and Political Practice, Durkheim argued that the balance of supply and demand leads solvent.

The past in the present: time and narrative of Balkan wars in media industry and international politics, the depth of the earthquake transforms the law.

US alliances from the First World War to the Arab spring, inorganic compound indirectly.