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recognized as the textbook on african politics as well as an excellent resource for scholars politics and society in contemporary africa analyzes the complexities and diversities of the african continent since independence the authors provide a basic knowledge of political

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60 years after independence african nations still find it difficult to face a number of challenges from establishing meaningful democratic institutions to establish social structures centered on the advancement of gender equality this volume approaches these contemporary african challenges while combating a reflexive and facile afro pessimism

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contested terrains and constructed categories brings together intellectuals from a variety of fields backgrounds generations and continents to deepen and reinvigorate the theoretical and intellectual integrity of african studies building on recent debate within african studies that has revolved around the role of africanists in the united states as gatekeepers of knowledge about africa and africans this volume of interdisciplinary essays focuses on the contested character of the production of knowledge itself in every chapter case studies and ethnographic materials drawn from such regions as south africa mozambique zimbabwe the malagasy republic angola ghana and senegal demonstrate the application of theory to concrete situations

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it is impossible to study africa without understanding the debate about how to study africa at last a book showcases the complexities and paradoxes of africa s recent and more distant history while avoiding simplistic eurocentric conceptualizations of black africa with this book peyi soyinka aiwerele and rita kiki edozie offer students the background and perspectives they need to comprehend the dynamics of the continent as well as a clear path through the current

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in citizen and subject mahmood mamdani challenges dominant views of the crisis of postcolonial africa many studies emphasize that the problems the continent faces are home grown the consequence of poor government widespread corruption and other local factors citizen and subject insists that the current crisis the institutional legacy of colonialism mamdani explains that reforms after independence have deracialized but not democratized the african state nor have they abolished the two pronged structure of the colonial era characterized by different systems of administration one traditional and rural the other urban and modern instead they have simply reproduced them tainting these institutions with the colonial legacy and making them unfit for purpose book jacket

interrogating well known concerns in the areas of regionalism and economic integration in contemporary africa contemporary regional development in africa offers an added uniqueness by highlighting the capacity imperatives of the issues and proposing critical policy guideposts the volume juxtaposes a set of dynamic entanglement new and micro regionalism informal cross border trade intra african and african fdi plus cross border investments infrastructure development science and technology regional value chains conflict management and regional security with fluid interpretations of regional development

the making of contemporary africa provides a refreshing reinterpretation of the complex events in sub saharan africa since the eighteenth century it also serves as a succinct introduction to the history of modern africa incorporating in the text a critical appraisal of the best scholarship in recent years the book first examines indigenous social development and the significance of contact with pre industrial europe following the industrial revolution the impact of colonialism is considered from the perspective of class formation and capital penetration social and cultural changes during this period are given special attention decolonisation and the post colonial development of africa are analysed on the foundation of basic economic changes not by the usual narrowly conceived chronological political catalogue new chapters look at the revolutionary process in southern africa and focus on the contemporary themes of economic crisis structural adjustment and the pitfalls of democratisation from amazon com feb 19 2014

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