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Colonial Legacy and the Refracted State: Africa in ...

The colonial state, centralized, racialised and ethicized power Obviously, this may be the of the precursor stateless nation that scholars have identified in the modern African states In a fundamental sense therefore, the post-colonial governance became even more autocratic

THE STATE IN AFRICA

by colonial law, they merit such epithets as “external”, “quasi-state”, “artificial” or “pseudo-state” In counterpoint to this view, Jean François Bayard (1989) pro-poses a historical view of the State in Africa built upon the bases of pre-colonial State traditions and on the colonial experience Contemporary African ...

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African Colonial States Abstract This chapter sketches a history of European colonial states in Africa, north and south of the Sahara, during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries It explains when and why colonial states emerged, what they did, how they worked, and who shaped them Noting discrepancies between the theory and practice of colonial

Analysis of Colonialism and Its Impact in Africa

of long years of colonial dominance, exploitation and imperialism Consequently, on attainment of independence by most African states from their colonial overlords, it was extremely very diffi cult to disentangle from the colonial perfected role for the state because of the systematic disarticulation in the indigenous economy and the

COLONIAL AND POST-COLONIAL AFRICA

African societies into the world economy, the social, political and medical impact of imperial policies, Western popular images of Africa in the colonial period, the nationalist struggles that resulted in the independent African states, and the persistent problems faced by those post-colonial states In the final

An Overview of the Debate on the African State

Ahluwalia provides an introduction to the crisis of the African state, African studies, and the conceptualization of the African state In "The African State in Social Science Discourse in the Twenty-First Century" (2002), Sha introduces Alavi's articulation of the post-colonial state and Forrest's theory

Colonialism and Economic Development in Africa

an unlikely consensus with colonial administrators in believing that European colonization would have very positive effects on African economic development By 1926 a British academic was writing of an "Economic Revolution in British West Africa" unleashed by the colonial powers on backward Africa (McPhee, 1926)

African Civilizations: From The Pre-Colonial to the Modern Day

African peoples to adapt from early state formation to the present day It demonstrates how Africa was generally harmed by Western influence from the dawn of the transatlantic slave trade to colonial domination to disproportionate commerce in today 1 Introduction

CONSTITUTIONALISM AND THE CHALLENGES OF ...

Thus post-colonial African state could not guarantee freedom and justice for ordinary Africans This being the case because it could not provide "the essential foundation for the pursuit of public benefits- peace, welfare and the opportunity for individuals to pursue their own happiness" (Christopher, C ...

African Affairs (2004), 103, 23-49 ? Royal African Society ...

Legacy of the African colonial state The legacy of the African colonial state defined its post-colonial successor in a number of important ways⁶ The colonial state formation in Africa had unique features, when compared with counterparts in other regions The subjugation of Africa occurred relatively late in the age of imperial-

Political Violence and State Formation in Post-Colonial Africa

colonial state politicized tradition by turning it into a political project The result was a new mode of governance, one based on a state-sanctioned and state-enforced discrimination In India, that discrimination was based on race and religion; in 20 th century African colonies, it ...

The triple causes of African underdevelopment: Colonial ...

influence of colonial states (Cooper, 2002) For instance, as Cooper (1996) explains, African workers in French and British Africa challenged the colonial approach that tried to reduce them to voiceless colonial subjects, and resisted the colonial practices as human actors Hence, understanding the dialectical relationship between

ECOLOGY, TRADE AND STATES IN PRE-COLONIAL AFRICA

data to overcome this limitation I take data on state centralization for 440 societies in pre-colonial sub-Saharan Africa from Murdock's (1967) Ethnographic Atlas Merging the map of African ethnic groups from Murdock (1959) with information on African ecological zones from White (1983), I am able to compute for each society an index of its

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM OF ETHNICITY IN AFRICA?

character of the state in Africa A law unto itself, the colonial state used violence to maintain its domination, to appropriate the colony's resources, to proletarianize peasants in order to ensure an adequate labour supply for its projects, to maintain order against a hostile population

Africa's Political Boundaries: Colonial

definition of a state, "a corporate group that has a monopoly of legitimate violence over a territory and its population"¹⁴ ? merely underscores the problematical character of the post-colonial African state Weber's definition was by the late 1980s clearly not characteristic of the "states" which purportedly ruled many African countries By the

TrADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CORRUPTION IN PrE ...

It maintains that traditional African leaders in the pre-colonial period could hardly be said to be corrupt, because of the communal spirit that guided their operation

CAPITALISM IN PRE-COLONIAL AFRICA A REVIEW African ...

development in pre-colonial Africa Low population densities, high transport costs and scattered areas where cultivation of economic surpluses was possible were among the factors that constrained state formation and state centralization in pre-colonial Africa (Herbst 2000, Austin 2008 and Iliffe 1995)

The Impact of Colonialism on African Economic Development

colonial powers arrested the natural development of the African economic system Africa prior to colonialism was not economically isolated from the rest of the world Indeed, African states had engaged in international trade from the time of the pharaohs of ancient Egypt, and west Africa specifically had

African Customary Law, Customs, and Women's Rights

legislation, both colonial (adopted from the colonial state) and post-independence legislation enacted by Parliament Customary law is the indigenous law of the various ethnic groups of Africa The pre-colonial law in most African states was essentially customary in character,