



Jihadism enters its final phase

In Morocco, the monarchy guarantees Islam while the state is responsible for secular affairs. In Tunisia, the new constitution separates state and religion. There is thus now a process in place in North Africa that might bring an end to violent jihadism.

[Read interview with guest researcher Rachid Benlabbah.](#)

No legal option for migrants



The European Union is very wide of the mark in its efforts to deal with migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean, according to NAI researcher Anitta Kynsilehto. Instead, long-term solutions on legal labour migration to Europe, as well as legal ways of seeking asylum, must be provided.

[Read interview with Kynsilehto.](#)

War affects sexual debut

Rwanda and DR Congo have both been plagued by violent wars that have left millions of dead. These large-scale conflicts can be measured, but so too can everyday events in women's lives. In this way, the connection between war and everyday life can be identified.

[Read interview with NAI stipendiate Elina Lindskog.](#)

Honeymoon is over for Buhari

FAMILY COMES FIRST

Too often, family and neighbours come first when African leaders decide how to spend public funds. However, donors must be aware of the great variations across countries, argues [Ann-Sofie Isaksson](#) in this new [Policy Note](#).

HINDRANCE TO PEACEBUILDING

The practices and habits of foreign peacebuilders often have unintended consequences that thwart international peacebuilding efforts. Séverine Autesserre will give a public lecture on 5 May at NAI that draws on her book *Peaceland: Conflict resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention*. The lecture will be filmed and available on the NAI webpage.

[See invitation.](#)

FICTION AND FACTS OF CRIME

On 21 May, the NAI library will host the African Crime Fiction day. Four writers from Africa will talk about their work and discuss with researchers different perspectives on, and perceptions about, crime.

[See programme and participants.](#)

FAITH AS POLITICS

NAI director Iina Soiri and NAI senior advisor Henning Melber take part on 11 May in a symposium to commemorate the South African clergyman Beyers Naudé. After the Sharpeville massacre in 1960, he left the white reformed church, which supported the apartheid regime. Naudé later succeeded Desmond Tutu as the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

[Read full programme.](#)

GERMANS IN NAMIBIA

This book, targeting a German-speaking audience, critically analyses SWAPO as a liberation movement in power, as well as the opportunities for social justice in postcolonial Namibia.

[Order book by Henning Melber.](#)

FINDING CLUES FOR DAILY SURVIVAL

The life of ordinary inhabitants in Jos is largely dictated by their ability to overcome the challenges posed by the lack of basic necessities such as water, electricity and fuel.

[Read article by Erik and Ulrika Trovalla in the City.](#)



Fair elections, victory for the opposition and an incumbent president accepting defeat – this is fairly unusual in an African context. However, the honeymoon is over and tough challenges await newly elected Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari.

[Read interview with Victor Adetula.](#)

POLITICS FUELS ATTACKS ON MIGRANTS

“This situation is hauntingly similar to apartheid, when people classified as citizens of Bantustans were the targets of ruthless discrimination. The case pitted citizens against ‘foreigners,’ as black Africans were categorised as foreigners in their own country. Now foreigners are again on the receiving end of the blame,” [writes NAI researcher Annika Teppo on her blog.](#)

Achille Mbembe writes about the South African government’s recent harsh stand on immigration, which is turning legal migrants into illegal ones and thus fuelling the violence. [Read article on Mats Utas’s blog.](#)

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