



Burundi is not Rwanda

Fear is spreading in Burundi, a country with a history of ethnic violence between Hutu and Tutsi. This scenario brings to mind the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. However, the situation in the two countries is very different. [Jesper Bjarnesen](#), senior researcher at NAI, [explains why](#).

Democracy or one party?



In June, Al-Bashir, Sudan's leader since 1989, was sworn in for another five years as president. Few if any experts had expected any other outcome of the 2015 election. But will the 71 year old ex-military leader, who is accused by the ICC of war crimes in Darfur, continue his initiatives for national dialogue and overcome the country's major economic and security hurdles? [Read more.](#)

Weak land investments



"Unfortunately many land investments are weak when it comes to local employment or other social benefits for the rural population", NAI researcher [Atakilte Beyene](#) states. [See video clip.](#)

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES

A sociologist, an archaeologist and a criminologist. Our research team at the Nordic Africa Institute will be strengthened in September by the arrival of three new guest researchers.

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TANZANIA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Looking back, looking ahead is a collection of research essays focused on East Africa, with an emphasis on Tanzania. It is published as a festschrift to Professor Kjell Havnevik who this summer retired from the Nordic Africa Institute. A book launch seminar will be held on Tuesday 15 September at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala.

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RETURN MIGRANTS AS DEVELOPERS?

"Just because people have lived in Europe does not mean they are able to overcome structural problems in their countries of origin", NAI researcher [Lisa Åkesson](#) says. Åkesson and [Maria Eriksson Baaz](#) are editors of new Zed Book that questions the idea of African return migrants as the new developers.

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NAI researcher [Maria Malmström](#) contributes with one chapter on the making of pure womanhood among Muslim women in Cairo and is interviewed in another chapter on female genital cutting.

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