



The only option for Ethiopia

There is no alternative but to combine smallholder production with large-scale commercial farms, according to NAI guest researcher Wondwosen Michago Seide. Yet many are concerned about land investments and view them as means of colonising and scrambling African states.

[Read interview with Wondhosen](#) that tells us that in Ethiopia most investments in land are domestic.

Lost appetite for reading



Run-down buildings and crimes on every street corner – is that how central Johannesburg is portrayed?

[Read interview with NAI guest researcher Kudzayi Ngara](#) that examines urban spaces in literature.

Immigration and the oil boost



Last autumn, the Angolan economy was thriving, boosted by the country's oil exports. Now, just a few months later, oil prices have plunged dramatically, changing the opportunities on the labour market.

[Read interview with Pétur Waldorff](#).

West can learn from Liberia

Africa is not exceptional. On the contrary, studies of African rebel movements can help us understand what is going on in other parts of the world, including today's Ukraine. Both in Liberia and in Ukraine the armed conflict is question of strategy to obtain political goals.

[Read interview with Ilmari Käihkö](#).

DAMMED DIVINITIES

NAI researcher [Terje Oestigaard](#) describes in a brand new Current African Issues how a water spirit can block a billion dollar dam. He also recounts the ritual drama behind the repeated efforts to relocate the spirit so that construction of the dam could proceed. [Download publication](#).

LEARNING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

How can research and higher education provide quality basic education for all children, youth and adults?

[NAI researcher Måns Fellesson](#) participates in this [conference in Arusha](#), Tanzania 27 – 29 April.

NO SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT

A number of recent studies have expressed optimism about the constant decrease in armed conflicts around the world. The prognosis for Africa does not reflect the same optimism. One reason is persisting poverty. Another is bad governance that cannot deliver decent public services and goods to the people.

[Download Current African Issues](#) by Victor Adetula.

SIX WAYS TO END CONFLICT

[NAI researcher Redie Bereketeab](#) gives six recommendations on how to end the conflict in war-torn South Sudan. Two of them are: political parties must get serious and Ugandan troops must leave.

Read his [new Policy Note](#).

CRIME FICTION AT NAI

African authors and NAI researchers will discuss trends in African crime fiction. 21 May, [read program here](#).

HIGH DEMANDS ON PEACE OPERATIONS

Peace operations in Africa are a difficult task because of the complex security environments. This also complicates long-term peace and state building.

[Read publication drawn from seminar](#) on Strategic Options for the future of African Peace Operations 2015-2025, with [NAI researcher Linnéa Gelot](#).

ALL LIGHT ON CONGO

The conflict in Congo has been described as the bloodiest war since the Second World War. A seminar 20 April at Uppsala Konsert and Kongress highlights three of its root causes: Land, identities and power.

[NAI researcher Anders Sjögren](#) moderates the debate.

[See program here \(in Swedish\)](#).

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