

The State of the State in Sub-Saharan Africa

Panel abstract

The global economic crisis has sparked growing interest in the role of the state in the economy. However, attention has moved little beyond standard analyses of Chinese state capitalism or German corporatism. The purpose of this panel is to further the academic and policy discourse by highlighting the latest research on the changing role of the state in sub-Saharan Africa, with cases from Cameroon, Kenya, and Rwanda.

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Papers

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