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Indirect rule redux: the political economy of diamond mining and its relation to the Ebola outbreak in Kono District, Sierra Leone

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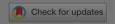
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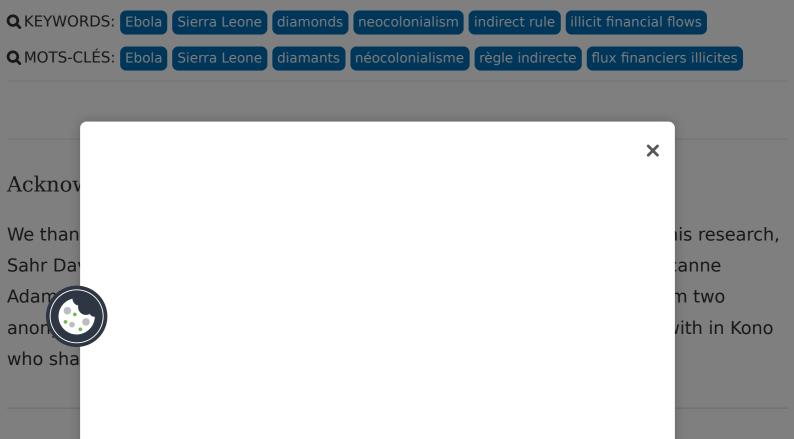
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the outbreak and in its aftermath, they show how this 'indirect rule redux' undermines democratic governance and the development of revenue-generation institutions. Finally, they consider the linkages between indirect rule and the Ebola outbreak, vis-à-vis the consequences of the region's intentionally underdeveloped health care infrastructure and the scaffolding of outbreak containment onto the paramount chieftaincy system.

RÉSUMÉ

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Cet article explore la relation entre l'épidémie d'Ebola de 2014-2016 et la politique économique de l'extraction de diamants dans le district de Kono, au Sierra Leone. Les auteurs avancent que des entreprises étrangères ont recyclé les stratégies coloniales de la « règle indirecte » afin de faciliter le flux de ressources hors du Sierra Leone. S'appuyant sur de la recherche de terrain conduite pendant l'épidémie et après, il est démontré comment ce retour de la « règle indirecte » sape la gouvernance démocratique et le développement d'institutions qui génèrent du revenu. Enfin, cet article s'intéresse aux liens entre la « règle indirecte » et l'épidémie d'Ebola, vis-à-vis des conséquences de l'infrastructure de soins de santé intentionnellement sous-développée dans la région et les tentatives de confinement de l'épidémie pour le système essentiel de chefferie.



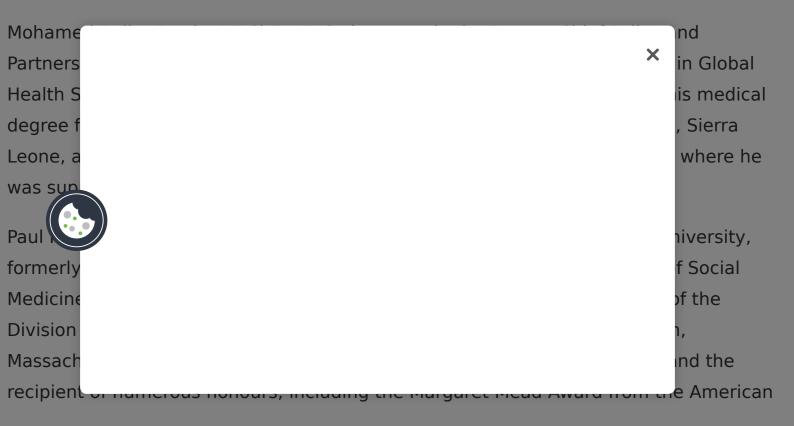
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1 For a discussion of possible 'indigenous' pre-colonial governing institutions connected with the poro society (the male 'secret society' for many West African Mande ethnic groups that may have served as a check on the unilateral power of local chiefs), see Little 1965. The colonial authorities sought to suppress the influence of the poro and

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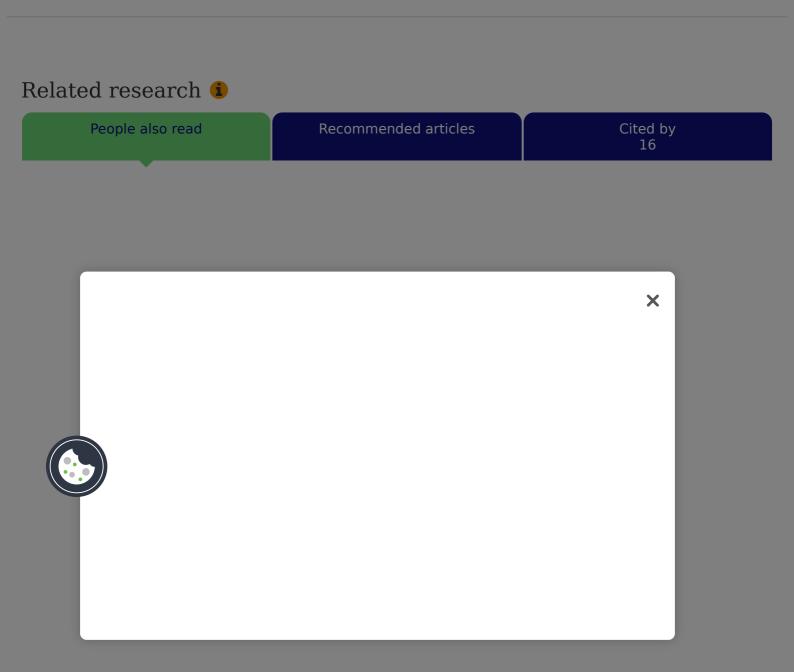
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