



The Hazards of Strange Bedfellows - The United States, Nigeria, and Peacekeeping in West Africa

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Instability in West Africa presents U.S. decision-makers with a conundrum. America's domestic imperative to avoid new entangling commitments abroad is tempered by the CNN effect - the need to do something to alleviate the plight of those affected by armed conflict. Responding to these contradictory pressures, successive U.S. administrations have advocated reliance on Africans to maintain peace and security on the continent. This approach, while consistent with Chapter VIII of the United Nations charter, has practical limitations. This book is focused on U.S. support for Nigerian military intervention in West Africa, using events in Liberia and Sierra Leone as case studies. The wisdom of working through a regional hegemon to resolve conflict in third countries is examined, as is the utility of peacekeeping itself. The body of this work is divided into four main parts, dealing with Liberia, Sierra Leone, U.N. peacekeeping, and U.S. foreign policy. In Liberia's corner of West Africa, demographics and globalization have both contributed to a contagious anarchy. At its heart, however, the spreading instability in the region is not caused by...



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