

Propositions

Attached to the thesis

External interventions and conflicts in Africa after the end of the Cold War

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1. The conceptualization and operationalization of civil war is a compromise over the best combination of validity and reliability requirements. (thesis)
2. Partisan military interventions escalate conflict intensity. (thesis)
3. Neutral mediation has no statistical effect on conflict intensity once controlling for reverse causality. (thesis)
4. Neutral diplomatic and neutral military interventions can have a de-escalatory effect on conflict intensity. (thesis)
5. The African Peace and Security Architecture has policy exceptions to the United Nations Security Council primacy over decisions about military interventions. (thesis)
6. On a scientific enquire normative considerations are acceptable solely on the identification of the research question.
7. Political conflict is a process with violent and non-violent expressions.
8. The intentions of interventions are a fundamental characteristic determining the effect of the interventions.
9. The nature of multilateral peace missions is most of the time substantively different from unilateral state interventions.
10. The African Peace and Security Architecture and its relationship with the United Nations has the potential to influence the development of the global security system.
11. We have to be the change we want to see.