

Regional bibliography

Notes

Disclaimer: as Wenzel has already observed, it is sheer impossible to provide a comprehensive list on human security issues in Africa's past and present, whether classified by region or by theme. What follows is an idle, partial, and highly subjective attempt.

Division

For the regional subdivisions this list follows the subdivision and list as laid down by the African Union.¹ This divides the continent into five regions: **North Africa** (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sahrawi Arab [Democratic Republic Western Sahara], Tunisia), **East Africa** (Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda), **West Africa** (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo), **Central Africa** (Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, São Tome and Principe) and **Southern Africa** (Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe).

As North Africa does not make part of the ANTHUSIA project, it does not feature in the bibliography below. Also note that the African Union lists the diaspora as its sixth region (again, not withheld in the list below).

Selection criteria

- The list below was compiled using repositories such as JSTOR and EBSCO host, and search engines including the KU Leuven LIMO system and Google Scholar; general search terms included "(human) security", "insecurity," "vulnerability", "uncertainty," "(structural, political, economic, electoral, police, ...) violence" and their variations.
More specific queries aimed for the five major themes in the ANTHUSIA project (see below: "health security", livelihood, ...).
- A first round yielded some 1400 references; from these, and for practical reasons, some twenty-five references per region were selected. The full bibliography is available upon request ☺.
- Excluded from the list below are North Africa and the African diaspora as they do not make explicit part of the ANTHUSIA project.

¹ Note that the United Nations' geoscheme for Africa proposes a different subdivision: **Northern Africa** (Algeria, Canary Islands, Ceuta, Egypt, Libya, Madeira, Melilla, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Western Sahara; these countries do not feature in the bibliography below), **Eastern Africa** (Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Réunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe), **Central Africa** (Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, São Tome and Principe), **Western Africa** (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Saint Helena, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo) and **Southern Africa** (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa).

- Especially when taking the past into account, “human security” covers a vast research domain (including, for instance, everything related to (de)colonization). So this overview focuses on the five themes covered by the ANTHUSIA project:
 - *Health* security and mental health security (ESR 1, 3)
 - epidemics, welfare (medical anthropology,)
 - *Livelihood* (social and economic) security (ESR 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12)
 - agriculture, pastoralism, urban livelihood, poverty, (urban and rural) land issues, rural livelihoods, urban-rural divide, refugees, IDPs, welfare, employment (economic anthropology, urban anthropology, political anthropology)
 - *political security* (ESR 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11)
 - Border issues, land issues; political action; urban youth, refugees, IDPs, infrastructures of security, resource security, humanitarian intervention (political anthropology, anthropology of youth, border studies, historical anthropology)
 - *Environmental security* (ESR 7, 8, 9, 10),
 - Land issues, infrastructures, energy (ESR 7)
 - Human security and *development* (ESR 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14)
 - Development; infrastructures of security, humanitarian interventions (development studies; political anthropology; economic anthropology).
 - This bibliography is limited to publications in French and English (so excluding German, Spanish, Portuguese, and publications in local languages)...
 - ... that were published after 1999.
 - Its centre of gravity is on anthropological publications, even if the boundaries of the discipline are often blurry and as often branch out into others.

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