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Abolafia, M. 1996. *Making Markets: opportunism and restraint on Wall Street*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Bayart, J.F., S. Ellis & B. Hibou 1997. *La Criminalisation de l'État en Afrique*. Paris: Editions Complexe.

Colclough, C. & J. Manor, eds. 1991. *States or Markets? Neoliberalism and the development policy debate*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Reno, W. 1995. *Corruption and State Politics in Sierra Leone*. Cambridge University Press.

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#### Articles

Raynaut, C. 1977. 'Circulation monétaire et évolution des structures socio-économiques chez les Haoussas du Niger', *Africa* 47, 2: 160-71.

Scott, J. 1969. 'The analysis of corruption in developing nations', *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 11: 315-41.

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### Chapters in Books

Grosh, B. 1988. 'Comparing parastatal and private manufacturing firms: would privatisation improve performance?', in P. Coughlin & G.K. Ikiara, eds. *Industrialisation in Kenya: in search of a strategy*. Nairobi: Heinemann Kenya, 251-64.

Heidenheimer, A. 1989. 'Perspectives on the perception of corruption', in Heidenheimer & al. *Political Corruption*. [where full reference appears elsewhere in the References]

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### Official Publications

United Nations Centre for Environment and Development (UNCED). 1992. *Agenda 21: Rio Declaration, Forest Principles*. Rio de Janeiro: UNCED.

Zanzibar Revolutionary Government (ZRG). 1990. *Zanzibar: the informal sector 1990*. Zanzibar: ZRG Department of Statistics.

### Academic Publications

Blundo, G. 1998. 'Elus locaux, associations paysannes et courtiers du développement au Sénégal: une anthropologie politique de la décentralisation dans le Sud-Est du bassin arachidier (1974-1995)'. Lausanne, thèse de doctorat.

Sindzingre, A. 1994. 'État, développement et rationalité en Afrique: contribution à une analyse de la corruption'. Bordeaux: CEAN, Travaux et Documents, 43.

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A list of newspapers and magazines referred to, with their place of publication, is provided in a separate section after the main list of references:

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Blundo, G. 1996. 'Bavardages, rumeurs et accusations: d'une ethnographie de la corruption?', ms.

Myers, G. 1995b. 'Survey of Construction Industry Operators' (unpublished fieldwork).

Zanzibar National Archives (ZNA). 1938, file AW 2/100, *The Ng'ambo Area Folder*. Zanzibar: Protectorate of Zanzibar.

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