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Between 1986 and 1994 East Africa's postcolonial, political settlement was profoundly challenged as four revolutionary 'liberation' movements seized power in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Uganda. After years of armed struggle against vicious dictatorships, these movements transformed from rebels to rulers, promising to deliver 'fundamental change'. This study exposes, examines and underlines the acute challenges each has faced in doing so.

Drawing on over 130 interviews with the region's post-liberation elite, undertaken over the course of a decade, Jonathan Fisher takes a fresh and empirically grounded approach to explaining the fast-moving politics of the region over the last three decades, focusing on the role and influence of its guerrilla governments. *East Africa after Liberation* sheds critical light on the competing pressures that post-liberation governments contend with as they balance reformist aspirations with accommodation of countervailing interests, historical trajectories and their own violent organisational cultures.

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Abbreviations

ADC	<i>Aide-de-camp</i>
ADF	Allied Democratic Forces (Zaire/Congo)
AFDL	Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo/ <i>Alliance des Forces Démocratiques pour la Libération du Congo-Zaïre</i> (Zaire/Congo)
AIAI	<i>Al-Itihaad Al-Islamiya</i>
ANDM	Amhara National Democratic Movement
ANC	African National Congress (South Africa)
AU	African Union
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (US)
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ELF	Eritrean Liberation Front (Eritrea)
ENDM	Ethiopian National Democratic Movement (Ethiopia)
EPDM	Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (Ethiopia)
EPLF	Eritrean People's Liberation Front (Eritrea)
EPRDF	Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (Ethiopia)
EPRP	Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (Ethiopia)
ERA	Eritrean Relief Agency (Eritrea)
ESO	External Security Organisation (Uganda)
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK)
FDC	Forum for Democratic Change (Uganda)
FRELIMO	<i>Frente de Libertação de Moçambique</i> (Mozambique)

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FRONASA	Front for National Salvation (Uganda)
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGADD	Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development
ISO	Internal Security Organisation (Uganda)
MLC	Movement for the Liberation of Congo (DRC)
MLLT	Marxist-Leninist League of Tigray (Ethiopia)
MP	Member of Parliament
MPLA	<i>Movimento Popular para Libertação de Angola</i> (Angola)
MRNDD	National Republican Movement for Democracy and Development/ <i>Mouvement Républicain National pour la Démocratie et le Développement</i> (Rwanda)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIF	National Islamic Front (Sudan)
NRA	National Resistance Army (Uganda)
NRM	National Resistance Movement (Uganda)
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OLF	Oromo Liberation Front (Ethiopia)
OPDO	Oromo People's Democratic Organisation (Ethiopia)
PAFO	Parliamentary Advocacy Forum (Uganda)
PFDJ	People's Front for Democracy and Justice (Eritrea)
PRA	People's Redemption Army (Uganda)
RANU	Rwandese Alliance for National Unity (Rwanda)
RC	Resistance Council (Uganda)
RCD	Rally for Congolese Democracy (DRC)
REST	Relief Society of Tigray (Ethiopia)
RPF	Rwandan Patriotic Front (Rwanda)
SEPDM	Southern Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (Ethiopia)
SNM	Somali National Movement (Somalia/ Somaliland)

SPLM/A	Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/ Army (Sudan/South Sudan)
SWAPO	South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO)
TNO	Tigrayan National Organization (Ethiopia)
TPLF	Tigrayan People's Liberation Front (Ethiopia)
UFM	Uganda Freedom Movement (Uganda)
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNITA	<i>União para Independência Total de Angola</i> (Angola)
UNLA	Uganda National Liberation Front (Uganda)
UPC	Uganda People's Congress (Uganda)
UPDF	Uganda People's Defence Force (Uganda)
US	United States
USAID	United States Agency for International Development (US)
USARF	University Students' African Revolutionary Front
USC	United Somali Congress (Somalia)
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
ZANU (P-F)	Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic-Front) (Zimbabwe)
ZAPU	Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zimbabwe)