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Drawing on rich oral histories from over two hundred in-depth interviews in West Africa, Europe, and North America, Robtel Neajai Pailey examines socio-economic change in Liberia, Africa's first black republic, through the prism of citizenship. Marking how historical policy changes on citizenship and contemporary public discourse on dual citizenship have impacted development policy and practice, she reveals that as Liberia transformed from a country of immigration to one of emigration, so too did the nature of citizenship, thus influencing claims for and against dual citizenship.

In this engaging contribution to scholarly and policy debates about citizenship as a continuum of inclusion and exclusion, and development as a process of both amelioration and degeneration, Pailey develops a new model for conceptualising citizenship within the context of crisis-affected states. In doing so, she offers a postcolonial critique of the neoliberal framing of diasporas and donors as *the* panacea to post-war reconstruction.

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Acronyms

ABA	American Bar Association
ACDL	Association for Constitutional Democracy in Liberia
ACS	American Colonisation Society
AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
AFL	Armed Forces of Liberia
AfT	Agenda for Transformation
AU	African Union
BIN	Bureau of Immigration and Naturalisation
CBL	Central Bank of Liberia
CCL	Coalition of Concerned Liberians
CDFs	County Development Funds
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CENTAL	Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CPA	Comprehensive Peace Agreement
CSA	Civil Service Agency
CWIQ	Core Welfare Indicators Questionnaire
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DED	Deferred Enforced Departure
DV	Diversity Visa
ECOMOG	Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EFLA	European Federation of Liberian Associations
ERU	Emergency Response Unit
EU	European Union
GAC	General Auditing Commission
GC	Governance Commission
GDP	gross domestic product

GEMAP	Governance and Economic Management Assistance Programme
GSA	General Services Agency
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
IDPs	internally displaced persons
IGNU	Interim Government of National Unity
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INCHR	Independent National Commission on Human Rights
INPFL	Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia
LAA	Liberia Airport Authority
LACC	Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission
LACOSC	Liberian American Community Organisation of Southern California
LAMCO	Liberian American Swedish Mining Company
LECBS	Liberia Emergency Capacity Building Support
LEITI	Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
LFF	Liberian Frontier Force
LISGIS	Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services
LNP	Liberia National Police
LRA	Liberia Revenue Authority
LSA	Liberian Studies Association
LTA	Liberia Telecommunications Authority
LURD	Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy
MODEL	Movement for Democracy in Liberia
MOJA	Movement for Justice in Africa
MoS	Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs
MRU	Mano River Union
NEC	National Elections Commission
NGOs	non-governmental organisations
NPFL	National Patriotic Front of Liberia
NSA	National Security Agency
NTGL	National Transitional Government of Liberia
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OTC	Oriental Timber Company
PAL	Progressive Alliance of Liberia
PAPD	Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development

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PPCC	Public Procurement and Concessions Commission
PPP	Progressive People's Party
PRC	People's Redemption Council
PRS	Poverty Reduction Strategy
RFTF	Results-Focused Transitional Framework
RIA	Roberts International Airport
SES	Senior Executive Service
TOKTEN	Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals
TPS	Temporary Protected Status
TRC	Truth and Reconciliation Commission
TWP	True Whig Party
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UK	United Kingdom
ULAA	Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas
ULAG	United Liberian Association in Ghana
ULO-UK	Union of Liberian Organisations in the United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNIBOA	United Bassa Organisation in the Americas
UNMIL	United Nations Mission in Liberia
UNPOL	United Nations Police
UPP	United People's Party
US	United States
USD	United States Dollars
WHO	World Health Organization

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