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THE STATE AND THE WORKING PEOPLE IN TANZANIA

*Issa G. Shivji (Ed.)
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The book is the outcome of a National Working Group in Tanzania under the auspices of CODESRIA. The focus is on elucidating relations between the state and the working people in post-independence Tanzania. In addition to a powerful introduction by Issa Shivji, the rest of the six chapters tackle the parliament and the Electoral Process, the Party, Labour Legislation, the State and peasantry, cooperative societies and marketing boards and student struggles. According to one of the recent reviews.

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On the whole the book makes a very valid contribution to political debates going on in Africa. It would be compulsory reading for anyone wishing to understand the nature of neo-colonial societies, the role of the state in destroying democratic organizations.

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