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## NEW FROM THE CODESRIA BOOK SERIES

# THE STATE AND THE WORKING PEOPLE IN TANZANIA

*Issa G. Shivji (Ed.)  
(London, 1986)*

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. As a recent review indicated...

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