

1: Tanzania: Imperialism, the state and the peasantry

The persistent modern Tanzanian subsistence peasant; Theoretical implications: understanding economic growth as a risky and recurrent process; Modern development and the subsistence peasantry. Publisher's Summary This book is about how the modern market world transformed the lives of remote agricultural farmers.

The words peasants and peasantry are generally associated with a way of life and mind-set that is the opposite of modernization. The terms referred, initially, to small-scale agricultural producers, also known as serfs, who comprised the majority of the populations of Western Europe from the fall of Rome in the fifth century c. Deriving their livelihood mainly, but not exclusively, from agriculture, medieval peasants depended heavily on landlords to whom they had sworn an oath of loyalty and on whose land they lived and farmed. They were expected to provide certain services and to meet specified obligations such as paying rent and taxes, in cash or in kind, and providing free labor as well giving tithes to the church. Lords, on their part, were obligated to protect the peasants under their care. While most peasants lived directly off the land, some earned their living from nonagricultural activities, namely as blacksmiths, tavern owners, or millers. Dependence on small-scale agriculture, lack of ownership of land, and subservience to a dominant class to which they gave their surplus were, thus, early characteristics of peasant societies and influenced the manner in which scholars conceived of them. Hence, Eric Wolf defined peasants as "rural cultivators whose surpluses are transferred to a dominant group of rulers" , pp. Similarly, Douglas Kincaid maintained that peasants were "rural cultivators from whom an economic surplus is extracted, in one form or another, freely or coercively, by non-producing classes" p. Defining the Modern Peasantry Currently concentrated in Africa, Asia , and Latin America , the peasantry has been defined differently by various scholars, depending on the degree of emphasis placed on any one of several characteristics. Definitions of the peasantry embrace some of the following characteristics: For some scholars, therefore, peasants are agriculturalists who control most of the land they work, produce for the market, and who have obligations to other social classes, while for others, they are farmers who lack control over the land, labor, and capital they need to produce crops. For yet others, peasants are farmers who control the land they work as tenants or smallholders and who produce for the market and have obligations to other social classes. Generally, however, with the exception of the more well-to-do peasant classes who own land and exploit the labor of poorer peasants, most peasants are associated with poverty; primitive production methods using little if any modern technology; small-scale production, mostly for subsistence purposes; and economic exploitation by and political and social subservience to a dominant elite class such as landlords or urban elites. They also lack capital and other production resources and, often, do not have control over the land on which they live and work. Where they do own the land, they tend to regard it as family property and not a commodity. In peasant societies, the family tends to be the central economic unit of production, consumption, reproduction, socialization, and welfare, while socially and culturally, peasant communities tend to be isolated from mainstream society and to have a distinctly local culture, as opposed to the dominant wider or higher national culture. They also have a conservative, inward-looking worldview revolving around the household and the kin group and are suspicious of outsiders and new ideas. Peasant communities are sometimes looked down upon by other social sectors who regard them as not only poor, ignorant, and subservient, but also backward, parochial, and closed. Scholars, however, sometimes make a distinction between closed and open peasant communities; describing closed societies as being highly exclusive, suspicious of outsiders and new ideas, separated from wider society, and determined to protect their way of life by, among other things, discouraging the accumulation and display of wealth. Open societies, on the other hand, are characterized as being plugged into the modern capitalist economy and made up of individuals who own their own land, welcome change, and are largely integrated into the larger society. According to some scholars, therefore, open peasant societies are relatively independent actors who produce for the market and exercise considerable autonomy in deciding what to produce, depending on their analysis of inputs that have to be sourced outside the community and rent and tax requirements. Clearly, while there are certain characteristics common to most peasant societies, there can be no simple all-embracing definition of peasants

and peasantry, as scholars tend to highlight different aspects of what marks peasants as a class. Indeed, while the terms are widely used to describe rural communities all over the world, it is evident that they can no longer be regarded in their classical sense, since the groups that are now referred to as peasants in most countries no longer live exclusively by agriculture, as did most of the serfs in medieval times, but combine various survival strategies that often include wage labor, craft making, trading, and other off-farm activities. They can be part-time farmers, factory workers, small business people, traders, and workers on commercial agricultural establishments or seasonal workers in urban factories, all at the same time. This leads to the conclusion that, although large populations who live in rural areas derive most of their livelihood from agriculture and regard themselves as peasants, it no longer really makes sense to identify rural society with the role of the peasant farmer. Yet other scholars insist that the terms peasant and peasantry can only be appropriately applied to medieval or early modern Europe, as the African, Asian, and Latin American situations are so different as to make any comparisons meaningless. With respect to Africa, specifically, the question of whether small-scale agrarian communities on the continent can be regarded as peasants or not has been contentious, with some scholars arguing that Africa did not have distinct social classes, let alone a class that could be identified as peasants. Consequently, Africa only had primitive, rather than peasant, economies. According to this view, distinguishing features of peasant economies include production for the market by the majority of the people and access to resources such as land, labor, and tools, either for purchase or for rent. African rural dwellers, on the contrary, neither had access to nor produced for the market, being merely subsistence producers. Thereafter, following a prolonged debate, the existence in Africa of a distinct class that could be called peasants was gradually and begrudgingly acknowledged, and discussion moved on to analyze the experiences and role of this class in recent history. Peasants had, thus, become fully integrated into African studies. Phases of Historical Study Meanwhile, in world history in general, the peasantry long occupied the attention of economists, political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists. The first phase of scholarly interest in the peasantry began with classical economists, such as Adam Smith, who recognized rural workers as a group, but one that was insignificant in the evolving division of labor that he was interested in. Later, Karl Marx also recognized the presence and importance of peasants, but he, too, dismissed them as an economically and politically backward and doomed class, destined to fall into one of the two antagonistic classes of capitalism, namely, the bourgeoisie or the proletariat. Where Smith and Marx had treated peasants as a homogenous mass, the Russian theorist and revolutionary Vladimir Lenin highlighted the existence of peasant class differentiation, identifying three layers, namely, rich, middle, and poor peasants, according to land area, capital accumulation, and wage or family labor and sought to analyze their role in the twin processes of industrialization and socialist revolution. The second phase of scholarly attention to the peasantry began in the 1950s and 1960s, mainly due to peasant political activism and insurgency in Africa evident in the anticolonial struggles throughout the continent, and in Asia in the form of the Vietnam War and the Chinese Cultural Revolution following the Chinese Revolution of 1949. This second phase is characterized by revived and growing interest by Western anthropologists in the rituals, social structures, and belief systems of peasant societies and the place of poor agricultural areas at the periphery in the world capitalist system with its center in the developed countries. It was a time of peasant activism in the immediate aftermath of the Cuban Revolution in Latin America that led to agrarian reforms that undermined the latifundio agrarian structure in Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, and other countries. It was also the period characterized by scholarly debates on "articulation of modes of production," of development economists and donor agencies promoting the green revolution and encouraging peasants to participate fully in the world market in the belief that this would modernize "smallholder" agriculture and make rural producers full participants in the world economy. These programs, sponsored by multilateral financial agencies, by ending government subsidies to the agricultural sector, worsened the plight of the peasantry at a time when the establishment of the World Trade Organization WTO had exposed peasants to the harsh environment of international market forces. Historical Precedents Although marginalized and oppressed by other social sectors, such as landlords and urbanites, and dismissed by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels as lacking revolutionary consciousness, peasants have periodically asserted themselves politically throughout history either single-handedly as a class or in alliance with other deprived

groups such as workers. They were particularly unhappy with the labor demands placed on them by the church and the poll tax that King Richard II had imposed in . Under the leadership of John Ball and Wat Tyler , they destroyed tax records and registers, and burned down buildings housing government records before capturing the Tower of London and compelling King Richard to negotiate with them at Mile End. By late , however, the movement had fizzled out after its leaders were hanged. Peasants also played an important role in the French Revolution and in the Russian Revolution in . In Russia , although nominally emancipated by Tsar Alexander I through the Emancipation Manifesto of , which decreed an end to serfdom and permitted former serfs to rent or buy land from the landlords, most Russian peasants, numbering some twenty-three million, were still landless by the turn of the twentieth century, as most land remained in the hands of the rich landlords. In Africa, peasants played a crucial role in resisting colonialism and its prescriptions, as evident in the Maji Maji uprising in Tanganyika Tanzania , where German conquest and colonization between and provoked a massive uprising when African peasants objected to the taxes, forced labor, and harsh working conditions that came with German colonialism. Although it failed to dislodge German colonialism, the Maji Maji mass uprising forced the German colonial authorities to reform their administration and practices. Similarly, in Namibia , German colonial rule also provoked armed resistance from the Herero and the Nama between and . Here, too, colonialism brought with it massive land alienation, loss of sovereignty, loss of cattle to incoming German settlers, numerous taxes, openly racist policies and practices that marginalized Africans, corporal punishment , and other ills associated with European colonialism in Africa. In January , the Herero rose up against German rule. In late , the Nama began a three-year guerrilla campaign against German rule that was only crushed by German forces in . After the first wave of resistance, peasant protest continued throughout the interwar years and, thereafter, flowered into militant mass nationalism that finally led to the demise of colonialism. In Kenya , Zimbabwe, Angola , Mozambique , and Namibia, peasants participated in the armed struggle that brought about independence in those countries. Their contribution to the struggle for independence notwithstanding, most peasants benefited little from political independence, as postcolonial political and economic systems were dominated by the urban elite who promoted their interests at the expense of the peasant majority. In attempting to understand why peasants rebel, J. Scott contended that peasants tend to rebel when they perceive their traditional moral order or moral economy as being violated. Intermediate Technology Publications, Johns Hopkins University Press, *A Study of the Imperialism of Trade*. Translated by Brian Pearce. Monthly Review Press, *Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America: Historical Studies of Chile and Brazil*. Community and Class in Rural El Salvador. University of Michigan Press, *Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Cornell University Press, *Peasant Movements and Social Change*. London and New York: Peasant Consciousness and Guerrilla War in Zimbabwe: University of California Press, *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*. New Haven , Conn.: Yale University Press, *Peasants and Peasant Societies*: Oxford and New York: *Peasant Wars of the Twentieth Century*. University of Oklahoma , Alois Mlambo Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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This book is about how the modern market world transformed the lives of remote agricultural farmers. Waters uses diverse examples to illustrate how the modern market economy captured persistent subsistence farmers in 18th century Scotland, 19th century United States, 20th century Tanzania, and indeed, the entire modern world.

Implicit to this dream is peasants moving off the farms of China, India, Africa, and Latin America to staff factories in an ever-wealthier world. In the process though, they forget one thing: Subsistence peasants farm, feed themselves, build their own houses, have children, grow old, while producing little for the world markets that the economists celebrate. The Two Great Transitions in Human History Anthropologists and historians talk about the two great transformations in human organization. The first began 8,000 years ago when Neolithic farmers emerged from scattered groups of hunter-gatherers. During the following millennia they became clans who as a small unit together tilled the earth, raised animals, built permanent houses invented village life, and even at times created empires. The economists dream though of a second transition begun only about 200 years ago, and continuing today. In this transition, the same farmers' heirs to the Neolithic are moving into a modern market economy in which tasks are highly specialized, and trade in the global marketplace is key. In this transition there are governments and banks gambling big money that millennia are not needed before a world-straddling market economy emerges. Subsistence farmers traditionally grow most of what they eat, build the houses they live in from local materials, and make the clothes they wear independently from the marketplace. Their small surpluses go to harvest celebrations, or as tribute to the chief, prince, king, or other leader who provides relief supplies in the event of famine. Indeed, what is produced by subsistence farmers never even has a market price put on it. But life was good for farmers with access to hoes, plows, unclaimed arable land, and rainfall; in good years there was enough food to support a rapidly expanding population. In better years there was something left over that could be traded for minor luxuries, or offered as tribute to a potentially rapacious warlord. And so, across the millennia, values, norms, and culture emerged to justify and accommodate the nature of subsistence farming. First was loyalty to kin, and tribute to a feudal leader who maintained the famine socks and organized defense. The abstract nation-states, citizenship, and market principles of the economists and politicians were yet to be invented as the organizing principle for larger societies. In short, subsistence peasants, while vulnerable to catastrophe, were more independent of the marketplace than we moderns. If markets failed, life on the farm was more uncomfortable, but there was still food to eat, and a place to live. In the modern market though, market failure means that unpaid workers are evicted from their houses or unable to buy food. Subsistence farmers, when viewed from this perspective, had it quite good as long as land was plentiful and rains came. Marx complained that like potatoes in a sack, no peasant household was much different from any other. Nineteenth century European factories initiated this transition by hiring masses of former peasants to work in textile mills, meat packing plants, mono-crop agriculture, and the other specialized assembly lines of the Industrial Revolution in which skilled workers do a single simplified task, but do it efficiently. Given that this is such a massive project, it is perhaps surprising that it occurred in many countries in only a matter of decades or a century, rather than the millennia of the first transition from hunter-gatherers to settled agrarian populations. Nevertheless, this transition is not yet over. It is continuing in the third world today, as the subsistence peasants continue to defeat the plans and prophecies of hyper-educated economists, politicians, and planners. Emerging out of scattered hunter-gatherer communities 8,000 years ago, they settled down in fertile river valleys where they raised more human food per hectare than nature had ever produced for their forbearers. As hoe wielding farmers cleared the land, rapid population growth resulted from the increases in food production. Surpluses, though small by modern standards, still eventually supported great empires in places like Ancient Egypt, Rome, China, Europe, and the Americas. But life and culture were similar for the vast majority who remained on the farm, growing and consuming what they needed to eat, building housing, producing clothing, and having children. In this context, rarely did more than ten or twenty percent of all production enter the marketplace—the bulk of consumption remained on-farm where peasant families, each doing the same thing as the other, continued to resemble that

unrevolutionary sack of potatoes which so frustrated Marx. Take a potato out of the sack, and the bag is still a sack of potatoes, just a little lighter. Take a smaller specialized piece out of a specialized machine, and not only is the machine only a little lighter, but it also might not work. But it is not painless for the peasant whose old way of life is slowly destroyed, family loyalties dissipated, land appropriated, clans disrupted, and replaced too often with life in the urban slums of modern industrial cities. However, following English military victories in , a new way of looking at the land emerged. Clan chiefs siding with the British were granted personal title to the clan lands, while at the same time new factories demanded wool, flax, and labor. In this context, expropriation of Scottish peasant lands occurred by hook and by crook across the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Threats of famine pushed former peasants into factory towns where they became the new urban working class. When the bright lights of the labor market were not alluring enough, sheriffs and military often played a prominent role. And as the survivors gained market skills needed in the rough urban environment, they lost subsistence skills and the old way of life: No longer could they grow their own food, or build their own stone houses even had they been so inclined. They could flee to places like North America where arable land was available after the native population died from European contact. And so when the European peasants arrived in North America in the eighteenth century, many left for the nearby forest where it appeared they might resume life as a subsistence peasantry. In fact in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, not only the Scottish peasantry fled to the North American forest, but also English, German, French, and others displaced European peasants. This happened across decades rather than millennia , as the United States and Quebec experienced one of the highest population growth rates ever-recorded: A paradigmatic example of the consequences of such rapid demographic growth is the frontiersman Daniel Boone. In his long life , Boone hunted, and cleared farms across Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Missouri along with his 13 siblings, 10 children, and more than 60 grandchildren. For a time of course, subsistence farmers like Boone even made it in the rough land markets of Kentucky where he settled in the s. But like millions of other rural peasants dabbling in the unfamiliar impersonal marketplace with its emphasis on cash rather than the handshakes, Boone was conned by land speculators from the city. Fortunately for him, there was still land left further west in Spanish Missouri, to where he moved his clan in . And as in Scotland, the actual profits, and the land itself, slowly but surely made its way into the hands of the newly emerging investors who controlled the government, banks, law firms, and land offices. Most dramatically, what was in a remote trading village for huntersâ€™Chicagoâ€™by was a large modern industrial town, coordinating the production of maize, wheat, lumber, cattle, and hogs across several states. Just like in Scotland, in North America the peasants were slowly but surely moved onwardâ€™into factories, production for the market, or further west. As in Scotland, the movement was facilitated by urban market power in the form of land speculators and bankersâ€™whose eviction notices were backed up by the sheriff. It will be no surprise to readers of Current Intelligence that markets are enormously successful in concentrating and increasing economic productivity. We are very much part of the finely-tuned world in which labor is specialized, and worldwide trade is critical. But even Bono, Thomas Friedman, and Jeffrey Sachs likely have ancestors who in the recent past were such self-sufficient farmers. In place of subsistence farms are the large corporate and government bureaucracies who use the invisible hand of the marketplace to produce for the world. But to say that this happened, is not to say the process was just, nor came without suffering. But like the peasants in Scotland or even Daniel Boone, they resist with the tools of the subsistence peasant: The problem is that few development bureaucrats or businessmen see Africa in terms familiar to its subsistence peasantry, i. Rather they see it in terms of its incapacity to produce for a global marketplace in which land and labor are capital. Thus African development programs are typically about the tools and measures of the marketplace, like trade balances, currency stability, mineral production, agricultural extension, clothing manufacture, and oil. Unseen in such analyses are the subsistence peasants who are effectively invisible because they primarily produce outside the global market. In this context, they will always frustrate the highest ideals of the development agencies. The way they frustrate the modern marketplace is through the same messiness seen in eighteenth century Scotland, and nineteenth century North America. They have babies who as young men and women eventually push into forest reserves, national parks, and other cash-producing concessions only lightly policed by the central government. And

when these traditional strategies no longer work, the survivors demand relief supplies from their patrons, just as surely as Scottish peasants asserted rights to famine relief from patron clan chiefs in the eighteenth century Highlands. And perhaps most threatening, when land does indeed run out, the peasantry creates vast numbers of youth who no longer have access to land for a subsistence life, and few market skills of interest in urban labor markets. And ominously, these displaced youth are the targets of extremists seeking to create the militias needed for the type of revolution Marx dreamed of. They do predict how people embedded in the marketplace respond to incentives. Today though, the trick is knowing which farmer is embedded in the marketplace, and which in older persistent ways of thinking about economic life. The former will respond to incentives in manners development bureaucrats will understand. But for those still embedded in older subsistence ethics, the bureaucrats encounter people who do not remain at factory benches consistently, hire based on clan loyalties, appeal to personal relationships in the awarding and repayment of loans, lose their land to hucksters, and withdraw from confrontation when working conditions become onerous. Most frustrating for the bureaucrats are the emphases on the age-old method of resistance; especially having more children than the development bureaucrats think economically wise. And of course when food shortage looms, they look to the new patrons in the aid bureaucracies for relief supplies. Such techniques, whether called peasant stubbornness, resistance, weapons of the weak, or simple laziness are in fact the old means used to resist the intrusion of the outside world into the older world of the subsistence peasant. And as long as this happens, the sighing of the economists, and sweating of the politicians will continue. Tony Waters Chico, California [Subscribe to Blog via Email](#) Enter your email address to subscribe to this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

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JSTOR is a not-for-profit service that helps scholars, researchers, and students discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content in a trusted digital archive. We use information technology and tools to increase productivity and facilitate new forms of scholarship. According to this thesis, both villagers and city-dwellers are tied together in webs of kinship and tribal obligation that mitigate against the accumulation of wealth or capital necessary for the formation of either industrial modes of production or class-based societies. Hyden reaches unusual conclusions about the nature of society in East Africa, and it is the purpose of this article to review and then reformulate an important part of his analysis in the methodological framework recently suggested by Wendy Griswold for the sociology of culture. Hence, the appropriateness of an analysis which addresses the question from a cultural perspective. This content downloaded from Rather, it denotes a network of support, communications and interaction among structurally defined groups connected by blood, kin, community or other affinities, for example, religion. It links together in a systematic fashion a variety of discrete economic and social units which in other regards may be autonomous. This means that the social values of market forces have still to be developed. Hyden, *No Shortcut to Progress*, p. On the other hand, relative to government efforts to incorporate them into the national economy, peasants in Tanzania are in a strong position. They produce enough to subsist without the monetised economy, and sizeable tracts of arable land can absorb the burgeoning population. Large areas of forest in, for example, Rukwa, Kigoma, western Tabora, and Shinyanga, were vacated during the ujamaa villagisation programmes of the 1970s, and although mass resettlement there is illegal, the opportunities presented by land still shape the strategies adopted by peasants. Tucker New York, edn. By way of contrast, Hyden claims that such values are not only still extant in the rural areas of Tanzania, but that they extend into modern state structures and manufacturing sectors. This is why relations between kin, family, and tribal networks are more important for Hyden than descriptions of emerging class and forms of industrialised production. Household obligations are retained, and a frequent exchange of relatives and goods takes place between town and village along affective networks. Networks grounded in social relations are highly resilient to fluctuations in market conditions. Nepotism is the most common manifestation of this in Tanzania, where 70 per cent of all wage employment in the early 1980s was in the public and parastatal sectors, and jobs are often awarded on the basis of kinship ties rather than competitive merit. In addition, because of the need to obtain state permits for so many price-controlled items, the allocation of market goods has been pushed into the economy of affection by those who have created their own linkages along kin, tribal, political party, or other lines. The small peasants form a vast mass, the members of which live in similar conditions, but without entering into manifold relations with one another. Their mode of production isolates them from one another, instead of bringing them into mutual intercourse. Their field of production, the small holding, admits of no division of labor in its cultivation, no application of science, and therefore, no multiplicity of development, no diversity of talents, no wealth of social relationships. Each individual peasant family is almost self-sufficient; it itself produces the major part of its consumption and thus acquires its means of life more through exchange with nature than in intercourse with society. The existence of familism and favouritism in the economy of affection cannot be doubted, and it was the persistence of such pre-feudalistic structures that frustrated Marx and probably landlords, and that made the conservative peasantry so susceptible to the charismatic blandishments of Louis Bonaparte. Barrington Moore has also written about the economy of affection in Europe and Asia, albeit with reference to feudalistic rather than peasant societies where patron-client relations are the norm, and where the bourgeoisie has begun to emerge. He describes the weak solidarity that inhibits many modern political activities, including the extension of government services and market forces into rural societies, and believes that the destruction of familism is an inevitable prerequisite for the emergence of effective state structures and economic systems. However, such a change takes on new meaning in the context of a process which is driven not by the demands

of internal population dynamics, but by the external 12 Marx, op. He relies on micro-level observations of kinship networks and goods flows in order to make rather broad generalisations about the nature of, initially, the Tanzanian economy, and later sub-Saharan Africa. In fact, my parents granted me a she-camel at birth - Mandeeg was its name - in keeping with pastoral tradition, so that I could start my own herd when I came of age. Indeed, this kind of phraseology is commonly found in the preambles of documents necessarily drafted not in the village, but elsewhere in Africa or Europe. As with many worthwhile bureaucratic endeavours, such high ideals remained unmet, despite informed and well-intentioned attempts to understand village values. Typically, those of us in the field adopted personalistic management styles based on a gut-level appreciation of the importance of patron-client relations. In , in an attempt to control inflation, the Government gave Tanzanians only one week to change into new money all the Shs. I lived in Kasulu town, where hundreds of persons dependent on the market economy formed long and increasingly impatient lines at the bank, and as the end of the week approached there were widespread allegations of illicit discounting by employees who had special access to changing facilities. This was the type of panicky response to be expected as the inhabitants of a semi-urban area began to fear that they might lose all or most of their monetary savings. On the other hand, in Kitanga village, two days walk from Kasulu marketplace, in an area surrounded by uncut and untilled forest, the reaction was completely different. No discounting was reported by ambitious young entrepreneurs, even though the effort required to organise a trip to the bank might have been very profitable. Rather, such management styles emerged on a trial-and-error basis without reference to any school of thought, mainly because of the wide gap between the findings and analyses of scholars and actual practice in the field. Although earning about Shs. That he did both activities despite the disparities in marginal utility is best explained, I think, by the existence of parallel ethics in the subsistence cattle herding and market masonry sectors. In I, force was used to repatriate some 10,000 Burundian refugees from Tanzania shortly after the harvest. Despite the violent nature of their expulsion, as well as greater economic activity in Burundi, virtually all the refugees returned to resume farming in Tanzania within two months. Throughout the 1980s, as for many years previously, Tanzanian peasants were routinely exhorted to participate in local self-help projects in order to increase the number of schools, minor roads, and water systems, regarded by all as being very desirable. Often in Kasulu, though, the promised voluntary labour was not forthcoming on the appointed workdays, and various means of coercion were adopted. Hyden has been criticised for underestimating the impact of international capital and for using his detailed knowledge of Tanzania to make unsupportable generalisations about the rest of Africa. Several scholars, including Opoku Agyeman and Lionel Cliffe, have pointed to other sub-Saharan countries where capitalist institutions have begun to take root despite a strong peasant sector. He points out that graft, corruption, and nepotism as ways of appropriating peasant surpluses are to be found in association with every mode of production. They do place high values on the goods that markets make available in Tanzania, for example, bicycles and radios , as well as the education facilities that the central government has provided in many places. 17, 2, 1, pp. The adoption of a more holistic approach means that other issues become important, notably kin- based responsibilities, the maintenance of social boundaries, the nature of human relationships, the emergence of groupings, and the values inherent in subsistence-based societies. Although the methodology of Griswold was developed with primary reference to explicit cultural objects, it may profitably be adopted to examine the concept of the economy of affection. As described by Hyden, such groupings are typically based on reciprocal social relationships, sometimes reinforced by similar age-grades, school-leaver class cohorts, and tribal obligations. From a cultural perspective, the exchange of goods and services within this peasant ethic is incidental to the intentions of the participants. Thus, their value is only partly dependent on the productivity or utilitarian standards likely to attract the attention of political economists. Although the actual intentions of the creative agents are focused on non-economic relationships, some every-day needs are obviously relevant, particularly inexpensive commercial products. Moreover, there may be kinship pressures to find urban jobs for country cousins 23 Griswold, loc. This would perhaps be more apparent if the items exchanged were purely decorative, 24 instead of, for example, maize flour being sent to African cities and radios being brought to the villages. Reception of Cultural Object over Time and Space The economy of affection is received as an outcome of the peasant mode of production. It continues to be used,

like other cultural objects that have been acquired by the last generation or two of East Africans, mainly through birth in a peasant village. Thus, the source of its urban reception is found in its rural roots. Understanding the Intrinsic Values of Cultural Objects Networks of affection need to be understood relative to other cultural objects and values within a society. These can be viewed from two perspectives. First, there are alternative ways of establishing kinship and tribal responsibilities both within and between various groupings. The creative agents are aware of qualitative variations between different patterns of affiliation - for example, matrilineal or patrilineal kinship. Hence the existence of disparaging comparisons between Indian traders and the larger African population - the former have been widely perceived as being driven by greedy monopoly-based market considerations rather than by their requirements of affection. Indeed, this helps to explain, but certainly not to justify, both the expulsion of Asians from Uganda by Idi Amin in the 1970s, and the looting of Asian shops in Nairobi during the attempted coup. In Tanzania, as elsewhere in the continent, African socialism was officially promoted, at least partly, as a response to an idealised belief that traditional African values of co-operation, generosity, and hospitality were superior to the capriciousness of capitalistic market forces. Class analysis also becomes less important, because the distribution of life-chances depends on the effectiveness of networks of affection, as well as the socio-economic status of individuals or nuclear families. The traditional ethnography of anthropologists is notorious for its holistic approach to small, often isolated societies which are presented as being self-sufficient. Can the cultural analysis of complex societies avoid the pitfalls of over-generalisation that seem to be inherent in the political-economy approach? Of course, more data has to be collected if these questions are to be answered. Additional studies must be designed, funded, and implemented in order to test existing and new hypotheses. Can scholars overcome their lack of survey data and their reliance on the popular press, anecdote, unsubstantiated ethnographic description, and limited governmental statistics?

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Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Had the scheme succeeded, it would have created a stratum of wealthier peasants, and it would have increased the commercialization of land transfers. The scheme intensified political conflict in Shambaai and further sharpened the political divisions that emerged after World War II. On the one side was the Paramount Chief Kimweri Mputa Magogo, son of the abdicated Paramount, and a descendant of the trading chief, Semboja. Kimweri, like his father, faced the problem of governing Shambaai without control over major inherited rain medicines. Kimweri tried to create a coalition which included merchants, prosperous farmers, and devout Muslims. On the other side were educated peasants, many of whom had held minor posts with the government. They became part of a large and powerful coalition driven by the energy of peasants, especially women, whose subsistence was threatened by the Usambara Scheme. The peasant-clerks and the defenders of subsistence supported TANU the Tanganyika African National Union, the nationalist party which brought the nation to independence in 1962. The rain chiefs gave the party their tacit support. The new government abolished chiefship and placed power in the hands of bureaucrats. Few of the peasant-clerks had adequate education to enter the bureaucracy. After independence they were to be cast aside in favor of men with greater education whose local roots Royal Domination and Peasant Resistance, were weak. Because the peasant-clerks led a popular movement, however, their discourse was a major influence in the later period. But they were unable to win autonomous control of peasant affairs under the independence government. The characteristic government of the bureaucrats that came to rule Tanzania thus grew out of the struggles of the peasants in Shambaai and in places like it all around the territory. These were events of the greatest importance, and they form the subject of the next three chapters: The son was well-educated, not vulnerable to the charges that had plagued his father: Piggott, completely agreed with the courtiers. Kimweri was initially to be subchief of Vugha, with the understanding that he would ultimately become Paramount. On 23 February Piggott held a meeting at Lushoto to announce the choice, which was accepted in silence. According to Piggott, "I explained that the Sub-Chief was chosen on traditional lines and was of the right family and educated You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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Tony Waters Chapter 1 Why Subsistence Peasants are Important The small peasants form a vast mass, the members of which live in similar conditions, but without entering into manifold relations with one another. Their mode of production isolates them from one another, instead of bringing them into mutual intercourse. Their field of production, the smallholding, admits of no division of Labour in its cultivation, no application of science and therefore, no multiplicity of development, no diversity of talents, no wealth of social relations. Each individual peasant family is almost self-sufficient, it itself directly produces the major part of its consumption. They will do one of two things: What then will be the case? They will not pay you money. Will you then raise a force to drive them off? That has been tried; troops were raised, and sent. They burnt the cabins, broke down the fences, and tore up the potatoe patches; but three hours after the troops were gone, these people returned again, repaired the damage and are now settled upon the land in open defiance of the Union. Both describe the trouble that modernizing central governments—those of France and the United States—have with imposing policies on remote subsistence farmers who engage in subsistence agriculture. Simply put, both writers observe that the subsistence peasantry does not need a central government, and often regards it as a nuisance. The first by Karl Marx, is about his frustration with the French peasantry, which he observed was not even remotely as revolutionary as he wished them to be. In the quote, he expresses his frustration with subsistence peasants living near the southern and western borders of the new United States. Please read them with this in mind, and return to them, when you read about the peasants of Tanzania and elsewhere below. Despite the fact that the two epigrams were written over and years ago, both provide a still fresh view of how modern development planners look at peasants in places like Tanzania. The Power of the Subsistence Peasantry: Tanzania My personal story about the persistence of subsistence agriculture starts in Tanzania in At that time, I was hired as a manager by the Lutheran World Federation LWF to implement refugee assistance projects in a series of villages in which the main economic activity was subsistence-level agriculture. LWF, using money from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR would provide materials, and the villagers would provide labor to build schools and clinics, plant trees, fix roads, start village craft cooperatives, and dig improved wells. Our project rationale was that, since the peasants were poor and suffering and because they were working on the LWF projects, rather than farming, the rice and beans would replace the food they would otherwise be growing. In other words, the project assumed that there was a trade-off made by the villagers, and that when they worked on our projects, they were not working on their farms, and therefore the amount of food produced declined. In other words, time was money, or at least food. The metaphor describes the peasant as standing up to their nose in a pond. Any unexpected breeze, or tide will raise the water level, drowning the peasant. Potentially adverse breezes threatening subsistence peasants include, crop failure, price fluctuation, drought, illness, increases in taxes, and government demands for labor on public works. In other words, in the years since Marx wrote about the French peasantry, and the years since the first U. Congress met, the view of subsistence peasants changed from being obstinate and conservative, to being vulnerable, and dependent on international largesse. The program I worked on was designed with the latter assumption in mind. What had happened was that some two hundred to three hundred thousand peasant refugees from densely populated Burundi had fled to sparsely populated Tanzania in following war, and civilian massacres. Over one hundred thousand were resettled to inland settlements in Tanzania away from the border. Others had died, or returned to Burundi. LWF was to work with the remaining twenty to forty thousand still living in the border areas some ten years later. Arable land in was plentiful in this part of western Tanzania, and the locals had no compelling interest in excluding the Burundians. In fact the refugees were acting in the same way that past generations of farmers in sparsely populated Tanzania had, by simply moving off into the forest, cutting and burning an unfarmed swath and re-establishing themselves. This was possible because arable land was abundant and could be had for the clearing without formal

purchase. If you had enough labor, production was increased simply by clearing and planting more land. And despite the need to increase production, this was done without improving the mode of cultivation which was, the hand-held hoe. Both the high birth rate of the Tanzanians total fertility rate was about 7. But the general availability of land for the taking, the persistence of the hoe-wielding farmer, and the high birthrates, all went unmentioned upon by the Western donors funding our development project. For that matter, the Tanzanian government also failed to note its significance. Revenues in turn would be used to increase school attendance, control birth rates, and raise productivity per unit of land. Even though the peasants labored hard they produced little for market, even when total production persistently increased in order to accommodate continued population growth. And what increase they did produce came from clearing new land, not intensifying cultivation techniques. At first we assumed it was our fault. The result was that villagers understandably from our perspective, stopped providing labor. We did the logical thing by our way of market-focused materialistic reasoning, and a dash of ethno-centrism, and attributed the problem to an inherent laziness. Finally frustrated with both the World Food Program, and the villagers, we then tried something counter-intuitive. We told the villagers that we would not provide any rice and bean incentives, and that they would have to provide the labor to build the schools without compensation. This proposal was counter-intuitive under the logic of the project, which assumed that labor and food production were connected. Despite the fears that our new labor program would cause disaster, the new policy worked. Shifting the relationship to one of mutuality resulted in more people showing up on the construction sites. What is more, no villagers starved; apparently, they had never been up to their proverbial noses in flood water. Two assumptions embedded in the design of our program were 5 wrong. First, the assumption that the population was living at the edge of starvation was wrong; second our hypothesis that people would only work with a material incentive was not validated. The Subsistence Peasantry as a Trans-national and Trans- historical Process But at LWF, we were not testing hypotheses about the nature of subsistence agriculture; rather we were managing an on-going program. In other words, my colleagues and I continued to apply our neo-classical economic assumptions about the relationship between subsistence, labor, and markets. At first that is what I did, despite the fact that not only in this part of our work, but elsewhere as well, the neo-classical economic assumptions about the peasantry being up to its nose in water were persistently challenged. For example, I had an expert mason who would quit every six weeks in order to herd cows, despite the fact that I paid him ten times what it would have taken him hire the kid who had watched the cows the previous week. These were hardly the actions of a peasant concerned about money to buy his next meal or seed for the next season! A similar situation occurred when an expert net-maker refused to work for me at any price, because it was the season to build his mud house, and, despite my pleadings and financial offers, it was inconceivable to him that anyone could be hired in a labor market to do this task. He wrote that while they did participate in markets "bicycles were a particularly popular item" if the markets stagnated, they would not be evicted by a landlord, starve because international grain markets failed, or be unable to build their own home. Notably, this did not mean that they were wealthy or powerful in terms of the marketplace; but it did mean that despite material poverty, they would still bring about the failure of centrally planned projects like ours, without particularly adverse effects to themselves. This created a contradiction for first the German and later the British mercantile colonialists who themselves were embedded in the markets of their home countries, and sensitive to market demand. Production in both circumstances were outside the realm of the marketplace and unnecessary for peasants who continued to grow their own staple crops. Tanzania had been first a German, and then a British colony, before becoming independent in 1962. After independence, ownership of the few Tanzanian companies producing for the world economy, especially coffee, sisal, and other cash-crops, remained in the hands of Europeans, while an Indian merchant minority brought by the British after dominated retail trade and marketing. The bulk of the African population, meanwhile, remained subsistence farmers, a small proportion of whom provided what labor the plantations required. After 1962, the newly independent government under President Julius Nyerere desired very much for the peasant masses to become educated, and share in the wealth of the world economy. First was that of infrastructure. What there was in terms of factories, capitalist farms, and retail outlets were owned by foreigners, who invested profits overseas, instead

of in Tanzania. Second, they noted that the millions of rural subsistence peasants were scattered in the forest, and could not efficiently produce for cash crop markets. Because they were scattered, Nyerere reasoned, they were unable to take advantage of mechanization and the resulting economies of scale to be achieved from a differentiated labor market. The reasoning went that if the state was an owner, profits would be re-invested in Tanzania. This was done with the coercive power of the Tanzanian military during the s when ten million peasants were villagized, in one of the largest population movements of the twentieth century. The reasoning for this was that, as part of a village cooperative, peasants would enjoy the economies of scale. The economies of scale which would be realized from the purchase of tractors, fertilizers, and other tools on the world market, and the sale of agricultural produce to government marketing boards, would produce greater profits. In addition, it was reasoned, the compact village populations made the establishment of a network of roads, schools, health servicesâ€”in other words what is known in Africa and the West as developmentâ€”more efficient for the nation and central government. Most importantly for the ideology of the subsistence peasant was that at least in word, they would remain farmers, presumably with the same primeval attachment to the land that they had in the past. The rhetoric of ujamaa emphasizing subsistence values of family loyalty reinforced this belief; the joys of the subsistence life could be preserved, and productive advantages of world markets realized. In other words, the subsistence ethic would still dominate the economy. For the central government badly in need of revenues from activity in the world market, it meant that the peasantry could be pulled into the taxable marketplace. Happily for the government, it also meant that, at least in theory, the vacated forests could become easily controlled reserves, from which revenues from logging, big game hunting, and national parks would result in direct fees for government coffers. Despite initial enthusiasm from the Tanzanian government, and generous financing from international loans and grants, the socialist ujamaa experiment did not realize its goals. In particular, as Hyden wrote in the s, peasants refused to cooperate fully. The communal farms around the country also disintegrated for many of the same reasons that our Food for Work program had: Furthermore, soils could not bear the repeated harvests required for both the 9 subsistence and market demands of the concentrated population. And there was a problem familiar to me as well: As for the government-owned parastatal factories and trading companies, they too collapsed from a mixture of mismanagement, lack of spares, and fuel shortages. Prices offered by the parastatal companies were kept artificially low, with the result that rural people in particular stopped producing for the cash markets. And finally, after western banks stopped loans in the s, the Tanzanian government was unable to finance the debt they had accumulated. By the end of the s, the international financial institutions as major creditors, had enough power to demand policies and market reforms designed by the IMF. These reforms were implemented in the late s and s. Among the policies were sale to private investors of government-owned companies, and the encouragement of foreign investment in agriculture, mining, tourism, and other sectors. Price controls which favored urban consumers over rural producers of foodstuffs were also suspended. Private people were permitted to purchase dollars for shillings on the open market, without fear of arrest. Today , the old adversaries from right and left are again staking out old positions about whether the data validates the IMF-inspired policy or not. But this is not really the point as far as this book is concerned. This book is not about how to get a country to engage in the world market system, but why a subsistence peasantry can still be persistent in the context of the enticements of world markets.

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Modern Tanzania and the long triumph of subsistence farmers The persistent modern Tanzanian subsistence peasant Theoretical implications: understanding economic growth as a risky and recurrent process.

Rural development policies in Tanzania: Post-independence Shortly after independence in 1962, government stressed the importance of rural areas in its development efforts. The former basically consisted of efforts to gradually raise output within existing rural households through extension services: By the end of the 1960s there were 23 such schemes with some 15,000 acres of crops and about 3,000 farming families. These early policies demonstrate an obvious bias toward export crops. In the improvement approach concentration was almost entirely on those cash crops that had become traditional - cotton coffee, and so on. Grain imports have been increasing over the years currently and stand at about half-a-million tons per year. According to the census, there are 2. Density from region to region varies, but the vast majority of people live in areas with relatively low density: This means that the peasantry is concentrated in small pockets but has considerable leeway for manoeuvre - they can and do move a great deal, opening up uninhabited areas for cultivation. During the colonial period many rural areas continued to use the shifting method of cultivation despite attempts to stamp it out. Both colonial and post-colonial governments have emphasized containing the peasantry in official settlements in order to enforce agricultural policies. Thus, the first phase in the formulation of rural development policies in Tanzania was a logical continuation of the colonial rural policies. By assembling the peasantry into sufficiently large settlements to facilitate government supervision and control, by greater involvement in the cash economy and greater dependence on the foreign market, for their products and for their inputs. Tanzanian rural dwellers became part and parcel of the worldwide economic system. Social consequences of rural policies The initial manifestation of this external integration was the growth of social differentiation in the rural areas. In other words, the end result of this rural development policy was the formation of classes that would become the social basis of imperialism. Although the area under cash crops production tended to increase over the years, output continued to fluctuate more as a result of climatic conditions and prices than as a result of the extension services provided by government agencies. It emerged that the resettled peasants tended to see themselves as government employees rather than independent farmers receiving government technical assistance. But this was by no means a matter of mere appearance, in fact there was a real change in social relations. Furthermore, on their own farms the peasants decided on the disposal of the harvest, but under the scheme officials disposed of the harvest and paid the settler peasant whatever remained after deducting costs for all inputs for example, chemicals, seeds, social infrastructure. The participants in the settlements were more or less semi-workers. Not surprisingly, some often resorted to withdrawal of labour-power as a form of protest. Peasants who considered themselves underpaid often left the settlement; such protests usually forced some changes in the amount deducted prior to paying the workers. Some participants in the scheme were successful: Recently this group has tended to branch out into trade and come to dominate the less creditable face of business in the rural areas. Little could be expected from exporting raw materials from an agriculture essentially dependent on the hand-hoe. In general, then, initial attempts to radically change the rural scene in Tanzania largely failed. In the 1960s agricultural output did register some growth, but this, as we have seen, could hardly be ascribed to the specific policies or programmes then pursued. Further, it must be noted, that as a result of many changes in the country as a whole, policy changes were becoming inevitable towards the end of the 1960s. At independence, the reins of government were largely in the hands of the petit bourgeoisie: The aftermath of independence saw ever increasing struggles between these elements and the predominantly Asian commercial bourgeoisie that controlled the economy at the local level. Steps taken by the petit bourgeoisie soon after independence included replacing private buyers of agricultural produce by government controlled agencies and co-operative organizations, launching of government trading institutions, and suchlike. By the end of the decade one could correctly refer to the existence of a state bourgeoisie in Tanzania - a class which, by virtue of its position in the state, controlled the major means of production in the country. Obviously, however, due to the nature of the economy itself and its relation to the world capitalist system, this bourgeoisie was, and is, a dependent

bourgeoisie. But to attain full control of the agricultural sector required taking over at the level of production. State farms, due to lack of resources, were inevitably limited: Government did, however, have a considerable role in these apparently independent institutions: The political campaign for setting up this programme was more intense than any previous exercise for the rural areas and, in the late s, a substantial number of ujamaa villages were launched in each region. By , according to official figures, more than 5. Failure of villagization projects Despite considerable enthusiasm for this policy, after some five years there were few convincing signs of a rapid breakthrough in the rural areas as a result of the ujamaa villages. Some showed signs of economic growth and expansion, but others, completely mismanaged, would clearly collapse. Furthermore, the ujamaa sector constituted only a small proportion of total rural economy, and there was little indication that in time this would change, since, although more new villages were started, a considerable number of the old ones died. The organization, leadership and degree of communality in the villages varied a great deal; and in some cases they were merely front organizations for kulak operations. In themselves, co-operatives cannot guarantee rapid socio-economic development in the rural areas. Unless they are part of a larger strategy of both rural transformation and industrialization, producer co-operatives in undeveloped countries simply become another instrument for continued imperialist domination of the country. Thus by interest in the ujamaa programme began to waver, not only among the people but in official circles too. Yet, since , emphasis has radically changed from communal production to village settlement. In the Tanzania government launched the largest and most ambitious programme for rural mobilization ever undertaken in the country, and its impact has been greater and more far-reaching than any other previous programme. The villagization programme was aimed at resettling the entire rural population into large, planned centres by replacing the traditional peasant households frequently shifting cultivation from area to area to balance resources and requirements with fairly large settlements each comprising at least some families. In , , Tanzanians, less than 5 per cent of the mainland population, were living in villages. These communities had an average occupancy of people. By , following the persuasion and inducement campaigns and after several local operations, the villagised population had grown to about 2. After the first full year of compulsion, approximately 9, At the conclusion of Operation Tanzania in an estimated 79 percent of the mainland population and 90 percent of all rural dwellers - more than 13 million people- were living in 7. The way the programme was implemented left a lot to be desired. In some cases, violence was used, in others the settlement sites chosen were unsuitable, or the planning process was deficient, or too many people were settled in one village. Above all, the whole exercise was carried out too hastily. In there were 5. All these factors brought about widespread resentment among the rural population, and sometimes open opposition to the party and government. Millions of people had been resettled old homes were destroyed and new ones built, people accustomed to living in isolated homesteads now found themselves in mini-towns with, in many cases, closely built houses in straight lines. Overall, tremendous changes had occurred in the rural areas: The significant factor in this programme, however, is its class character. But this could not be done effectively through nationalization measures. Resettlement in chosen localities with government officials to oversee production processes was the logical strategy to be adopted. Villagization can therefore be seen as the culmination of the colonialist efforts to restructure rural economic life in order to facilitate exploitation and domination of the rural masses by international capitalism. The nature of petty commodity production renders it resistant to domination, and thus resistant to exploitation of the producers; only the existence of centralized institutions that directly control the peasants can achieve those objectives. Attempts to create settlement schemes during the colonial era and the early days of independence aimed to create such institutional structures, because those participating in the schemes would be controlled directly by government agencies and yet still remain outside wage employment. In this way, capitalism, in this particular context of under-development, exerts its domination over petty commodity production. Officialdom decides how much land should be under tobacco, when and how to plant, weed, harvest and cure the leaf; supplies seeds, fertilizers, and insecticides, grades and, of course, markets the tobacco. The villagers provide only the labour power. Finally, officialdom decides what proportion of the turnover should be paid back to the peasant. Obviously, the largest proportions go to those who supplied the technical inputs, the administrative services, and those who marketed the crop. The villager, with virtually no control over the production process or the

product of his labour, is inevitably the loser. In the s, apart from the villagization drive itself. Tanzania introduced a number of other fundamental changes to existing rural institutions. Almost all the local institutions with grass-root level participation were overhauled and new bureaucratic institutions, with direct central control, established in their place. Until then these councils were directly elective with a degree of autonomy from central government. In , the marketing co-operative movement - then one of the most advanced in Africa - was demolished. Peasants had marketed their crops to co-operative organizations which were answerable to their members - the peasants themselves. The crops were then marketed to the appropriate government agencies which had monopoly in the export of agricultural produce. With the abolition of co-operative societies, government agencies were empowered to buy produce directly from the peasant, but the peasant is in no way involved in the activities of these agencies. Consequently the peasants have begun to suffer from yet another form of exploitation: For various reasons almost all government agencies are today unable to pay cash for peasant produce and instead offer promissory notes. Actual payment is very much delayed and in some cases, due to mismanagement, the peasant is either not paid at all or paid only in part. The process of integration and control of the peasantry has finally been accomplished. In the final analysis this control and domination is most advantageous to the international division of labour characteristic of world capitalism: These changes have not only firmly integrated the peasantry into the world market but have intensified its exploitation. Prices of primary products from underdeveloped countries bear no relation to their values: Multinational companies continue to amass huge profits from the trade of raw materials from underdeveloped countries. Within the country, however, a greater and greater proportion of the peasant produce is appropriated by the state bourgeoisie. Indeed, the abolition of local government and co-operative institutions was objectively a means for ensuring this exploitation. In Tanzania, maize the staple food and other grains are purchased from the producers by the National Milling Corporation NMC - a state institution. It stores and processes the grain and sells the flour to consumers via wholesalers and retailers. The state, acting as middleman, siphons off most of what is produced and the producer is paid only about one-third of the ultimate consumer price. The relation between the state bourgeoisie and the peasantry is one of exploitation facilitated by the existence of institutional structures that regulate the activities of the peasantry and its production: It would, of course, be misleading to imply that in these developments the state has always had the upper hand: We noted earlier that peasants constantly resorted to simply leaving establishment settlements, to sabotaging official regulations and so on, and what took place during the colonial period has undoubtedly continued although in ever changing forms. It is well-known that, for example, in coffee growing regions peasants have uprooted coffee trees to plant food crops, have stopped weeding cashew-nut growing areas and instead have burnt the trees, and in most areas have been selling food crops on the black market.

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