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War and Peace in Africa



While other developing regions have growth, Africa has become synonymous with poverty and conflict. Continuing divergence would generate unmanageable problems.

Tribalism, legacies of colonialism, disease, and IMF policies have all been peddled as explanations.

Modern economics can take us beyond the political posturing that has dominated discussion. It offers a distinctive diagnosis of Africa's problems, and a practical agenda for what can be done.



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