

# Review of: "Recognition Ambiguity! Kenya's Foreign Policy Towards Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Israel, And Palestine Under Moi Era (1978-1990)"

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The article addresses a topic of great relevance and potential interest, putting forward interesting hypotheses on Kenyan foreign policy during a certain phase of the Cold War. Nevertheless, it shows some obvious limitations in proposing the analysis, both in terms of methodology and objectives to be pursued.

First, it shows a certain vagueness in defining the Cold War as a whole, without specifying the more precise period to which it actually refers. Secondly, a contextual analysis of the country's diplomatic relations at that juncture is almost completely lacking, just as the country's picture within the bipolar conflict is not outlined at all. In this sense, the article is guilty of excessive 'superficiality', whereas it would be much more useful to go into the merits of the international relations outlined from the more general context. Moreover, the same treatment is repetitive and with a swinging trend: it is repeated several times which objectives are to be reached and with which theoretical references, while neglecting to go into the details of why those countries were chosen to be analysed and, above all, not highlighting well the reasons for Kenya's foreign policy choices. In this sense, the analysis seems rather lacking or 'hasty', if not unbalanced. Moreover, the analysis of Moi's political career is also very confusing.

It is therefore suggested to revise the work in depth, to make it as clear and straightforward as possible from the very beginning: the objectives and theoretical references should be highlighted in the first part (and not with subsequent repetitive references), elaborating a more in-depth contextual analysis of the analysed cold war juncture and of the Kenyan position in international relations (and not in a few lines as it is now). Subsequently, it is advisable to outline in more depth (and not in a few lines as it is now) the relations with the countries considered, why those countries were chosen to be analysed, and what are the deeper reasons for Kenyan foreign policy in the period analysed.