

Reviews of “Oil and Politics in the Gulf of Guinea”

'A remarkable and extraordinarily ambitious book.' ... It is not only clearly but attractively written, and makes absorbing reading ... represents a significant contribution to knowledge, both in the extraordinary amount of material that the author has unearthed, and in his ability to integrate this material into an original and coherent whole.'

—Professor Christopher Clapham, University of Cambridge

'A path-breaking study of an important part of the world. It also represents a sophisticated theoretical statement on the phenomenon of states in which massive corruption and the privatization of central functions of governance have become routine. ... [The book] occupies a unique position in the English-language literature. ... its key strengths are theoretical originality and lucidity.'

—Dr Stephen Ellis, University of Leiden

'This volume is the best book written thus far on the political economy of Africa's oil. Anyone remotely interested either in the oil industry in Africa or more broadly the nature of politics on the continent *has* to read it.' (emphasis in original) The book really is exceptional in its empirical depth, theoretical insights and general eloquence, as well as the honesty that the author reflects in his writing.'

— *The Round Table*

'Soares de Oliveira has written an important study of the impact of oil on the region's politics... [this] study provides a rich political sociology of the oil curse in West Africa.'

— *Foreign Affairs*

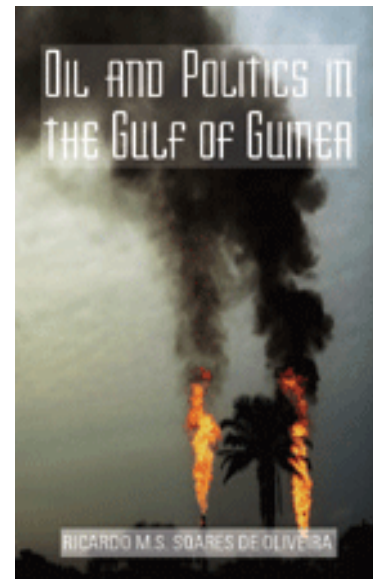
'A remarkable study of the evolution of the Gulf of Guinea countries ... Free of any cumbersome 'dependency theory' rhetoric, this is without doubt a milestone in African political analysis'.

— *The Africa Report*

'*Oil and Politics* [is] a book in the best scholarly tradition ... [the author], an academic sensitive to the various dysfunctional aspects of the oil enterprise in Africa, takes an analytic approach intended calmly to suggest how they might be remedied. In so doing, he thoroughly contextualizes and dissects putative solutions'

— *Survival*

'Few books manage to be theoretically innovative, empirically founded and well-written at the same time. *Oil and Politics in the Gulf of Guinea* is one of them... The book offers interesting insights to scholars working in such different spheres as state formation, African politics and energy security. It is highly recommended.'



— *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*

‘This is an intelligent, well-researched, and elegantly written book... this is an excellent contribution both to the study of the African state and to the study of oil politics’

— *Political Science Quarterly*