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2015 Africa in Global International Relations - Emerging approaches to theory and practice by Amitav Acharya, Paul-Henri Bischoff, Kwesi Aning (London: Routledge); 2016. 'Das sicherheitsdilemma in Westafrika', Welt Trends, No.111, January with M. Abdallah;

2016 'African Agency in R2P: Interventions by African Union and ECOWAS in Mali, Cote d'Ivoire and Libya' in International Studies Review, Vol. 19, No. 2 with Fiifi Edu-Afful.



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