Welcome to ROAPE’s first bimonthly newsletter, which opens with analysis of the recent troubling events in Ethiopia. Highlights from elsewhere across the last few months include two commentaries on Nigeria’s #EndSARS protests, a reflection on Rodney’s 1972 classic *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*, and a series of short eulogies to the late economist and radical activist John Loxley.

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**Spotlight on Ethiopia**

**The Tigray War**

Martin Plaut explains the background and devastating consequences of the war that has broken out in Ethiopia.
Imperial Ambitions in Ethiopia

Wyatt Constantine examines the complicated and opaque nature of Ethiopia’s new ambitions since the change of leadership in 2018.

Popular Protest & Class Struggle

#EndSARS

Femi Aborisade and Andy Wynne look at the background to the recent mass protests in Nigeria and celebrate a movement that challenges the country’s ruling class.

Lekki Toll Gate Massacre

Adam Mayer argues that the #EndSARS movement and the response of the Nigerian left signals a historical shift in the country’s history.
Protests in Namibia

Heike Becker writes about the Namibian activists, students, working youth, and artists who have taken to the streets of Windhoek and other towns in the past few weeks.

A Year of Revolt

Emma Wilde Botta reviews A Region in Revolt, edited by Jade Saab, a new book that chronicles the wave of popular struggle that spread across North Africa and West Asia in 2019.

Long Reads

Becoming Kwame Ture

Africa in a Time of Covid-19
Reginald Cline-Cole reflects on what the differentiated spread and impact of Covid-19 around the world tells us about the role and place of Africa and Africans within it.

From the Blog

Mohamed Bouazizi 10 Years On
Habib Ayeb marks the 10th anniversary of the death of Mohamed Bouazizi, who through self-immolation became the iconic martyr of the Tunisian revolution.

Egypt 2020: A Journey to the Abyss
Analysis in the wake of Egypt's 2020 parliamentary elections, from a collective of Egyptian authors defending the rights of its people.
African Financial Centres

Pritish Behuria documents the rise of financial centres across Africa, and explores the associated risks and tensions through the case of Mauritius.

So Many 'Africanists', so Few Africans

Based on his recent publication in ROAPE Journal, Zack Zimbalist asks who produces knowledge on African politics, and to what effects?

Slaheddine el-Amami

Max Ajl celebrates Tunisian radical agronomist Slaheddine el-Amami, whose approach emphasized the ecological aspects of both uneven development and the resistance it generated.
People’s Revolution in Algeria

In a detailed analysis of what is referred to as Algeria's 'post-colonial era', Brahim Rouabah demonstrates the horizons a decolonial approach unlocks and the new perspectives it allows to emerge.

Open Veins of Latin America

Brian Napoletano, Héctor Ignacio Martínez Alvarez and Pedro Urquijo look again at Eduardo Galeano’s *Open Veins of Latin America*.

Rodney’s 1972 Masterpiece

In this blogpost, Leo Zeilig looks at the context and approach Walter Rodney took in his now seminal 1972 book *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*.

Corporate Media and Kagame

Sam Broadway argues that by perpetuating a certain historical record, corporate journalists have become strategic allies of Rwanda’s President Paul Kagame.
Interviews

Leo Zeilig interviews the historian and socialist Ian Birchall, who speaks about his work, which has involved discovering relatively unknown activists and revolutionaries, many from Africa.

Obituaries

In a series of short eulogies, John is remembered as an extremely skilled and articulate economist and as an equally articulate and committed radical activist.

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Special issue on African extractivism, edited by Elisa Greco and with papers on Senegal, Libya, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Africa's blue economy and more.

From the Video Archives
Africa and the Pandemic: Crackdown, Survival and Resistance, a ROAPE/BIEA webinar, held on 7 May 2020, on the coronavirus pandemic and its impact across the continent.