CLAIMING LAND: INSTITUTIONS, NARRATIVES, AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN KENYA

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This discussion analyzes how the distribution and control of land and property shape the patterns and organization of election violence in multiparty Kenya. Variation in the distribution of land rights provides a powerful lens for explaining the dynamics of electoral violence, affecting both strategies of elite-led mobilization and individual decisions to participate in violence.

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