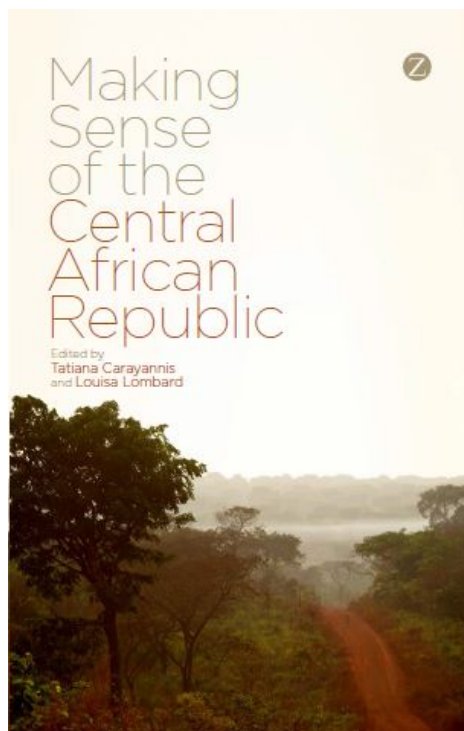


Book: Making Sense of the Central African Republic

The JSRP is proud to introduce a new volume on the Central African Republic edited by our Research Director, Tatiana Carayannis, and Yale University Associate Professor, Louisa Lombard.

Lying at the center of a tumultuous region, the Central African Republic and its turbulent history have often been overlooked. Democracy, in any kind of a meaningful sense, has eluded the country. Since the mid-1990s, army mutinies and serial rebellion in CAR have resulted in two major successful coups. Over the course of these upheavals, the country has become a laboratory for peacebuilding initiatives, hosting a two-decade-long succession of UN and regional peacekeeping, peacebuilding and special political missions.

Tatiana Carayannis, the Social Science Research Council's Deputy Director of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, and Yale University's Associate Professor Louisa Lombard (as co-editors and chapter contributors) have brought together the foremost experts on the Central African Republic in *Making Sense of the Central African Republic*. This much-needed volume, published by **Zed Books** (US Distributor – **University of Chicago Press**), provides the first in-depth analysis of the country's recent history of rebellion, instability, and international and regional intervention.



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