The Sudan can demonstrate that while there is no short-cut to progress there is one to decay and misery. After eleven years of peace, the second civil war has now lasted for more than ten years. Regional, ethnic and religious conflicts are intensifying all over the country. The economy is in shambles while a small elite is enriching itself.

This book brings together analytical perspectives, data and approaches so as to enhance the understanding of what seems like a “permanent” catastrophe, the Sudan.