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Running Like a Cheetah



I am very pleased to join the [Advisory Council of the International Conference on Security in Africa](#) at a time when security issues have become so central to discussions about Africa's future, and when the need for thoughtful, inclusive, and forward-looking dialogue has never been greater. I look forward to contributing to this important platform as it brings together leaders and experts to reflect on the challenges facing the continent and to help shape more effective and sustainable responses.



The special issue of [Cadernos de Estudos Africanos marking the Centenary of Amílcar Cabral](#), which I had the pleasure to co-edit with Aurora Almada Santos and Pedro Vaz Goulart, is now fully available online, bringing together a rich set of contributions that revisit Cabral's legacy and its enduring relevance for contemporary debates on African liberation, political thought, and development. The volume explores his role as a theorist of liberation, a strategist of anti-colonial struggle, and a thinker on culture and identity, while also critically engaging with how his ideas resonate in today's debates on state-building, sovereignty, and development in Africa. It offers both historical depth and contemporary reflection, making it a valuable resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in the enduring relevance of Cabral's thought.

My latest contributions



Daily Maverick
In [Gulf shock: How Iran war could reshape Africa's economic outlook](#), written for **Daily Maverick**, I argue that the conflict is not a distant geopolitical event for Africa but an immediate economic shock transmitted through energy prices, trade logistics, financial flows, and labour movements, reflecting the continent's deep integration with Gulf economies. The piece highlights how rising oil prices, disrupted shipping routes, and tighter financial conditions are already affecting markets and policy responses across Africa, while also underscoring the scale of Gulf investment and remittance linkages that amplify these effects. It ultimately points to the asymmetric nature of the shock, with some resource-rich countries potentially benefiting, but most economies facing renewed inflationary pressures, external imbalances, and heightened vulnerability in an already fragile global context.



RFI
For **RFI**, I argued in [Guerre au Moyen-Orient: «Nous sommes dans un mécanisme qui peut être très coûteux pour l'Afrique»](#) I discuss how the conflict could trigger a costly chain reaction for African economies through higher energy prices, disrupted trade routes, and tighter financial conditions, reinforcing the continent's vulnerability to external shocks and the urgency of building more resilient economic strategies. This article was subsequently published by [AllAfrica.com](#) and [Modern Ghana](#).



China Daily
In [Africa seeks benefits from two sessions](#) I told **China Daily** that African countries are closely following China's annual political meetings for signals on trade, investment, and development cooperation at a time of global uncertainty, with Beijing's domestic priorities likely to shape the direction and scale of its engagement with the continent.

My Videos and Podcasts



Le Programme LEAD: à quoi se préparer?, Africa CEO Forum, 4 March

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Um africano na liderança da ONU?, Deutsche Welle, 2 March

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