THE NEW SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICAN RESOURCES AS A SOURCE OF CONFLICT:  
A CASE STUDY OF THE SUDAN CONFLICT

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ABSTRACT

The New scramble for Africa for oil and gas is inextricably linked to post cold war shifts in the power balance and ever growing presence of China on the world stage, which is seen as a big challenge to the hegemonic power that the United States of America has been monopolizing. The research analyzes how the contestation between the current hegemonic and emerging economic power are a possible cause of conflict in Africa. In addressing this, the research evaluates the contribution of western powers and the east in conflict over competition of natural resources. The research conclusions are that the external factors act as triggers of conflict and sustains or are themselves sources of conflict in Africa.