

Local mediation dynamics and the elusiveness of peace: Mali as a case study



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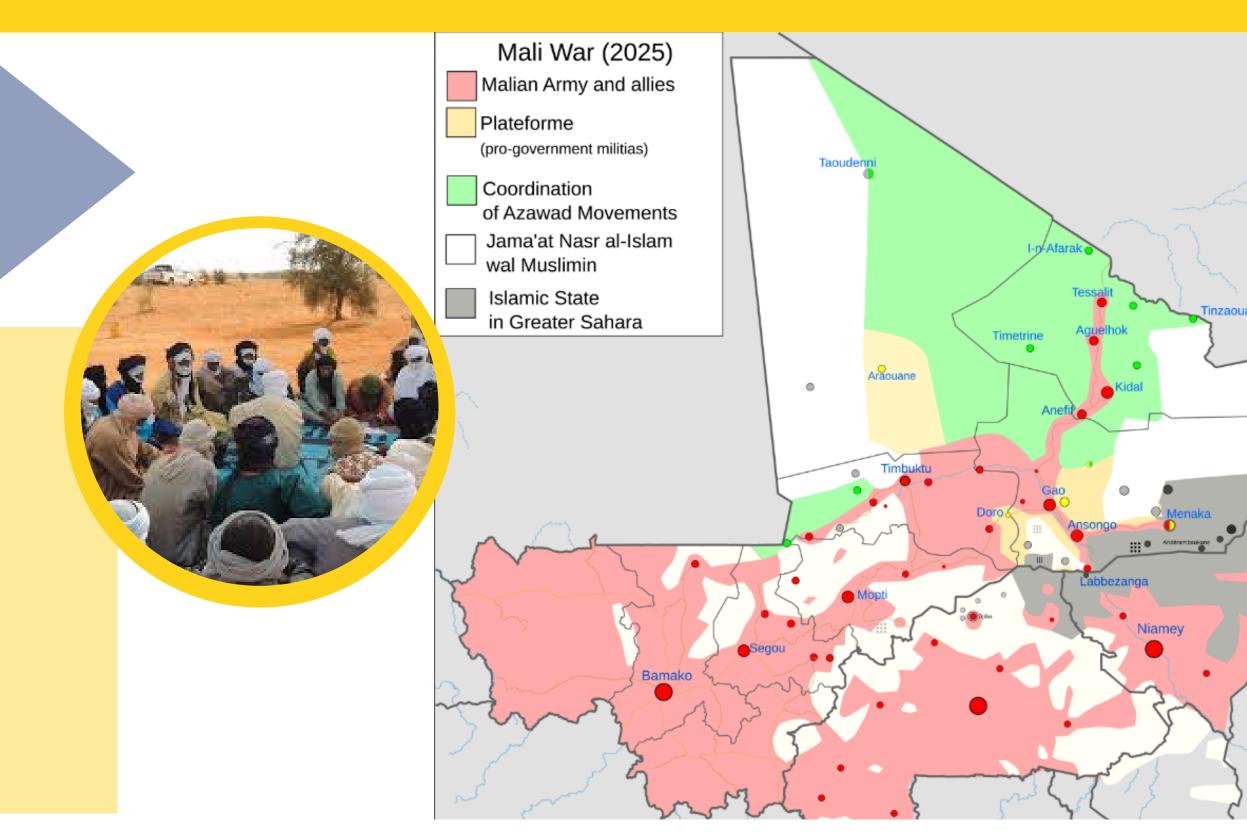
I. Setting the scene

A history of violence or a legacy of peace and coexistence?

The descent from "donor darling" to "crisis hotspot"

II. Literature review

- Origins of (re)occurrence of the Malian conflicts
- Limitations of RECs/RMs security and peacemaking interventions
- (in)effectiveness of international security and stabilization interventions
- Local mediation, peacemaking, and the political economy of peace and security interventions"



III. Framework

Malian conflicts as Internationalized protracted conflicts

- top-down funding dynamics
- colonization of space
- NGO-ization of the peacebuilding field

Local mediation Lederach's conflict transformation Perpetual peacebuilding

and NGO-ization of the peacebuilding field in Mali. IV. Hypothesis

> this colonization of space would in directly marginalize local actor and overlook their inner power struggles, leaving deep-rooted grievances unaddressed.

V. Findings

Professionalization and NGO-ization of Peacebuilding

Challenges to Local **Ownership**

Impact of foreign influence and donor dynamics

Reimagined traditions in local

it will contribute to shaping the conflict as recurrent cycles of violent localized conflict and ignore broader structures of insecurity and absence of the role of the state.

mediation

Myth of

representation

in local

mediation

Political economy dynamics,

produce a professionalization

