



Epistemic Injustice in Climate and Conflict Knowledge Production: The Case of Sudan

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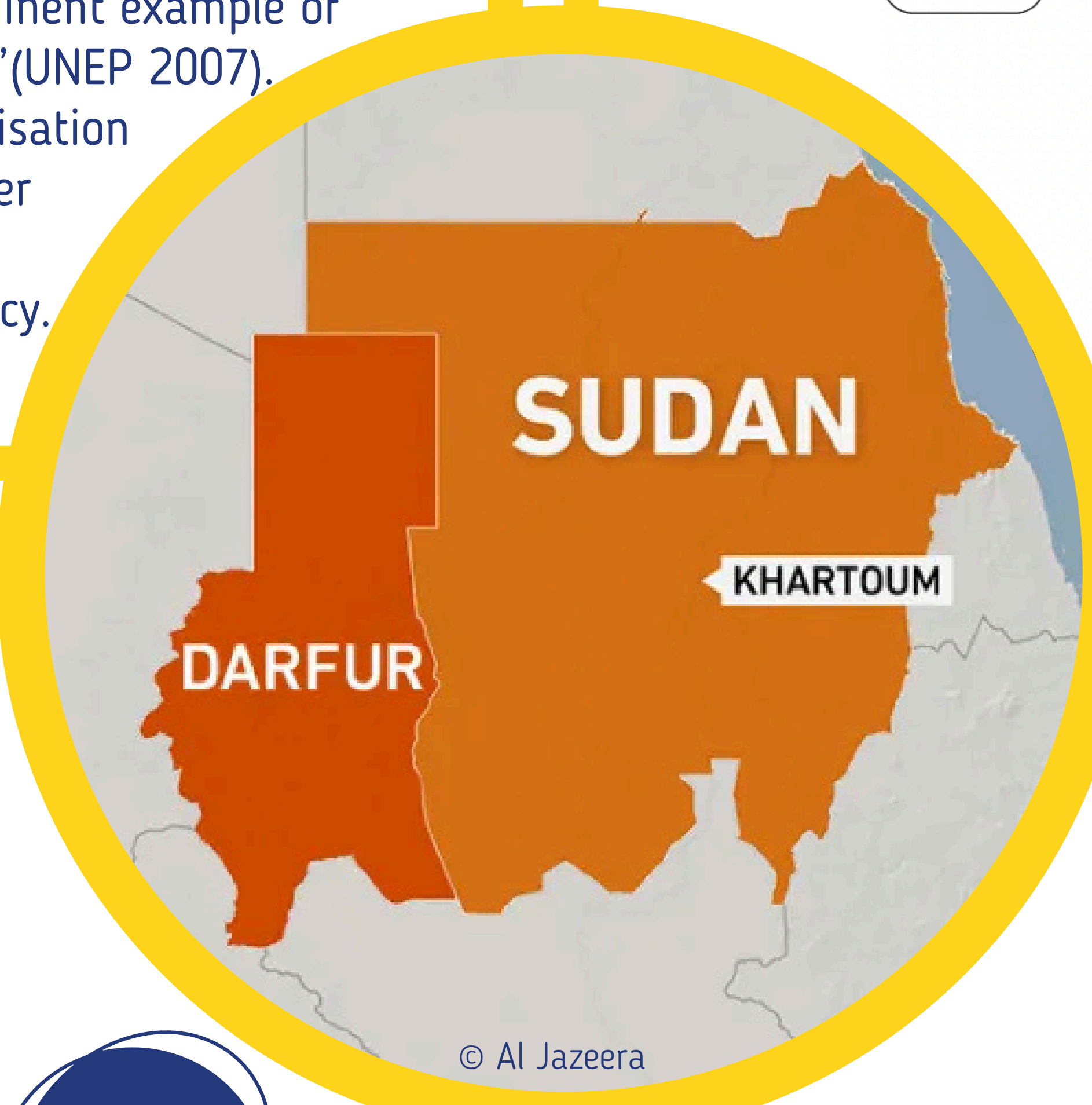
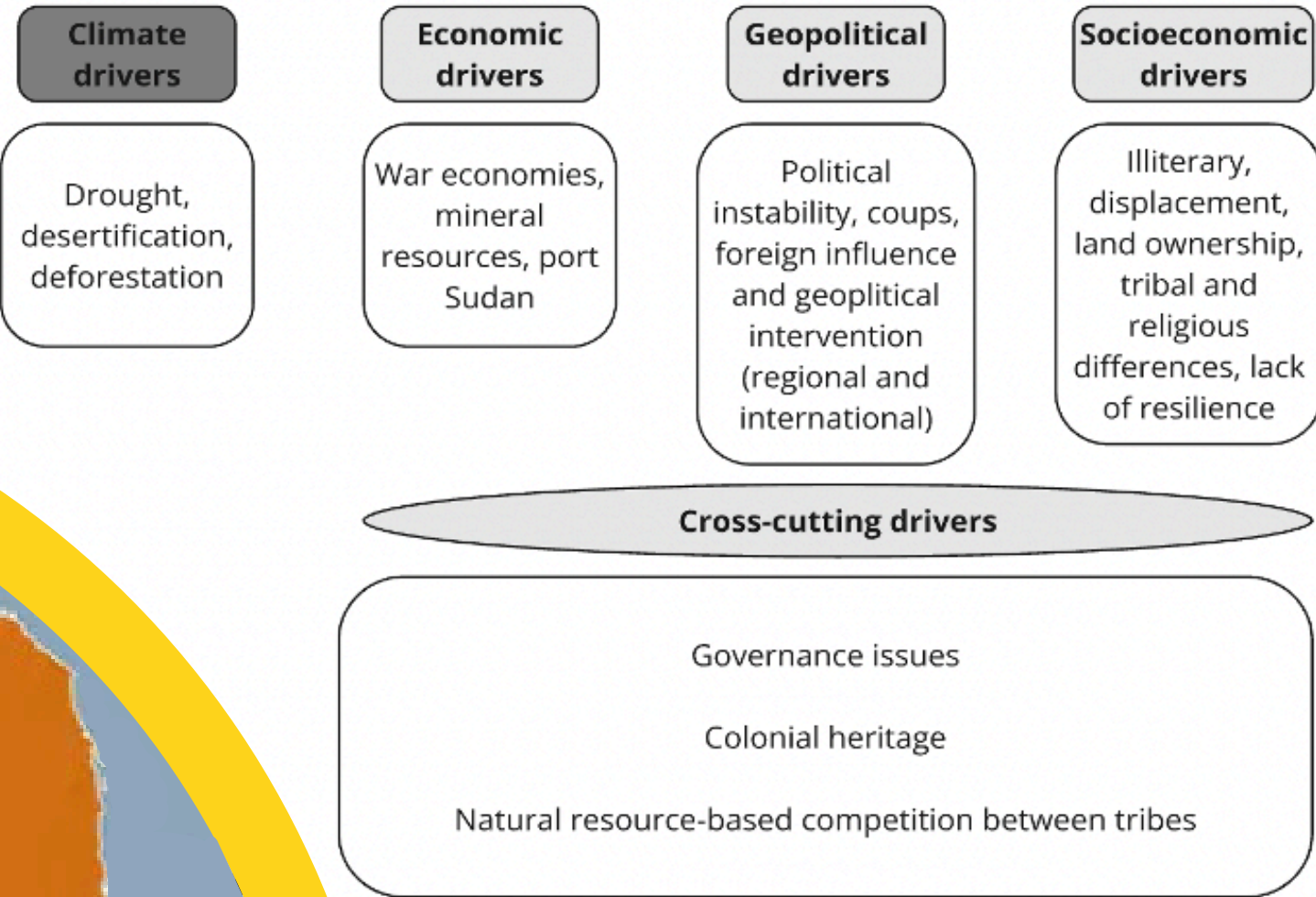
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INTRODUCTION

With the new turn of the century, climate and conflict scholarship started to gain momentum, with Africa as the main subject of analysis (Selby 2014; von Uexkull and Buhaug 2021). The Sudanese context of Darfur has been portrayed as the most prominent example of the “first climate change conflict”(UNEP 2007). However, there was limited theorisation originating from Africa. This paper attempts to unpack the reasons behind this epistemic inconsistency.

Selby, Jan. 2014. 'Positivist Climate Conflict Research: A Critique'. Geopolitics 19(4): 829-56. doi:10.1080/14650045.2014.964865. von Uexkull, Nina, and Halvard Buhaug. 2021. 'Security Implications of Climate Change: A Decade of Scientific Progress'. Journal of Peace Research 58(1): 3-17. doi:10.1177/0022343320984210. UNEP. 2007. Sudan Post-Conflict Environmental Assessment.

LINKAGES OF CLIMATE AND CONFLICT IN SUDAN



METHODS & THEORY

- Qualitative Content Analysis (Mayring 2020)
- Decolonised Interviews (Chilisa 2012)
- Data Coding (Saldaña 2013)

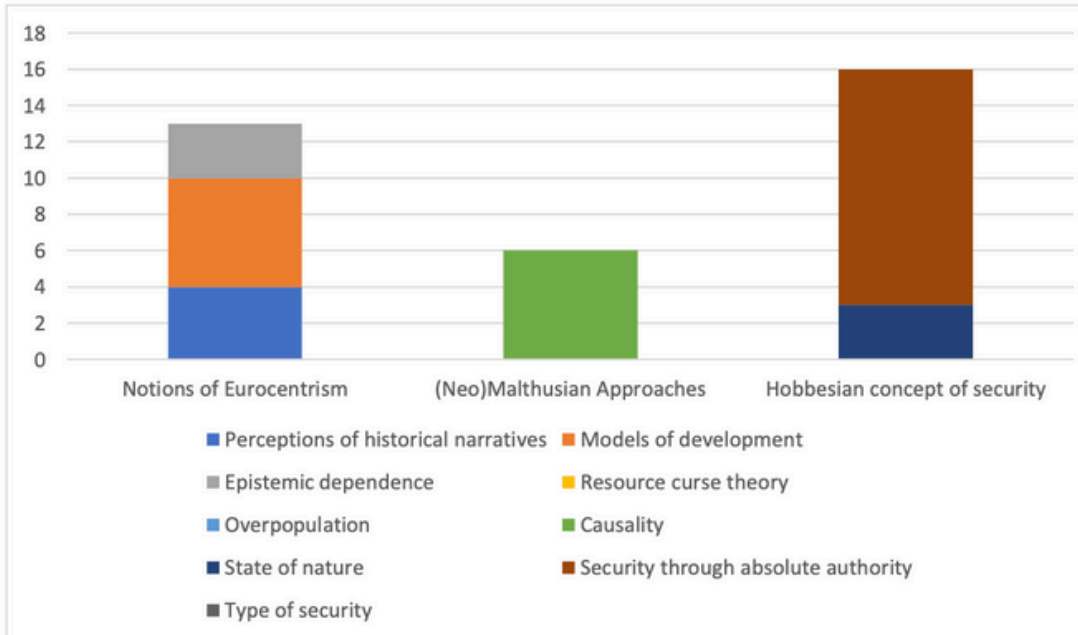
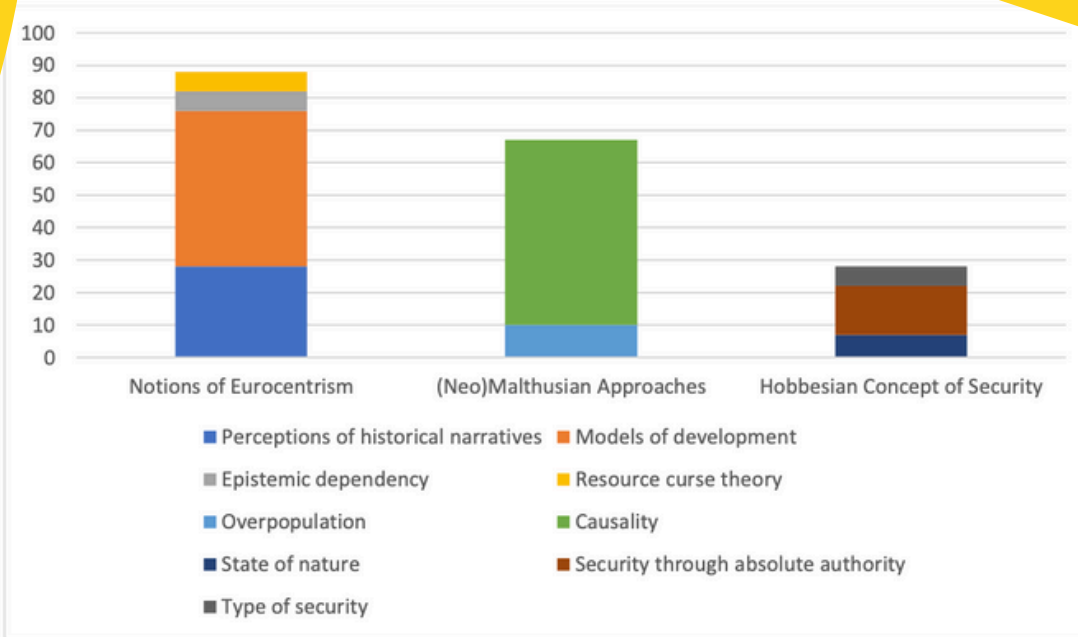
NOTIONS OF EUROCENTRISM

(NEO) MALTHUSIAN APPROACHES

HOBBESIAN CONCEPT OF SECURITAS

Mayring, Philipp. 2020. Qualitative Content Analysis: Demarcation, Varieties, Developments. <http://www.qualitative-research.net/>. Chilisa, Bagele. 2012. 'Postcolonial Indigenous Paradigms'. Indigenous research methodologies. Saldaña, Johnny. 2013. The Coding Manual for Qualitative Researchers.

FREQUENCY COMPARISON OF THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS



PREVIOUS RESEARCH



Climate-conflict methodologies and epistemologies



Decolonial African frames of analysis



Conflict theory incl. drawbacks of theorisation



Africa-related climate-conflict research



Sudan as a case study

SYNTHESIS

Oversaturation of the literature with western theories

Contextualising the climate and conflict nexus

Scope of the analysis: Darfur vis à vis a Sudan-wide view

Apolitical perceptions of the linkages

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