

The Penetration of the Principle of Territorial Integrity in Africa and the Carter Administration's Southern Africa Policy: From the Linkage of the Shaba, Angola, and Ogaden Wars

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This article examines the background to the penetration of the principle of territorial integrity in Southern Africa by analyzing the process of the Carter administration's handling of the three conflicts in Shaba, Angola, and the Ogaden. In doing so, I will show that the U.S. had a vision of eliminating the involvement of major powers from African conflicts as much as possible and resolving them through local logic, but eventually was forced to retreat from this vision over the treatment of Cuban soldiers in Africa, and instead moved toward a punitive policy toward the Soviet Union using the principle of territorial integrity. Moreover, I will argue that while this situation ended global détente, laid the groundwork for the Second Cold War of the 1980s, it also promoted to establish the principle of territorial integrity in Southern Africa.

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