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TOWARD AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF 'STATE FAILURE'

Lebanon's Leviathan and Peace Expertise

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Abstract: The sizable amount of academic and policy-oriented literature on socio-political violence in Lebanon could be said to have rendered the country a 'prestige zone' for theorizing on the powerful image of the Leviathan, the Hobbesian idea that a secular social order is achievable only within a strong sovereign state. Building on the insights of the anthropology of the state, this article argues for the necessity of a critical assessment of contemporary expert discourses of 'state failure'. Based on archival research and anthropological fieldwork, the article addresses the metaphor of the failed Leviathan as an empirical question. Overall, it seeks to explore its productivity as an applied expert category and to highlight both the conditions of its construction and dissemination, as well as some of its particular effects.

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Le savant n'est pas l'homme qui fournit les vraies réponses; c'est celui qui pose les vraies questions.¹ (Lévi-Strauss 1964)

On 7 May 2008, deadly clashes between armed wings of rival political parties broke out in Lebanon. Major streets of the capital city Beirut, densely populated neighborhoods of the northern city of Tripoli, and main roads in the mountainous eastern Shouf region turned into battlefields literally overnight. The government's declared will to dismantle the telecommunications network operated separately by the strongest party of the opposition, Hezbollah (Party of God), and to remove the security officer in charge at Beirut International Airport, who was believed to be affiliated with the same party, prompted a violent response. In the past, Hezbollah had often signaled that such a move would be perceived

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