

**Economics 172: Issues in African Economic Development**  
**Problem Set 4 (Due in class Thursday May 6, 2004)**

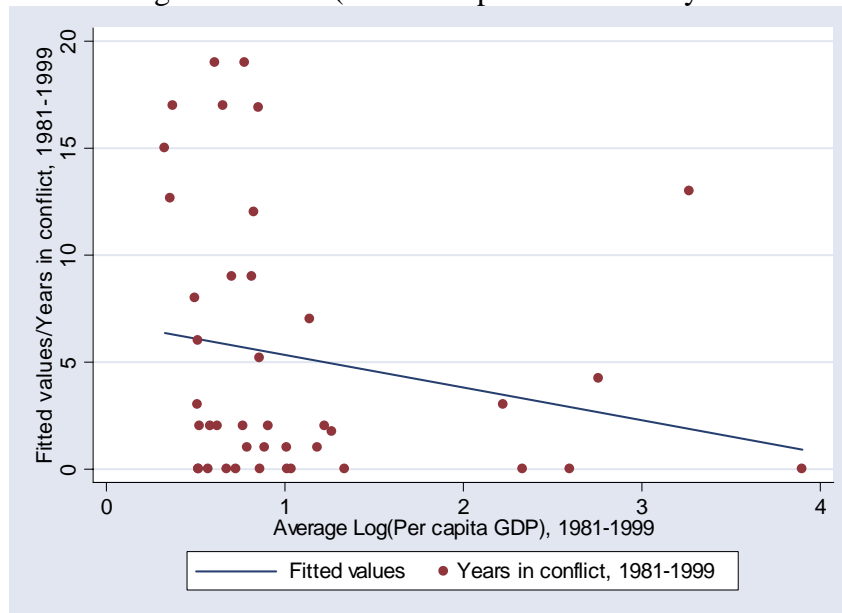
**1. Nation-building in East Africa – 5 points**

(a) Contrast post-independence public policy in Kenya versus Tanzania in terms of: i) language policies, ii) civic education, iii) local government reform. (Discuss in approximately one paragraph for each).

(b) Based on your reading of Barkan (1994), Laitin (1992), Miguel (2003), and on lecture, do you think the nation-building “package” adopted by Tanzania in the post-independence period is a realistic policy option for other African countries, like Kenya, today? (Discuss in at most one double-spaced page.)

**2. Per Capita Income and Civil Conflict – 5 points**

Consider the following figure, which presents the negative relationship between per capita income levels (in logs) and the likelihood of civil conflict for 43 Sub-Saharan African countries during 1981-1999. (Each data point is a country observation.)



(a) Provide two distinct, causal interpretations for the observed negative relationship.

(b) Briefly discuss the micro-empirical evidence on causal impacts of conflict on economic conditions in Mozambique, as described in Dreze (2000). (In 2-3 paragraphs)

(c) If you could design a household survey to collect data in a *post-conflict* society (say, in Sierra Leone), which three (3) questions would you most like to ask *individuals*, in order to assess the impact of the conflict on economic growth and development? Write out the questions exactly as you would want them included on the survey form.