

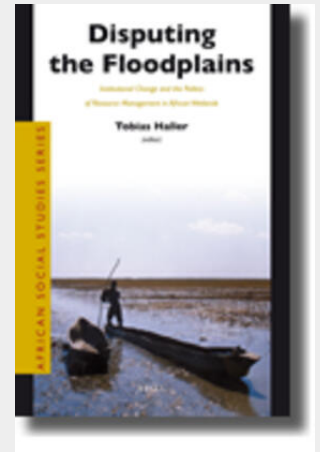
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Institutional Change and the Politics of Resource Management in African Wetlands

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