



Welcome to Kawthoolei: Rethinking Rebel Govern- ance as Bricolage

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Why do armed groups govern, and where do their repertoires originate? Analysts often rely on rational choice, depoliticising and narrowing governance outcomes. I argue that armed groups recombine familiar governance practices through mimesis and bricolage, shaped by political objectives. A genealogical approach, combined with fieldwork in eastern Myanmar, offers deeper insight into governance sources. This calls for re-evaluating how we understand and theorise rebel governance. I conclude with reflections on a “new wave” in armed group studies.

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