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Great robberies, and how to get rid of them

"Slavery, as the state system, rests on violence, hierarchy, subordination, exploitation, and mutual recognition of one slave-owner to the other. Slavery two hundred years ago for west indian planters associations in London, in the Northamerican South or in Latin America seemed so indispensable, safe and wealth providing as the existence of states for many of us today. For slavery, we today know it better. For states, time has come. As in the presence of states all over the globe themselves are a reason to maintain one state, article 77c of United Nations Charter, voluntarily withdrawal, is called into action.

Loosely following the idea of Augustin of Hippo (354-430), „Justice being taken away, then, what are kingdoms but great robberies? For what are robberies themselves, but little kingdoms?“ (The City of God, Book 4, Chapter 4), Charles Tilly, Mancur Olson and recently, using empirical data from Congo, Raul Sanchez de la Sierra, have worked out the comparison.

This contribution both deals with the problem and a possible solution."

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