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Rethinking resilience and investment in the drylands and rangelands of Horn of Africa

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and investment in drylands'

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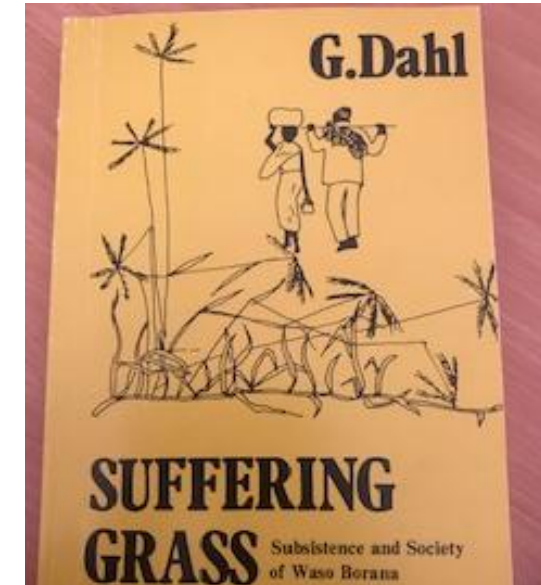


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Resilience encounter

*'Will there still be **resilience** in the suffering grass? I would hope so, but can see no clear answer'*

Dahl, 1979: 264



*Are we sure we understand the concept of **resilience** well enough to make full use of its arresting potential?*

Korosteleva 2019, 2



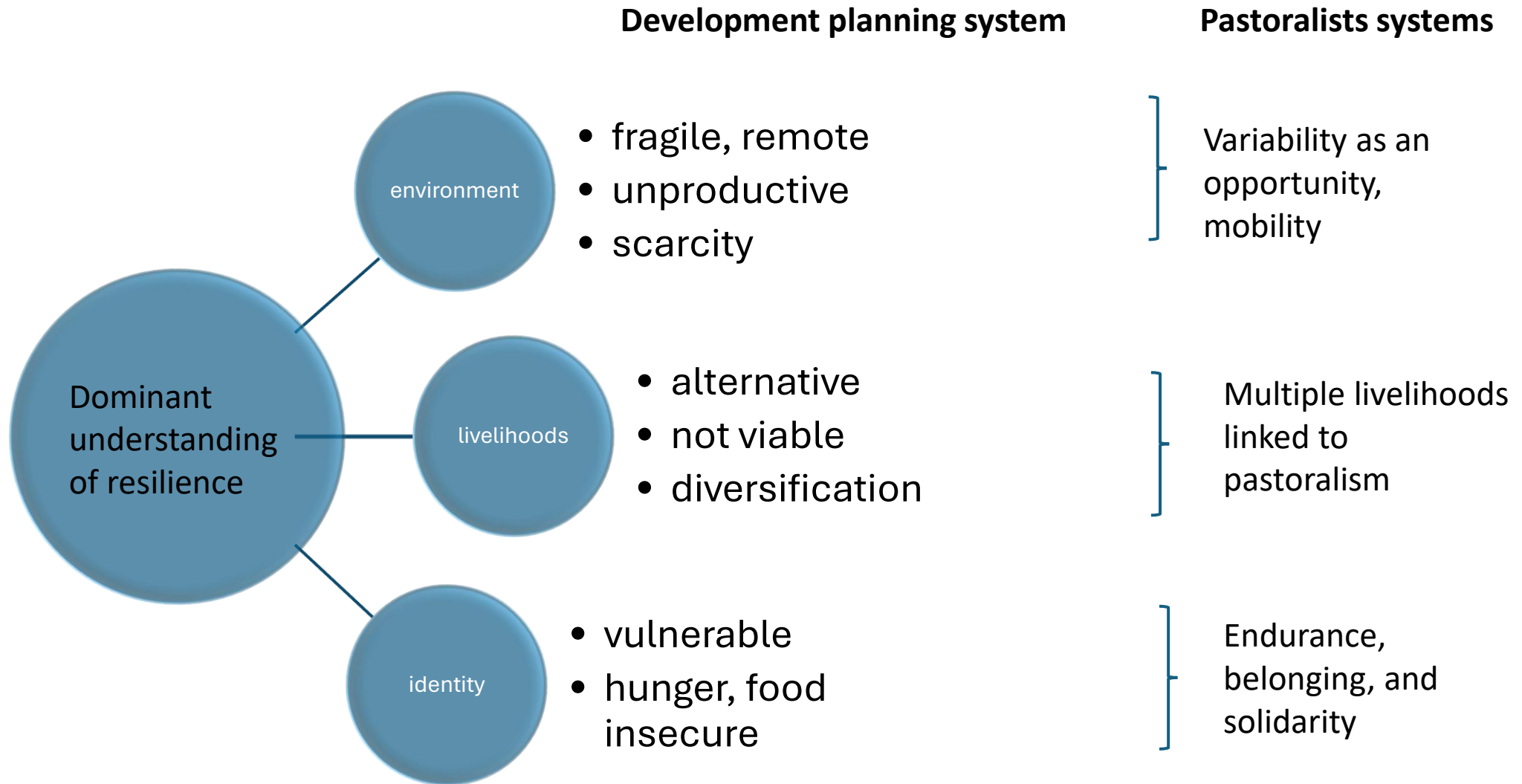
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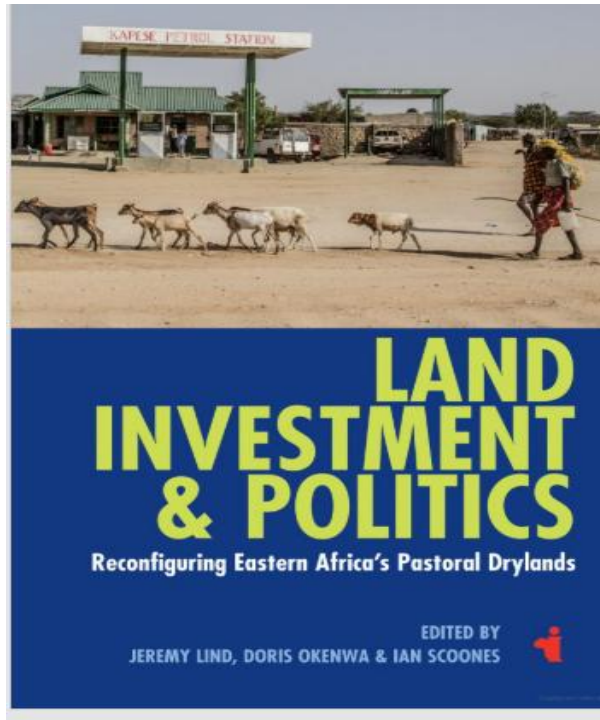


Resilience - classically defined as the ability of systems to 'bounce back after a shock' often based on a stable system (Walker and Salt 2012; Holling 1996)???



Mis-understanding resilience in drylands/pastoralist systems



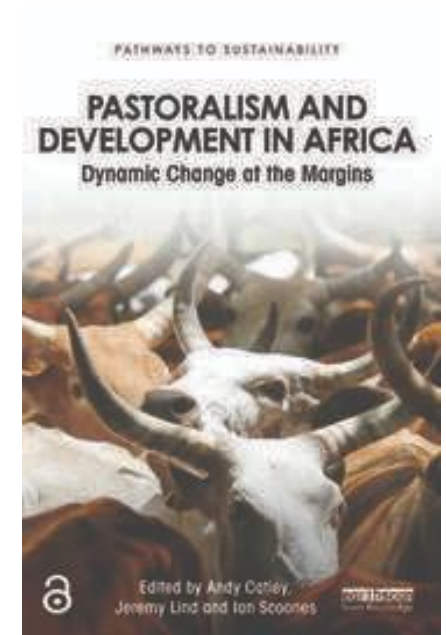
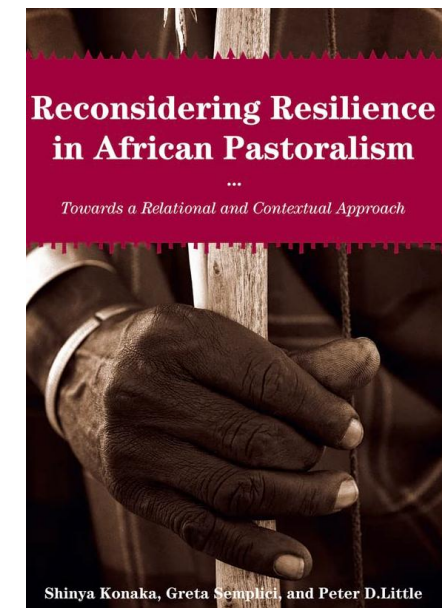
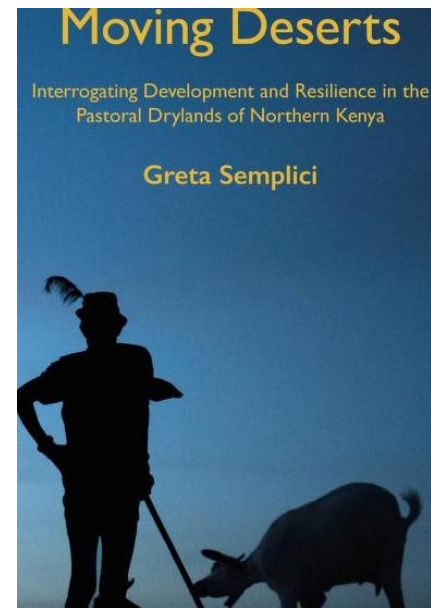


The promise of resilience and competing pressures

In the context of competing land use (carbon markets and offsets; industrialization and infrastructure development; urbanization; conservation) and evolving pastoral livelihoods, resilience pathways of ‘planners’ and pastoralists differs. But the question remains, whose resilience comes first? And whose success indicators do we measure it by?

Future of resilience for drylands in a changing world

1. Resilience is not a **thing**, it is a **long-term** transformation and strengthening of diverse livelihood systems
2. Resilience is **relational**, it is embedded in multiple identities, culture and economies
3. Resilience emerges from everyday **processes** and practices rooted in communities
4. Resilience planners need to align to GLF Africa 2026, towards **rangelands stewardship and responsible investment**



Panel discussion

What does rethinking resilience imply for drylands pastoralists?

- What does resilience look like in your work and how has it changed or evolved?
- With the changing global aid systems and competing land uses, what do ‘responsible investment’ for resilient rangelands look like?
- How can we value and invest in ‘everyday’ resilient systems including from the existing structures?
- What is needed for the ‘resilient rangelands’ to be achieved and what approaches or indicators are needed?



Speakers



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