

TROPIC OF CHAOS

*Climate Change and the
New Geography of Violence*

CHRISTIAN PARENTI



CONTENTS

PART I

LAST CALL FOR ILLUSIONS

- | | | |
|---|--|----|
| 1 | <i>Who Killed Ekaru Loruman?</i> | 3 |
| 2 | <i>Military Soothsayers</i> | 13 |
| 3 | <i>War for a Small Planet: Adaptation As Counterinsurgency</i> | 21 |

PART II

AFRICA

- | | | |
|---|---|----|
| 4 | <i>Geopolitics of a Cattle Raid</i> | 39 |
| 5 | <i>Monsoons and Tipping Points</i> | 55 |
| 6 | <i>The Rise and Fall of East African States</i> | 67 |
| 7 | <i>Somali Apocalypse</i> | 79 |
| 8 | <i>Theorizing Failed States</i> | 87 |

PART III

ASIA

- | | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 9 | <i>Drugs, Drought, and Jihad: Environmental History of the Afghanistan War</i> | 97 |
| 10 | <i>Kyrgyzstan's Little Climate War</i> | 113 |

11 <i>India and Pakistan: Glaciers, Rivers, and Unfinished Business</i>	123
12 <i>India's Drought Rebels</i>	133

PART IV

LATIN AMERICA

13 <i>Rio's Agony: From Extreme Weather to "Planet of Slums"</i>	157
14 <i>Golgotha Mexicana: Climate Refugees, Free Trade, and the War Next Door</i>	179
15 <i>American Walls and Demagogues</i>	207
16 <i>Implications and Possibilities</i>	225

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	243
NOTES	245
INDEX	283