# CONTENTS

*Preface* vii

**Introduction** 1

1. Capturing the Rent 13
2. The Illusory Power of Oil 41
3. Oil Rent and Mafia Regimes 71
4. The Unforeseen Return of Financial Abundance 99
5. Algeria, Libya and the Challenge of the European Neighbourhood Policy 131

**Conclusion** 159

*Notes* 163

*Bibliography* 191

*Index* 201