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"There are no bad guys in my T-shirt's life story. Every business, every entrepreneur, every politician involved in my T-shirt's life was just trying to make their way in a competitive market, a market that often changes under their feet."

- Pietra Rivoli, Professor, and Author of *The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade*



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[Riches from Rags or Persistent Poverty? A Critical Discussion of the Urban Livelihoods of Used-Clothing Traders in Mozambique](#)

Andrew Brooks 2010

This paper explores the trade of used clothing to Africa employing a 'global production network' approach. It focuses on trade between the U.K and Mozambique. Both positive and negative consequences of the trade are discussed and the lives and business strategies of the various types of used clothing traders explored.

[Other Publications By Andrew Brooks, Kings Collage London](#)

[How Susie Bayer's T-Shirt Ended Up on Yusuf Mama's Back](#)

George Packer New York Times March 31, 2002

George packer follows a t-shirt donated in New York through various sellers' buyers and sellers before witnessing its final sale to an elderly man in the small hilltop town of Kapchorwa, Uganda.

[Who Benefits From the Second-Hand Clothing Trade? : The Case of Kenya](#)

Simon Field 2007

[FULL REPORT](#)

Field, S et al (2007). Who Benefits From the Second-Hand Clothing Trade?: The Case of Kenya: Full Research Report ESRC End of Award Report, RES-000-22-0617. Swindon: ESRC

NON TECHNICAL 1000 WORD SUMMERY OF PROJECT AND FINDINGS

A report into the Second hand clothing trade between the U.K and Kenya, based upon field research in both places, and following a value chain approach. The various participants in the chain and the gain of the various beneficiaries are discussed.

The impact of the second hand clothing trade on sub-Saharan Africa

By Sally Baden and Catharine Barber 2005

A detailed report commissioned by Oxfam into the used clothing industry in Sub Saharan Africa. Providing insight into some of the controversies surrounding the second hand clothing business, including the impact on domestic clothing industries, but also explaining how other factors are contributing to this decline.

GERNERAL T-shirt Travels:

What is the real cost of a 'cheap' white cotton t-shirt?

BBC World Service

(22 mins) David Cook May 2007

[AUDIO] [‘The cheap white t-shirt is a staple in many people's wardrobes, but what is the real cost of this bargain?’](#)

This documentary (radio) follows the production of a t-shirt, from cotton farming to sale on the high street. It includes interviews from ILO and the author Pietra Rivoli.

[VIDEO] [The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy](#)

(51 mins) Pietra Rivoli

Pietra Rivoli gives a lecture on her book, the travels of a t-shirt in the global economy, talking through some of the political and economic lessons that can be learnt from this story, as well as the dilemmas and opportunities.

Second-hand (pepe) [Film/project]

Hanna Rose Shell & Vanessa Bertozzi

Produced at: Harvard's Film Study Centre & MIT's Comparative Media Studies program. "Second-hand (Pepe) is a 24min tri-lingual documentary about the role of used clothing in diaspora cultures." Images from the film on flicker, [here](#).

Into The Fold, Brooklyn Borough Hall [short video arts project]

Derick Melander. September 2009

An artist created a cube of clothes equal to the volume of waste clothing created every five minutes in New York.

Waste Couture: Environmental Impact of the Clothing Industry [article]

Luz Claudio

Environ Health Perspect. 2007 September; 115(9): A449-A454.

Textile waste as a resource [featured project]

NICE Nordic initiative clean and ethical

Maximising Reuse and Recycling of UK Clothing and Textiles EV0421 Technical Report

Final report for Defra (2009) Oakdene Hollins

Fast fashion from UK to Uganda

Jack Garland [article and video clips]

Highlights some of the problems with our waste culture including the problems in Uganda caused by synthetic fabric waste, from clothing shipped into Africa, and ending up in landfill.

Used-Clothing Donations and Apparel Production in Africa†

Garth Frazer University of Toronto

Economic Journal, 118(532), October 2008, pp. 1764-1784

This paper examines the impact used clothes have on the local apparel industries in Africa.

The Textile Industry and the Mitumba Market in Tanzania

Oliva D. Kinabo 2004 [report]

This report describes the used clothing trade in Tanzania, highlighting the positive and negative aspects of this.

T-Shirt Travels the story of second hand clothes and third world debt in Zambia

Shantha Bloemen (PBS Productions) (2009)

[VIDEO 50 mins]

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