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AFRICAN STUDIES in the ACADEMY
The Cornucopia of Theory, Praxis and Transformation in Africa?
Edited by Munyaradzi Mawere and Tapuwa Raymond Mubaya

For a long time, African Studies as a discipline has been spearheaded by academics and institutions in the Global North. This puts African Studies on the continent at a crossroads of making choices on whether such a discipline can be legitimately accepted as an epistemological discipline seeking objectivity and truth about Africa and the African peoples or a discipline meant to perpetuate the North’s hegemonic socio-economic, political and epistemic control over Africa. The related question that immediately arises is: Who should produce what and which space should African Studies occupy in the academy both of the North and of the South?

Confronted by such a question, one wonders whether the existence of African Studies centres in the academies of the global, north opens opportunities for critical thinking on Africa, or if it opens possibilities for the emergence of the same discipline in Africa as a fertile space for trans-disciplinary debate. While approaches critical for the development of African Studies are pervasive in African universities through fields such as cultural studies, social anthropology, history, sociology, indigenous knowledge studies and African philosophy, the discipline of African Studies though critical to Africa is rarely practiced as such in the African academy and its future on the continent remains bleak. African Studies in the Academy is a testimony that if honestly and objectively practiced, the crossroads position of African Studies as a discipline makes it a fertile ground for generating and testing new approaches critical for researching and understanding Africa. It also challenges Africa to seriously consider assuming its legitimate position to champion African Studies from within. These issues are at the heart of the present volume.

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AFRICAN VIRTUES in the PURSUIT of CONVIVIALITY
Exploring Local Solutions in Light of Global Prescriptions
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African societies have rich histories, cultural heritages, knowledge systems, philosophies, and institutions that they have shaped and reshaped through history. However, the continent has been repeatedly portrayed negatively as plagued by multitudinous troubles: famine, conflict, coups, massacres, corruption, disease, illiteracy, refugees, failed state, etc. Even worse, Africans are often viewed as incapable of addressing their problems on their own. Based on such paternalist perspectives, exogenous solutions are prescribed, out of context, for African problems. This book sheds light on the positive aspects of African reality under the key concept of ‘African potentials’. It is the product of sustained consultation over a five-year period between seasoned African and Japanese anthropologists, sociologists and scholars in other areas of African studies.

“This book draws our attention to the efficacy of African values and institutions to solve African problems. African potentials, the overriding theme of the book, are seen not in a static and primordial sense but in their dynamic evolution through their interaction with global influences.”

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CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON CULTURE AND GLOBALISATION
The Intellectual Legacy of Ali Mazrui
Edited by Kimani Njogu and Seifudein Adem

In 1996 President Nelson Mandela described Professor Ali A. Mazrui (1933-2014) as “an outstanding educationist and freedom fighter.” In 2002 the former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan referred to Professor Mazrui as “Africa’s gift to the world.” Author of more than 35 books and hundreds of articles, Professor Mazrui was an African scholar who treated with uncommon flair a wide-range of themes that included globalization, the triple heritage, peace, and social justice. This volume engages with some of the themes that excited his attention for over six decades. The multidisciplinary essays seek to underline the highlights of Mazrui’s intellectual journey and attest to the fact that he was public intellectual par excellence. Indeed, in 2005, he was named one of the top 100 public intellectuals in the world. This book is a product of a symposium held from 15 to 17 July 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya. The symposium was jointly organized by the Twaweza Communications, Nairobi, Kenya, and the Institute of Global Cultural Studies (State University of New York at Binghamton) which Ali Mazrui created and presided over as the Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities from 1991 to 2014.

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Africa’s Dependency Syndrome
Can Africa Still Turn Things around for the Better?
Nkwazi Nkuzi Mhango

There are milliards of off beam assumptions that Africa will always remain immobile in development of whatever type. This view has mainly been propounded by Western thinkers in order to make Africans internalise and reinforce this supposed dependency. This volume shows many ways through and by which Africa can reverse the current imbroglio-cum-no-go it faces for the better; and thereby actualise the dream of being truly independent and prosperous.

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How Amos Tutuola Can Change Our Minds
Francis B. Nyamnjoh

This book questions colonial and apartheid ideologies on being human and being African, ideologies that continue to shape how research is conceptualised, taught and practised in universities across Africa. The book uses Amos Tutuola’s stories to question dualistic assumptions about reality and scholarship, and to call for conviviality, interconnections and interdependence between competing knowledge traditions in Africa.

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The Ongoing Tragedy of the Trade in Refugees from Eritrea
Edited by Mirjam van Reisen and Munyaradzi Mawere

Eritrean refugees crisscross between countries in the Horn of Africa and North Africa in search of a safe place. Along their journeys, they are looted, threatened, intimidated, violated, and held for ransom.

This book revisits the human trafficking crisis that first emerged in the Sinai at the end of 2008 and examines the expansion of human trafficking of Eritrean refugees and other forms of exploitation beyond the Sinai. It focuses on the modus operandi of these practices and on identifying their key facilitators and beneficiaries. The book locates the origin of these practices within Eritrea; it reveals how a deliberate policy of impoverishment and human rights abuses has driven the people out of the country, and how individuals within Eritrea, and particularly within the ruling party, benefit from the smuggling and trafficking of Eritrean refugees. The use of information communication technologies (ICTs) is identified as key to the new modus operandi of this criminal business and is found to further facilitate widespread collective trauma amongst Eritreans, who witness the abuse of their family members and fellow nationals through digital networks. An entire section in this book is dedicated to assessing the extent and effects of individual and collective trauma caused by Sinai trafficking and to examining potential approaches to healing. Other sections discuss the vulnerabilities of Eritrean minors and women, and the connections between human trafficking, terrorism and organ trafficking. The last section of the book raises the question of accountability. It examines and evaluates international responses to this forgotten crisis, and discusses the need for policies that tackle the problem where it emerges: in Eritrea.

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DEATH of a DISCIPLINE?
Reflections on the History, State, and Future of Social Anthropology in Zimbabwe
Munyaradzi Mawere and Artwell Nhemachena

This is a book on the state of social anthropology as an academic discipline in contemporary Zimbabwe. The authors are frustrated and disheartened by a problematic visibility and sluggish growth of the discipline in the country. The book makes an important claim that the future and vibrancy of anthropology in Zimbabwe, lies in how well anthropologists in the country and in the diaspora are able to join efforts in articulating, debating and enhancing its relevance and vitality. The book provides a critical overview and nuanced analyses of the role and continued relevance of the discipline in reading and interpreting the social unfolding of everyday life. It is a vital text for understanding and contextualising histories and trends in the development of social anthropology in Zimbabwe and how anthropologists in the country navigate the tumultuous waters and struggles that have engrossed the discipline since colonial times. The book has the capacity to generate added insights and influence national, continental, and global debates and trends in the field.

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Yanyin Zi

For centuries the continent of Africa has been characterised by negative images such as poverty, disease and conflicts. Today, however, the People’s Republic of China’s growing presence in Africa, particularly with regards to China–Africa business relations, brings new vitality to the continent. This new movement is not a windfall but rather obtained through the hard work of both African and Chinese people at various levels. Narrating daily experiences of Chinese merchants and their vivid interactions with people in Botswana, this book decodes the frustrating while rewarding process through which China–Africa relations have been maturing on the grass-roots level. This book not only presents insights and suggestions to both Botswana and Chinese policy makers interested in understanding their constituents’ everyday interactions with each other, but also offers readers interested more broadly in contemporary Chinese experiences in Africa a fascinating glimpse into these cross-cultural encounters.

“Yanyin Zi’s pioneer study of the sociality of China Shops in Botswana highlights the social science imperative of Africa–China relations. I hope it will generate a proliferation of collaborative research initiatives by African and Chinese social scientists. The importance of complex, rigorous, critical and comparative policy-relevant studies, by African and Chinese scholars working collaboratively, of how China shapes and is shaped by Africa cannot be over-emphasised.”
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Dualism, Centralism and the Scapegoat
King in Southeastern Sudan
Simon Simonse

This is the long awaited, revised and illustrated edition of Kings of Disaster, the study of the Rainmakers of the Nilotic Sudan that is in many ways a breakthrough in anthropological thinking on African political systems. Taking his inspiration from René Girard’s theory of consensual scapegoating, the author shows that the longstanding distinction of states and stateless societies as two fundamentally different political types does not hold. Centralized and segmentary systems only differ in the relative emphasis put on the victim role of the king as compared with that of enemy. Kings of Disaster thus proposes an uninvolved solution to the vexed problem of regicide.

“The ethnographic richness of this volume is astonishing: the author has ransacked archives, combed historical accounts, and carried out superb field-work himself... From this viewpoint, the volume offers a more unified vision of the region and of the problems raised by these kingdoms than the isolated monographs about these peoples written in the wake of Evans-Pritchard.”
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The WAYS WE STRETCH TOWARD ONE ANOTHER
Thoughts on Anthropology through the Work of Pamela Reynolds
Todd Meyers

The Ways We Stretch Toward One Another is a collection of essays on the work of Pamela Reynolds. The essays take cues from Reynolds’ decades-long contributions to the field of anthropology in different ways. The authors weave Reynolds’ groundbreaking scholarship on the anthropology of childhood—of labour, of family, of resistance, justice, war and suffering—through the terms of their own work, in places and contexts that may at first appear quite distant from the villages of Zimbabwe and townships of South Africa that feature in Reynolds’ ethnographies. The Ways We Stretch Toward One Another is about anthropologists stretching in thought and practice toward one another, between generations, toward the people encountered in the field, through worlds entered and past, and how, in turn, these worlds lean into our own. At the core of each essay is a question about how we learn, how we pass lessons on, how we assume the mantle of anthropology for understanding the contemporary world—something that often requires folding intellectual friendships into the tools of our practice. The Ways We Stretch Toward One Another demonstrates how a master anthropologist has come to shape the priorities of others, in terms that are both creative and aware.

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MY LIFE, MY CAMERA
Mohinder Dhillon

The remarkable life-story of Mohinder Dhillon, a frontline news cameraman on the world stage, from his start as a budding photojournalist in Kenya.

His story covers many of the seminal African and world events from the 1950s, documenting the changing face of an Africa liberated from colonial rule. His reporting covers many of the following internal conflicts including the Zanzibar Revolution of 1964, the Simba Rebellion in the Congo, the Siege of Stanleyville, the Aden War, the rise and fall of Idi Amin and the expulsion of the Asian minorities, and was on the frontline recording the fall of Ian Smith’s Rhodesia and the birth of Zimbabwe. He was the official cameraman to Haile Selassie, and later recorded the Ethiopian famine in the 1980s, footage that shocked the world, raising millions of dollars in famine relief. After this golden age of television news, the waning of foreign interest in Africa, and rapidly advancing video technology, he focussed on making full-length television documentaries. In this period, he recorded the grim ecological impacts post the Vietnam war; and also undertook another news assignment to film the shattered, war-torn country of Afghanistan in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion. He recalls the horrific events of the 1988 US Embassy bombing in Nairobi and the 2013 terror attack on the city’s Westgate Mall.

Reflecting on the triumphs and tragedies of his life, his story is imbued with passion and gentle humour, a love of his adopted Kenya from his Sikh roots in the Punjab. It is a moving story of what it means to be human in the face of unspeakable suffering and violence.

“Mohinder Dhillon is a one-off – a pioneering news cameraman of the kind we may never see again. So read now, while stocks last, and enjoy!” - JON SNOW, Presenter, Channel Four News UK

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The deepest and most significant aspect of the heritage of any nation lies in her people. A people’s dignity, worth and value can be measured by their human resources. More important than mineral wealth, more significant than financial capital and of more value than land and property, are the leaders of thought and character that a communal or social group can lay claim to. Towering above the tallest buildings, reaching deeper than the roots of ancient trees, are society’s icons, doyens of a people’s life and culture. Such was Dr. Ephraim Amu, native of Peki Avetile, son of West Africa’s “Gold Coast”, scholar, teacher, musician, ethicist, and preacher. In this book, Prof. Laryea has thoughtfully selected over sixty of Amu’s sermons spanning a period of 50 years (1937 - 1986). In doing so he has also opened up and thrown light upon very significant periods in the nation’s history.

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**Buhari: The Making of a President**
Jimi Adebisi Lawal

The first four months of the year 2015 will be remembered by many as some of the most apprehensive days ever in the history of Nigeria. The destiny of Nigeria hung in the balance. In the centre of this political theatre were two personalities with significantly different trajectories: one, the incumbent president, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) who had enjoyed an unprecedented, almost meteoric, rise to the apex of political power, and the other, then General Muhammadu Buhari of the All Progressives Congress (APC). *Buhari: The Making of a President* is a story of intrigues, suspense, betrayals, reconciliations, collaborations and strategic concessions, one which only an insider could have told in such detail.

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**Cobra in the Boat. Michael Sata’s Zambia**
Chisangaa Puta-Chekwe

*Cobra in the Boat* is a riveting account of how one of Zambia’s most controversial presidents came to power and how he governed while in office. Michael Chilufya Sata was a populist with huge ambitions for his country. Few of these ambitions were actually realized because of Sata’s poor health and his premature death. The political chaos that followed the president’s demise was a direct consequence of Sata’s failure to pay attention to constitutional detail. In the short time that Sata was in office, he missed many opportunities to right historic wrongs and set Zambia on a firmer path to economic prosperity. Sata’s performance while in office was as complex as his own personality.

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How come Africa is so underdeveloped when it is one of the richest continents on earth? The present volume is an attempt to theorise Africa’s [under-]development with a view to providing a sustainable, enduring framework of operations that will arrest the predicament of the continent while taking it forward from its current passivity. The volume rethinks and re-imagines a number of externally imposed problematic mechanisms used (un-)consciously in Africa, with the intention of raising awareness and fostering critical thinking in scholars of African development. The book is a pacesetter on how to think and research Africa’s [under-]development. It is also an invaluable asset for social scientists, policy makers, development practitioners, civil society activists and politicians.

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Christina Atekmangoh

This book is about transnational migration (familiarly called “bushfalling”) and remittance flows to Cameroon. With the current dire state of the economy, Cameroonians increasingly aspire to go abroad to make a living. Migrants achieve this through a collective (family) strategy and with the help of migration brokers. This study explores the notion of the moral economy of transnational remittances. In this study, remittances are understood to be a composite of financial, material, and cultural flows—maintaining and transforming social and kinship ties.

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What perpetuates the ghost of underdevelopment in Africa, despite a proliferation of development rhetoric and initiatives? How do ordinary Africans react to repeated talk and claims of development with little evidence of transformation for the better in their material circumstances? This book interrogates the tenacity of underdevelopment amid calls for Africa to rise from its slumber and reclaim its position in global affairs as the mother continent of humankind. It contributes to the ongoing debates on why Africa remains trapped in the clutch of underdevelopment many decades after the purported end of colonialism.

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The aim of this book is to provide comprehensive understanding of industrial economics and its applicability to African countries. The book is expected to serve as an intellectual and pedagogical support to teaching. It is a vital resource for both undergraduate and post-graduate students. The text is also excellent for self-study for all people with a keen interest in the discipline because of the unique approach adopted by the author. Each chapter is arranged pedagogically starting with learning objectives followed by introductory remarks, then content and finally conclusion. Numerous relevant examples, case studies and review questions are provided.

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This book is a pacesetter in the study of mining and the environment in Africa from multidisciplinary and spatio-temporal perspectives. The book approaches mining from the perspectives of law, politics, archaeology, anthropology, African studies, geography, human ecology, sociology, history, economics and development. It interrogates mining and environment from the perspectives of customary law as well as from the perspectives of modern Euro-law. The book covers precolonial, colonial and postcolonial mining and environmental perspectives. It maintains a Pan-Africanist perspective that also speaks to contemporary debates on African Renaissance and to the unity of Africa. From scrutinising the lived realities of African miners who are often referred to as “illegal” miners, the book also interrogates transnational mining corporations; matters of corporate social responsibility as well as matters of tax evasion by transnational corporations whose accountability to African governments is questioned. With both theoretical chapters and chapters based on empirical studies of mining and the environment across the African continent, the book provides a much needed holistic, one stop shop for scholars, activists, researchers and policy makers who need a comprehensive treatise on African mining and the environment.

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Comparing Refugees and South Africans in the Urban Informal Sector
Jonathan Crush, Godfrey Tawodzera

This report compares the business operations of over 2,000 South Africans and refugees in the urban informal economy and systematically dispels some of the myths that have grown up around their activities. First, the report takes issue with the perception that South Africans are inexperienced and unmotivated participants in the informal economy. Many have years of experience and have successfully grown their businesses. Second, it contests the view that refugees enjoy a competitive advantage because they come to South Africa with inherent talent and already honed skills. On the contrary, over 80% of those surveyed had no prior informal sector experience and learned their skills on the job and after coming to South Africa. Third, the report shows that there is fierce competition in the urban informal sector between and within the two groups.

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Food Insecurity in Informal Settlements in Lilongwe Malawi
Emmanuel Chilanga, Liam Riley, Juliana Ngwira

Although there is widespread food availability in urban areas across the Global South, it is not correlated with universal access to adequate amounts of nutritious foods. This report is based on a household survey conducted in 2015 in six low-income informal areas in Malawi’s capital city, where three-quarters of the population live in informal settlements. Understanding the dimensions of household food insecurity in these neighbourhoods is critical to sustainable and inclusive growth in Lilongwe. The survey findings provide a complementary perspective to the 2008 AFSUN survey conducted in Blantyre, which suggested a level of food security in urban Malawi that was probably more typical of peri-urban areas where many people farm. Given that informal settlements house most of Malawi’s urban residents, the Lilongwe research presents a serious public policy challenge for the country’s leaders. Poverty is a profound problem in Malawi’s rapidly expanding cities. Of particular concern is the poor quality of diets among residents of informal settlements.

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Living With Xenophobia
Zimbabwean Informal Enterprise in South Africa
Jonathan Crush, Godfrey Tawodzera, Abel Chikanda, Daniel Teversa

This report examines the impact of xenophobic violence on Zimbabweans who are trying to make a living in the South African informal sector and finds that xenophobic violence has several key characteristics that put them at constant risk of losing their livelihoods and their lives. The businesses run by migrants and refugees in the informal sector are a major target of South Africa’s extreme xenophobia. Attitudinal surveys clearly show that South Africans differentiate migrants by national origin and that Zimbabweans are amongst the most disliked. This report is based on a survey of informal sector enterprises in Cape Town and Johannesburg; and 50 in-depth interviews with Zimbabwean informal business owners in Cape Town.

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Refugee Entrepreneurial Economies in Urban South Africa
Jonathan Crush, Godfrey Tawodzera

One of the defining characteristics of many large cities in the rapidly urbanizing global South is the high degree of informality of shelter, services and economic livelihoods. It is these dynamic, shifting and dangerous informal urban spaces that refugees often arrive in with few resources other than a will to survive, a few social contacts and a drive to support themselves in the absence of financial support from the host government and international agencies. This report addresses the question of variability in economic opportunity and entrepreneurial activity between urban environments within the same destination country - South Africa - by comparing refugee entrepreneurship in Cape Town, South Africa’s second largest city, and several small towns in the province of Limpopo.

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Rendering South Africa Undesirable
A Critique of Refugee and Informal Sector Policy
Jonathan Crush and Caroline Skinner

This report describes the strategies being used to turn South Africa into an undesirable destination for refugees, including the setting up of additional procedural, administrative and logistical hurdles; the undercutting of court judgments affirming the right of asylum-seekers and refugees to employment and self-employment; ensuring that protection is always temporary by making it extremely difficult for refugees to progress to permanent residence and eventual citizenship; and restricting opportunities to pursue a livelihood in the informal sector. The authors conclude that the protection of refugee rights is likely to continue to depend on a cohort of non-governmental organizations prioritizing migrant livelihood rights and being willing and able to pursue time-consuming and costly litigation on their behalf.

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TOWN UNION GOVERNANCE
A Community Service in Eastern Nigeria
Felix Nweke

Town union governments are powerful agents of development through promoting peace, economic and environmental protection activities at the village community level in Eastern Nigeria. Igbo communities organize town unions as indigenous self-help community development associations without government influence as a platform for implementing development projects in their towns/villages. Recently Igbo State governments have begun recognizing town unions as an important tier of their governments along with the Council of Chiefs. This book is a documentary of the author’s experience as head of a town union government in Eastern Nigeria. The book highlights the desperate plight of the poor in societies that are in transition from rural to urban communities and draws attention to the increasing demands on town union governments as agents of change in such societies. The book cautions that government’s interference in the administration of town unions will compromise their foundational element, namely as self-help institutions.

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In the Theory of Philosophical Consciencism, Professor Dompere establishes how Nkrumah used the theory of categorical conversion to provide the necessary conditions and strategies for socio-political transformations. The main premise of the monograph is that there exists a set of sufficient conditions for internal transformation. The theory is useful in understanding developmental processes and multi-polar power, zero-sum games in global dominance. The necessary conditions constitute cognitive freedom that must overcome systems dynamics. Had this conceptual system been familiar to African leaders, the African transformation from colonialism to complete emancipation, rather than neocolonialism, would have been increasingly successful. This holds for those seeking triumph over injustices, oppression, imperialism and social change in all systems.

462 pages | 234 x 156mm | 2017
Adonis & Abbey Publishers, Nigeria
Pb: 978-1-909112-66-7 $42.00/£32.00
Since the 1990s, internationalisation has become key for institutions wishing to secure funding for higher education and research. For the academic community, this strategic shift has had many consequences. Priorities have changed and been influenced by new ways of thinking about universities, and of measuring their impact in relation to each other and to their social goals. Debates are ongoing and hotly contested. In this collection, a mix of renowned academics and newer voices reflect on some of the realities of international research partnerships. They both question and highlight the agency of academics, donors and research institutions in the geopolitics of knowledge and power. The contributors offer fresh insights on institutional transformation, the setting of research agendas, and access to research funding, while highlighting the dilemmas researchers face when their institutions are vulnerable to state and donor influence. Offering a range of perspectives on why academics should collaborate and what for, this book will be useful to anyone interested in how scholars are adapting to the realities of international networking and how research institutions are finding innovative ways to make North–South partnerships and collaborations increasingly fair, sustainable and mutually beneficial.

“International co-operation has ushered in a new era as vast shifts in social, political, economic and financial terrains are unfolding in the world. This book comes at an opportune time as the old paradigms, models and practices of international co-operation – ineffective, incoherent, and inequitable as they have been – are fracturing.”


“A timely interrogation of North–South research collaborations in a context of scarce resources, elucidating power and knowledge asymmetries while fortifying the importance of international academic co-operation.”

- KATRI POHJOLAINEN, Senior Research Advisor, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

“The predicaments of international collaboration in knowledge production are thoughtfully confronted in this volume. As much as there are constraints, political choices also emerge as key to creating more equitable possibilities.”

- SUREN PILLAY, Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape
The STATUS of STUDENT INVOLVEMENT in UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE in KENYA

The Case of Public and Private Universities
Munyae M. Mulinge, Josephine N. Arasa and Violet Wawire

This book examines the concept of the democratization of governance in universities in Kenya with particular emphasis on students’ involvement in governance processes and decision making. The results revealed that while in principle, Kenyan universities have embraced democratic governance in which all stakeholders, including students, have a role to play, in practice they continue to violate the core principles of good governance, particularly shared governance. Specifically, students, who are major stakeholders in university education, are largely excluded from significant structures of governance thereby limiting their influence and participation. The authors call for a paradigm shift in the involvement of students in the governance of universities in ways that discourage the current culture of tokenism and political correctness that characterizes public and private universities in Kenya.

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CODESRIA, Senegal
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HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP and GOVERNANCE in the DEVELOPMENT of the CREATIVE and CULTURAL INDUSTRIES in KENYA

Emily Achieng’ Akuno, Donald Otoyo Ondieki and Peter Barasa

The role of higher education in establishing structures and procedures in society and industry is clearly articulated in scholarly discussions. The narrative has recently taken a new momentum in Kenya with acknowledgment that the creative industry’s involvement of many young people makes it an area that impacts on the economy. In unravelling the link between higher education and industry, the authors focus on leadership and governance in higher education and its expected and perceived contribution to the shape of creative industries. Through analysis of cases, the authors interrogate the processes and structures that govern the teaching and practice of creative subjects, noting how these affect the creative industries in Kenya.

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CODESRIA, Senegal
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Makerere University started in 1922 as a humble technical school enrolling 14 day students of Carpentry, Building and Mechanics. Nine decades later, the University has made giant strides—enrolling over 35,000 students in over 145 study programmes hosted by nine colleges spread across various campuses. As it celebrates 90 years, the higher education scholarly and policy fraternity take the opportunity to honour and continue the University’s tradition of scholarship and innovation — through contributing ideas for dealing with some of the challenges that the University and similar institutions are contending with. Although studies of Makerere University have been included, it must be understood that this book is not necessarily about the University. Additional studies have been drawn from Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania and other institutions in Uganda.

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Pb: 978-9970-25-935-9 $32.00/£22.00

**NEW RELEASES:**

**Democracy and Education in Namibia and Beyond**
Edited by Elizabeth Magano Amukugo

*Democracy and Education in Namibia and Beyond* debates the education–democracy nexus in Namibia and the southern African context. It defines and explores the meaning of democracy and related concepts. It also looks at what democracy means in the context of human rights and access to education. The ten chapters in this collection interrogate the strengths and limitations of education as an instrument of social change and question whether or not the Namibian educational objectives and practices do develop and help to sustain a democratic culture in Namibia.

168 pages | 234 x 156 mm | 2017 | University of Namibia Press | Pb: 978-99916-42-30-7 $26.00/£20.00

**Technology Driven Curriculum for 21st Century Higher Education Students in Africa**
Edited by Lawrence Meda and Alfred H. Makura

The book consists of novel and empirical research in broad areas of technology and curriculum in selected African countries. The central theme of the book is technology and the higher education curriculum. The book consists of case studies from selected African countries, namely, Lesotho; Namibia; Kenya; South Africa; Zimbabwe; Tanzania and Nigeria. These studies confirm that in this contemporary digital era, educational technology is playing an increasingly important role.

230 pages | 229 x 152 mm | 2017 | Langaa RPCIG, Cameroon | Pb: 978-9956-7624-7-7 $30.00/£20.00
This collection comprises a diverse and stimulating collection of essays on questions of gender and sexualities, crafted by both established and younger researchers. The collection includes fascinating insights into topics as varied as the popularity of thong underwear in urban Kenya, the complexity of Tanzanian youth’s negotiation of HIV-cultures, the dialogues between religion and controversial questions in sexualities activism, and the meaning of living as a Zimbabwean girl, who became HIV-positive because her mother had no access to antiretroviral drugs during pregnancy. Some pieces deepen contemporary debates, others initiate new questions. The collection seeks to sustain and invigorate research, policy-making and continentally-focused thought on difficult, yet compelling, realities.

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228 pages | 234 x 156 mm | 2017
CODESRIA, Senegal
Pb: 978-2-86978-712-4 $22.00/£17.00

The SADC Protocol on Gender and Development is the only sub-regional instrument in the world that brings together global and continental commitments to gender equality in one instrument used to enhance accountability. The Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance is a network of country and regional NGOs that campaigned for the Protocol, its updating, implementation and tracking. Originally aligned to the Millennium Development Goals that expired in 2015, SADC Gender Ministers updated the Protocol and aligned it to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Beijing Plus Twenty and the Africa Agenda 2063 in 2016. In July 2017, the Ministers adopted a Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework (MERF) that will be the basis of future reporting. Now in its ninth edition, the 2017 Barometer is the first assessment of the Post-2015 SADC Gender Protocol. Moving with the times, the Alliance has expanded the two main key yardsticks in the Barometer: the SADC Gender and Development Index (SGDI) and the Citizen Score Card (CSC). The Barometer incorporates many MERF and SDG indicators, as well as its own unique measures of voice, choice and control.

390 pages | 280 x 210mm | 2017
Gender Links, South Africa
Pb: 978-0-9922433-9-5 $55.00/£40.00
This book is the result of a long-term cooperation between French and East African scholars and universities under the aegis of the French Institute of Research in Africa (IFRA-Nairobi). It presents the main results of the research program Cooperation for University and Scientific Research (CORUS): Mountains and Small and Medium Cities in East Africa: Environmental Management, Flows of People and Resources, funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and supported by IFRA-Nairobi.

The specific subject is to rethink the development of the East African mountains in relation to the fast-growing towns and cities that surround them. Three East African mountains were chosen: Mount Kenya, Mount Elgon (Ugandan side) and Uporoto Mountains (Tanzania). Comparisons are included, especially with Mount Kilimanjaro, which has been studied in previous books and programs (e.g. Kilimanjaro: Mountain, Memory and Modernity, Mkuki na Nyota, Dar es Salaam, 2006).

The authors are East African (Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya) and French scholars, most of them geographers. Made from 12 contributions, this book focuses on a recent change in those mountains: a growing urbanization which shapes new mountain systems. This phenomenon, which is actually a major upheaval, is the focal point of the book, giving rise to the question: what are the links between Rural-Urban evolution in such contexts? What are the impacts on livelihoods and development? This book, covering social and environmental scientific issues relating to Rural-Urban nature, is the first of its kind for African mountains.

390 pages | 229 x 152 mm | 2017 | Mkuki na Nyota Publishers, Tanzania | Pb: 978-9987-753-98-7 $52.00/£36.00
Liberating Minds, Restoring Kenyan History
Anti-Imperialist Resistance by Progressive South Asian Kenyans 1884-1965
Nazmi Durrani

“...It is my duty to take the message of revolt to others. This is the only way to liberate the victims of suffering and slavery”, Nazmi Durrani quotes W.L. Sohan in this book. Resistance to imperialism in pre-independence Kenya by progressive South Asian Kenyans propelled the Kenyan liberation struggle to new heights. They were active in almost every field, from publishing progressive newspapers to supplying arms and material to Mau Mau. Liberating Minds consists of biographies of progressive South Asian Kenyans written by Nazmi Durrani. Originally published in Gujarati in the 1980s, they are available here in English for the first time, together with the original Gujarati. Also included is Naila Durrani’s 1987 conference paper, “Kenya Asian Participation in People’s Resistance”, while Benegal Pereira introduces Eddie H. Pereira (1915-1995) and his resistance letters to the Colonial Times Newspaper.

202 pages | 229 x 152 mm | 2017
Vita Books, Kenya
Pb: 978-9966-09-741-5 $28.00/£20.00

Making Sense of Somali History
Volume 1
Abdurahman Abdullahi

In the last three decades, Somalia has been associated with such horrible terms as ‘state collapse’, ‘civil wars’, ‘foreign intervention’, ‘warlordism’, ‘famine’, ‘piracy’ and ‘terrorism’. This profile was in contradiction to its earlier image as the cradle of the human race, the kernel of ancient civilizations, the land of Punt, a homogeneous nation-state and the first democratic state in Africa. So how did things fall apart in the country? This Volume 1 of a two-volume narrative, Dr. Abdullahi explores the history of the people of Somali peninsula since ancient times, the advent of Islam and colonialism, the rise and fall of Somali nationalism and the perspectives of the Somali state collapse. The book uses a unique thematic approach and analysis to make sense of Somali history by emphasizing the responsibility of Somali political elites in creating and perpetuating the disastrous conditions in their country.

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Adonis & Abbey Publishers, Nigeria
Pb: 978-1-909112-79-7 $32.15/£25.00
LEADING FROM BEHIND. Women in Community Development in Rhodesia, 1973-1979
Maia Chenaux-Repond

Drawing on communications ‘rescued’ from the shredders in the last days of Rhodesia, enlivened by photographs and memories - both her own and those of her colleagues - Maia Chenaux-Repond tells the story of her work as the Provincial Community Development Officer (Women) for Mashonaland and South in the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the 1970s. There are no records whatsoever in the National Archives of Zimbabwe about the Community Development Section (Women), even though it was active in all the provinces. In the absence of other documentary sources, and all other provincial officers long having emigrated or died, this account of her work fills a significant gap in the pre-independence history of Zimbabwe. The crucial focus of the Women’s Section on improving the lives and skills of women in the rural areas became progressively more difficult when the civil war intensified from the early 1970s as rural people - and the development workers themselves - were moved into ‘Protected Villages’, and as the Ministry became increasingly militarized.

“The narrative relating to the years of more intense warfare shows courageous women continuing in their development work through troubles and dangers, suffering the same upheavals that the people around them were facing, and remaining committed to their work. There are lessons and inspiration for all in these pages.”

- MICHAEL BOURDILLON, Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, University of Zimbabwe

CAPE TOWN HARMONIES
Memory, Humour and Resilience
Armelle Gaulier and Denis-Constant Martin

“Cape Town’s public cultures can only be fully appreciated through recognition of its deep and diverse soundscape. We have to listen to what has made and makes a city. The ear is an integral part of the ‘research tools’ one needs to get a sense of any city. We have to listen to the sounds that made and make the expansive ‘mother city’. Various of its constituent parts sound different from each other … [T]here is the sound of the singing men and their choirs (“teams” they are called) in preparation for the longstanding annual Malay choral competitions. The lyrics from the various repertoires they perform are hardly ever written down. […] There are texts of the hallowed ‘Dutch songs’ but these do not circulate easily and widely. Researchers dream of finding lyrics from decades ago, not to mention a few generations ago – back to the early 19th century. This work by Denis Constant Martin and Armelle Gaulier provides us with a very useful selection of these songs. More than that, it is a critical sociological reflection of the place of these songs and their performers in the context that have given rise to them and sustains their relevance. It is a necessary work and is a very important scholarly intervention about a rather neglected aspect of the history and present production of music in the city.”

- SHAMIL JEPPIE, Associate Professor, Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town

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The AFTERMATH of the CASSINGA MASSACRE
Survivors, Deniers and Injustices
Vilho Amukwaya Shigwedha

It took the former South African Defence Force (SADF) less than four hours to kill more than eight hundred Namibian refugees at Cassinga on May 4, 1978. Thousands of survivors were left with irreparable physical and emotional injuries. The unhealed trauma of Cassinga, a Namibian civilian camp in southern Angola before the massacre, is beyond the worst that the victims of the attack experienced on the ground. Unacceptable layers of pain and suffering continue to grow and multiply as the victims’ grievances and other issues arising out of the aftermath of the massacre have been ignored, particularly following Namibia’s political independence. In this book, the afterlife of the victims’ traumatic memories and their aspiration for justice vis-a-vis the perpetrators’ enjoyment of blanket impunity from prosecution, in spite of their ongoing denial of killing and maiming innocent civilians at Cassinga, are explored with the aim to create public awareness about the circumstances of the Cassinga victims.

“Shigwedha intends to and succeeds in opening a discursive space in which the dominant national versions of the Cassinga massacre that circulate in Namibia, and the too long afterlife of the SADF version of the massacre, may be challenged and interrupted so as to allow for more open-ended narratives.”

- ELLEN NDESHI NAMHILA

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NATIVE ESTATES
Records of Mobility across Colonial Boundaries
Ellen Ndeshi Namhila

In many instances, the colonial state has left a strong imprint on the postcolonial archive. In the National Archives of Namibia (NAN), for instance, it is difficult to locate pre-independence person-related records of the black majority, while the same type of records of their light-skinned compatriots are easily accessible. This lecture discusses a substantial corpus of about 11 000 so-called “Native Estates” files which previously were not accessible through the existing finding aids. What is the research potential of these formerly neglected and untouched records in particular regarding the social history of contract labour in Namibia and of African migrants on a wider scale? Furthermore, a substantial amount of estate files of migrants from other African countries were discovered – a feature of Namibian history that has rarely been researched. The sometimes very detailed files reveal information on the migrants’ origin, their integration in Namibian society and expatriate networks in the country. They also reveal that not only Angolans and West Africans but also a substantial number of migrants from other Southern African colonies found employment opportunities in Namibia during the colonial era. The “Native Estate” records thus have an important research potential with regard to the entire Southern African region, which was heavily reliant on migrant labour both on the demand and on the supply side.

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RECONCILIATION in NORTHERN NIGERIA
The Space for Public Apology
Olufemi Olayinka Oluniyi

In this book, Dr. Olufemi Oluniyi takes a fresh look at Muslim-Christian violence which has become synonymous with the name of Northern Nigeria. It is fresh in the sense that he takes a historical approach to the problem, dating back to the founding of Northern Nigeria. This approach inevitably brings to the fore the culpability of the colonial government for the institutionalisation of inequality and for pursuing policies which are tantamount to planting the seeds of religious violence for post-independence fruitage and harvest. By highlighting the role of the colonial administration, he is by no means suggesting that post-independence perpetrators of violence are less culpable for their crimes against humanity. Rather, the highlight is meant to raise awareness of what was really going on, despite official cover-up.

394 pages | 229 x 152 mm | 2017 | Frontier Press, Nigeria
Pb: 9978-978-949-527-6 $38.00/£28.00

NEW RELEASES:

A History of Iduma from Ancient Times
Collins E. Daniel

This work is an attempt to reconstruct the history of Iduma from their own tradition. Apart from examining the general history of the people, one particular objective is to show the changing patterns of economic activities in relation to the new demands, resulting from the influence of three external powers: Kalabari (New Calabar), Nembe and the British. The work further examines the self determination of the Iduma people to break loose from Nembe political hegemony to join their kith and kin in the Ogbia Local Government Council under an autonomous Abureni Clan. It also examines the political, social and economic developments of Iduma since the creation of Bayelsa State, including its special place in the Ogbia Brotherhood. Finally, it examines Iduma relations with her neighbours over the period.

272 pages | 210 x 148 mm | 2017 | Onyoma Research Publications, Nigeria | Pb: 978-978-8195-66-5 $35.00/£25.00

To Live with Happiness
Olubansile Abbas Mimiko

The court drama that pitched Dr. Rahman Olusegun Mimiko against Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu lasted for two years, 2007 to 2009. It consumed the energy of hundreds of lawyers and the attention of millions of Nigerians. On the one hand was the Mimiko team, considered the under-dog in the struggle, with only the rightness of their cause as their succour, and their belief that somehow, God was on their side. On the other hand was the Agagu team, the incumbent power supported by federal might and endless resources in money, material and confidence.

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CULTURES at CROSSROADS
Homosexuality and Human Rights in Uganda
Alex Nkabahona and Archangel Rukooko Byaruhanga

The book highlights the debates and controversies that have been the subject of the media and other conversation spaces in Uganda in the recent past. Written from a human rights point of view, it exposes the discrimination and abuses suffered by gay persons, comprehensively providing a thoughtful exploration of homosexuality in Uganda, and exploring legislation against homosexuality in Uganda and the impact on the lives and human rights of gay persons. Based on a countrywide survey in Uganda, the work reflects the views of a cross-section of people on homosexuality; it answers various questions and also attempts to unravel myths surrounding homosexuality, calling for reflection on the divisive issue, with the primary view of promoting social justice.

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TRANSNATIONAL LAND GRABS and RESTITUTION in an AGE of THE (DE-) MILITARISED NEW SCRAMBLE for AFRICA
A Pan African Socio-Legal Perspective
Edited by Tapiwa Victor Warikandwa, Artwell Nhemadecha and Oliver Mtapuri

One of the fundamental challenges in deconstructing, rethinking and remaking the world from a Pan African vantage point is that some captives have tended to delight in the warmth of the [imperial] predator’s mouth. In other words, some captives forget that the imperial predator’s mouth gets warm because empire is eating and heating up as it preys on the continent. This is a book that examines on key developments relating to land, militarisation, a PostAfrican World Order and a chaotic Post-God World Order, which require critical scholarly and policy attention in the quest to free Africa from centuries-old imperial depredations. The book carefully navigates the imperial entrapments which are designed to focus African attention only on decolonising African minds without also engaging in the [imperially more unsettling] decolonisation of African materialities.

574 pages | 229 x 152 mm | 2017
Langaa RPCIG, Cameroon
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Environmental Protection Law and Practice
Adamu Kyuka Usman

Of tremendous benefit of the legal practitioner, researchers and judges, this book also examines a lot of cases of environmental protection both in Nigeria and foreign jurisdictions, such as the United Kingdom, United States, India, the Philippines, and a host of other countries mostly within the common law tradition.

248 pages | 2017 | Malthouse Press, Nigeria | Pb: 978-978-958-443-7 | $35.00/£25.00

Law and Creditor Protection in Nigeria
Friday O Onamson

Examined here are the legal and practical reasons for the inefficiency of the legal framework of creditor protection in Nigeria. This is amply justified considering the critical role of credit in the promotion of economic growth and development and also bearing in mind the near calamitous consequences the 2009 financial crisis unleashed not only among Nigerian banks and financial institutions, but also in the international financial system.

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Law, Environmental Sustainability, Land Use Planning and Protection in Nigeria
Abdulkadir Bolaji Abdulkadir

This book is a unique new textbook that presents a diverse, comprehensive, and coordinated approach to issues of land use planning and environmental management and protection in Nigeria. It builds on recent advances in environmental law, planning theories and sustainable development to provide students with the foundation they need to understand approaches that can mitigate impacts of land use practices and enhance environmental protection and sustainable development.

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The Nigerian Law of Evidence
Ibrahim Imam

This book, The Nigerian Law of Evidence, is inspired by the author’s lecture notes on the subject at School of Law, Department of Common Law, Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies, where he taught for nearly a decade before moving on to the Department of Public Law, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria, since 2001.

226 pages | 2017 | Malthouse Press, Nigeria | Pb: 978-978-959-721-5 | $35.00/£25.00

Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Laws
Policies, and Institutions
Adamu Kyuka Usman

The book is arranged in a chronological order such as is used for dictionaries, so that a lay person going through it would know how oil is explored and found; how oil fields may be onshore and offshore; how oil blocs are bid for; how oil is drilled, including associated gas deposits, among other matters.

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Pour une épistémologie des savoirs africains
Désiré Médégnon

Que valent les savoirs et savoir-faire endogènes africains? Pourquoi et comment promouvoir aujourd'hui cet héritage, alors même que le modèle scientifique dit occidental apparaît comme le meilleur moyen de connaître et d’apprivoiser le monde?

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Kofi Kissi Dompere

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Yves Simon’s Political Philosophy for Our Times
Patrick Lafon

Yves R. Simon (1903-1961), one of the greatest contemporary philosophers, gives a modern formulation for many classical philosophical concepts such as authority, the common good, and natural law. Through a close study of Simon’s works and the relevant secondary literature, this book explores Simon’s definition of virtue in order to highlight its originality, and show how he weaves the need for it into the fabric of three facets of political life, namely, the common good, the virtue of the ruler and the ruled, and the law.

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GMOS, CONSUMERISM and the GLOBAL POLITICS of BIOTECHNOLOGY
Rethinking Food, Bodies and Identities in Africa’s 21st Century
Edited by Munyaradzi Mawere and Artwell Nhemachena

Despite sustained continental and national struggles for autonomy, sovereignty and independence in postcolonial Africa, the continent is increasingly embattled by the forces of globalisation which threaten African identity that is at the core of African struggles for continental and national unity. Situating the debates in the contemporary discourses on decoloniality, global consumerism, global food apartheid and the challenges and prospects of the emergent sharing economies, this book critically examines the importation, use and implications of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and other such non-food products on African bodies, institutions and cultures. The book poses questions about how Africa can be decolonised both politically and in terms of global food apartheid and the dehumanising importation and use of “foreign” non-food products, some of which militate against the ethos of [African] identity, Renaissance and indigeneity.

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Comparative study of the electoral commissions’ contribution to electoral processes
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Over the past two decades, Southern African countries have entrenched the use of elections as the only means and medium for electing governments and representative institutions in governance. Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) are central to the delivery and quality of elections. These institutions are mandated to manage most or all aspects of the electoral process. Informed by diverse factors - the design, mandate, extent of powers and even the number of institutions responsible for electoral matters vary in each country. This study is a collaborative effort between the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), the Open Society Foundation’s Africa Regional Office (AfRO) and the Electoral Commissions Forum of the Southern African Development Community (ECF-SADC). Findings and recommendations from this pan-African initiative are expected to increase information and knowledge on the strengths, weaknesses and workings of EMBs in sub-Saharan Africa to facilitate peer learning among African election managers, as well as informing policy-makers, legislators, governments and civil society on a progressive reform agenda to strengthen inclusive electoral processes and democratic practice.

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With reportedly over USD100 billion lost annually through graft and illicit practices, combating corruption in Africa has been challenging. However, laws and policies at the continental, regional and national levels have been promulgated and enacted by African leaders. These initiatives have included the establishment of anti-corruption agencies mandated to tackle graft at national level. Yet, given the disparity between the apparent impunity enjoyed by public servants and the anti-corruption rhetoric of governments in the region, the effectiveness of these agencies is viewed with scepticism. This continent-wide study of anti-corruption agencies aims to gauge their relevance and effectiveness by assessing their independence, mandate, available resources, national ownership, capacities and strategic positioning. These surveys include evidence-based recommendations calling for stronger, more relevant and effective institutions that are directly aligned to regional and continental anti-corruption frameworks, such as the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption (AUCPCC), which the ten countries in this current report – Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe – have all ratified.

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“This collection of essays by Baba Galleh Jallow, a distinguished journalist and academic, is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the true nature of the Jammeh regime. He provides an intellectual foundation for assessing the performance of Gambian governments in the post-Jammeh era. These essays focus largely on The Gambia, but the author addresses themes that are central to the broader debates about African politics. Jallow’s arguments capture the spirit of the African Renaissance, and his writings will inspire the continued struggle against dictatorship everywhere.”

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“These essays remind the emperor of his nakedness, shaming and helping to de-mask him. In that sense, they have therefore restorative and liberating qualities which the new leaders of The Gambia will also find useful.”

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PRIME WITNESS
Change and Policy Challenges in Buhari’s Nigeria
Oseloka H. Obaze

Prime Witness Change and Policy Challenges in Buhari’s Nigeria is a product of the author’s observations, exchanges with his various interlocutors in and out of government, and Nigerians and non-Nigerians alike, during the first year of the Buhari administration, 2015-2016.

Hope about Nigeria’s prospects soared with the election of President Muhammadu Buhari. The hope was well founded: it reflected the high expectations generated both by the smooth transfer of power from the Jonathan administration, itself a sign of a maturing democracy, and by the scintillating campaign by candidate Buhari. It did not take long before the Buhari administration confronted the political reality of governance. The governance reality that the Buhari administration faced on assuming the reins of power consisted of his own campaign promises (tackling insecurity, combating corruption, and growing the economy – with emphasis on reducing unemployment and diversifying the economy); unanticipated crises (resurgence of militancy in the Niger Delta and onset of recession); and self-inflicted injuries (delayed appointment of his cabinet, policy somersaults on foreign exchange policy, and poor management of the recession).

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The ISLAMISTS
A Contextual History of Political Islam
Basheer M. Nafi

Today’s Islamists are not a reproduction of an ancient legacy, but are modern political actors defined by modern discourses, argues Basheer Nafi in The Islamists. He examines the emergence and development of political Islam in the twentieth century and the beginning of the twenty-first century, discussing the historical context within which political Islam arose, and relating it to the social movements and political parties that lead the phenomenon today. On questions concerning the state, economics and law, the differences among Islamists are no less than their agreements. Nafi eases out some of these agreements and differences relating to governance, citizenship, pluralism, unity, revivalism, and truth. This very accessible work, intended for both an academic and general audience, highlights these matters by examining the groups and individuals that constitute the broad category of political Islam, considering how they have developed over time, and how they have impacted on the countries in which they operate.

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RECOVERING the SOMALI STATE
The Role of Islam, Islamism and Transitional Justice
Abdurahman Abdullahi

Somalia is often used as an emblem of a collapsed state. This is somewhat of a paradox given that in previous decades the country was one of the most unified states in Africa and one of the first democracies on the continent. In the last three decades however the country has faced enormous challenges including civil wars and extremism in the name of Islam. The book - probably one of the first to link Islam, Islamism and Transitional Justice with the Somali State recovery project - offers unique analyses of these themes and argues that recovering the Somali state will largely be contingent upon the skillful reconciliation between tradition and modernity, Islam and state and between the secular and the sacred.

DR. ABDURAHMAN BAADIYOW combines rare skills of being a high ranking military officer (1971-1986) with being an electronic engineer, Islamic scholar and socio-political activist. He obtained MA and PhD in Modern Islamic History from the Islamic Institute, McGill University, Canada. He is one of the founders of Mogadishu University and the chair of its Board of Trustees. He is a prominent civil society activist and became presidential candidate in the 2012 election in Somalia. Dr. Baadiyow has participated in many academic conferences and published numerous academic papers, book chapters and articles.

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Rachel Nyagondwe Fiedler

When “African Theology” was first formulated, women played just a small role. In 1989 Mercy Amba Oduyoye set out to change this by creating the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians in order to give them a voice. The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians is an African Baby, born in an ecumenical environment. Though there were other movements addressing the issue of gender inequalities in church and society, circle theologies are distinct from other women’s liberation movements in that they are theologies formed in the context of African culture and religion. This book traces the Circle history from 1989 to 2007.

RACHEL NYAGONDE FIEDLER is a theologian and community worker, predominantly with women in the rural areas of Malawi. She is a Senior Lecturer at Mzuzu University.

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RELIGION, OCCULT and YOUTH CONFLICT in the NIGER DELTA of NIGERIA
Edlyne E. Anugwom

The book examines the nexus between youth conflict and the occult: drawing its insights from the oil-rich Niger Delta of Nigeria. It sees the occult represented by the Egbesu deity in this conflict as a form of religious belief imbued in this case with the powers of good. Thus, the religious occult is regenerated and re-energised as an idiom of justice and fairness within the Nigerian state by militant youth fighting the forces of the Nigerian state. Ingeniously, the young men simply dug into the cultural repertoire of the people for a hitherto popular expression of justice and perceived source of potency which they felt would not only provide spiritual protection but also panders to the popular imagination of justice. Even against the background of prevalent Christianity, the Egbesu does not generate tension in beliefs but responds to the critical exigency of the immediate socio-political milieu of the people.

“Focusing on Egbesu’s new found role as both a protector and energy-giving power for those being attacked and also attacking, Anugwom’s project enters into an existing anthropological conversation around the topics of development, modernity, and the occult. In the conversations these topics intersect in complex ways and are amplified through intersections of local material realities, spiritual beliefs, and local expectations of progress.”
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The book reflects the complexity of this narrative and the range of widely differing insights featuring what is possibly the largest number of contributors in a single publication on the subject in South Africa, as well as a full spectrum of specialised areas, ranging from high-end science to personal reflections.

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- CYRIL RAMAPHOSA is Deputy President of South Africa and Chair of the South African National AIDS Council

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The main objectives are: Provide an overview of regional migration stocks and flows identifying regional trends, drivers and impacts from existing research literature and official data; Profile migrant characteristics at the regional level including demographic composition, types of migration and occupational profile; Examine the relevance of multilateral, continental and regional migration instruments, policies, protocols, agreements and forums; Analyze the key initiatives, opportunities and obstacles to developing a coherent, integrated and rights-regarding approach to migration management including areas of common commitment and ownership, and points of actual and potential conflict and disagreement between states; Conduct a gender analysis of regional migration dynamics including gender dimensions of migration, challenges, dangers and vulnerabilities confronting migrant women and other vulnerable groups, and gender analysis of migration management in Southern Africa; finally to identify potential programming areas that are weak or underdeveloped.

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Labour migration from Malawi to South Africa is a ‘century-old phenomenon’. It dates as far back as the 1880s following the establishment of diamond and gold mines. In the period up to the 1980s, this migration took either formal or informal nature whereas in the post-1990 period it became exclusively informal, popularly known as selufu in Malawi. This book is an attempt to shed light on both forms of migration over time. By using the case of Mzimba, one of the major labour migration districts in Malawi, the study shows that migration, especially in the post-1990 period, remains a preoccupation of the different categories of both men and women in selected areas in the country. A cross-section of Malawians continue to regard emigration to South Africa as a means to an end: a way of fulfilling their heart-felt and life goals at household and societal levels. Because of their distinguished and unparalleled determination, these labour migrants continue to ‘flock’ to South Africa in the midst of such challenges as xenophobia, crime, arrests and deportations. The book advances the argument that Malawian labour migrants are purposeful and rational human beings who are ready to overcome these challenges.

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