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Anthropology

Revelations of Domination and Resilience : Unearthing the Buried Past of the Akpini, Akan, Germans and British at Kpando, Ghana / Wazi Apoh'

Legon-Accra, Ghana: Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2019

xxiv, 342p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789988883041

\$ 55.00 / PB

538gm.

Chinua Achebe ("The art of fiction") famously observed that until lions have their own historians "the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter." In this volume chronicling the complex imperial and colonial entanglements of the Kpando region in eastern Ghana over recent centuries, the lions have found their proverbial historian. Drawing on an array of sources—archaeological, oral historical and documentary—Wazi Apoh brings locally nuanced perspective to the complex social political economic entanglements among Akpini, German and British actors. His illumination of previously silenced histories provides a rich platform from which to provoke us to imagine and act on the possibilities for restorative repatriation in the present. Its novel combination of historical study with analysis of ongoing dialogues over repatriation is a unique contribution to African studies.

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Biography

Lieutenant General Daniel Opande : In Pursuit of Peace in Africa :
An Autobiography / Daniel Opande

Kenway Publications – Kenway Biographical Works Series

Nairobi, Kenya: East African Educational Publishers Ltd., 2019

xvi, 240p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789966564313

\$ 34.00 / PB

432gm.

Lieutenant General Daniel Opande, in his autobiography In Pursuit of Peace in Africa, shares his experiences in childhood, education, family and military career until his retirement. He wore many hats: soldier, military leader, peacemaker, humanitarian, peace ambassador and mediator.

Notable highlights include his role in Kenya's Shifta Campaign of the 1960s and engaging with rebels during peace operations he led in Namibia, Mozambique, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. In retirement, General Opande has occasionally mediated conflicts; among them the 2007, 2008, 2013 and 2017 election crises in Kenya and the aftermath of the 2015 upheavals in South Sudan. This book is a rich inspirational resource for aspiring leaders.

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From Herdboy to University Lecturer: An Autobiography / Handwell
Yotamu Hara

Mzuzu: Mzuni Press, 2019

48p. ; 210x148mm.

9789996060700

Biographies of People and Parishes No. 5

\$ 17.00 / PB

80gm.

Handwell Yotamu Hara (*1942) was an ordinary boy from a village in Mzimba in Malawi. Though his parents were illiterate he was inspired through education and faith to become a primary school teacher and also earned a PhD from Pretoria University and later became a lecturer at Zomba Theological College and finally at Mzuzu University. This small autobiography is just one offered as part of the ongoing commitment by Mzuni Press to encourage Malawians to read meaningful books on a range of subjects reflecting their country's society and culture.

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Distinguished Conduct : An African Life in Colonial Malawi / Melvin E. Page

Mzuzu: Luviri Press, 2019

264p. ; 210x148mm.

9789996066375

\$ 30.00 /PB

372gm.

Can an African soldier be loyal to his British regiment and stay true to his own society and its beliefs? Juma Chimwere believes he must! Distinguished Conduct recounts a Malawian msilikali's life of doing so. Beginning as an eager Yao recruit in the Central African Rifles, through more than a half century of British colonialism in Nyasaland, Juma remains faithful to his goal. Though sometimes questioning the ongoing effects of his service his continued devotion to duty merits many awards, including medals personally presented by King Edward VII and the Governor of Nyasaland. After retirement his efforts turn more towards encouraging family enterprise and promoting an independent, united Malawi. Yet through his entire journey, Juma earns the respect not only of his fellow Africans, but his King's African Rifles commanders as well.

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Economics/Development Studies

Nhakanomics : Harvesting Knowledge and Value for Re-generation Through Social Innovation / Ronnie 'Samanyanga' Lessem, Munyaradzi Mawere & Daud 'Shumba' Tarahike
Masvingo, Zimbabwe: Africa Talent Publishers, 2019
xxxii, 404p. ; 297x210mm.
9781779294661
\$ 57.00 / PB
1140gm.

Nhakanomics: Harvesting Knowledge and Value for Re-generation through Social Innovation is a radical departure from the commonly held belief that neo-liberal economics from the US and the West is universal, and is the only solution to underdevelopment and poverty throughout the world. Instead, the book teases out and theorises the intellectually rutted terrain of development studies, and neo-liberal economics from a decolonial Pan-Africanist perspective. Following a path of social innovation, with perspectives drawn from social anthropology, economics, and business and management studies Nhakanomics is a unique socio-economic approach applicable in the Global South and in Southern Africa in particular. The study argues that the process and substance of nhakanomics with its pre-emphasis on the relational South provides a robust and holistic approach to social innovation and social transformation grounded in relational networks and 'meshworks'. The central idea is a call to re-GENE-rate society, through local Grounding and Origination, and tapping into local-global Emergent Foundations via a newly global Emancipatory Navigation, while ultimately culminating in global-local transformative Effects in four recursive cycles of re-GENE-rating C(K)umusha, Culture, Communication, and Capital after re-Constituting Africa-the 5Cs. With a novel and radical approach the book is an interrogation of neo-liberal economics in the Global South. As such, this book is remarkably handy to students and practitioners in the fields of economics, development studies, political science, science and technology studies, business management, sociology, transformation studies, and development related non-Governmental Organisations working with grassroots communities.

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In the Heat of Africa's Underdevelopment: Africa at the Crossroads

- Time to Deliver / John W. Forje

Bamenda: Langaa RPCIG, 2019

xlii, 330p. ; 229x152mm.

9789956550951

\$ 45.00 / PB

550p.

The ever growing disparity in living standards between the developed and developing polities constitutes a striking feature of life on Planet Earth. This publication is an attempt to highlight some of the factors dividing the worlds apart. A new North-South synergy is needed in creating a balanced world at peace with itself. As long as more than half-the population of the world go to bed hungry there can be no peace. A sting rich world and a sting poor world cannot cohabit peacefully. How to build a more equitable and balanced world is the challenge facing us. We need to embrace and practice our long-aged concepts of 'ubuntu', 'harambee' and 'batho pele' among others in creating, and consolidating the new world order. Africa is underdeveloped. It requires serious structural modification in our current mindset, thinking and actions which calls for total involvement of every citizen. The ideas advanced in this book are strategies and pathways for dealing with the problems of poverty, corruption, the distribution of power, deterrence, good governance, health, human capacity building and the challenge of bringing about a systemic structural-functional governance construct for the African continent.

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Aspects of Real Estate Theory and Practice in Zimbabwe: An

Exploratory Text / (Eds) Innocent Chirisa & Mike Juru

Bamenda: Langaa RPCIG, 2019

viii, 340p. ; 229x152mm.

9789956551125

\$ 55.00 / PB

518gm.

The subject of real estate is increasingly becoming important, especially in the countries of the developing world. States and governments realise that real estate is a corner stone of socio-economic development. Real estate development contributes immensely to the gross physical capital formation. Its formation, construction and ancillary sectors contribute to the employment, infrastructure development and gross domestic product. The main challenges about real estate are about where to develop it, how to develop it, how to manage and compute valuations about it. Such are the issues discussed in this volume. The book draws on Zimbabwe as a case study, to demonstrate the critical aspects that define theory and real estate practice in various contexts – national, regional and international.

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Integral Kumusha : Aligning Policonomy with Nature, Culture, Technology and Enterprise / (Ed) Ronnie 'Samanyanga' Lessem (et al.)

Masvingo: Africa Talent Publishers, 2019

ix, 338p. ; 297x210mm ; Colour Illustrations.

9781779063618

\$ 75.00 / PB

926gm.

The world is in crisis and in need of an economic and political regeneration—what is termed in this book “policonomy”. Such a GENEAtic transformation calls for an awakening of integral consciousness at all levels. For this to be realized the authors posit that “southern” *nature and community* i.e. integral kumusha should locally lead the regeneration, with “eastern” *Culture and spirituality* following locally-globally in its wake, while “northern” *science and technology* –Communications-comes in newly, globally next, and the “western” *economy and enterprise*, that is Capital, should globally-locally follow the rest, altogether embodied in a newly polynomic Constitution. Such a unique transformational rhythm is what is sought and to co-evolve in Zimbabwe, in Africa and the rest of the world, thereby regenerating

(C)umusha, Culture, Communications, Capital and a trans-modern Constitutio: the 5 C's, in theory and in practice.

The authors, in Zimbabwe, see for such re-GENE-ration in the integral worlds and rhythm, of the country. Their argument is that such a newly constituted *policonomy* is best served by a *Communiversality*, as an integral and de-colonised version of the university. This *Communiversality* originates from the natural and communal, local 'South' – Learning Communities; then turn culturally and spiritually, locally-globally to the 'East' – as a so-called Developmental Pilgrimum thereafter turning newly globally, scientifically and technologically to the 'North' – Research academy; and only thereafter, globally-locally to the 'West' building economically and enterprise-wise on the rest in the guise of Socio-economic integral Laboratories. The aim of this study is that this transformative approach will appeal to business people, researchers, policy makers, social scientists and the academia serving to align policonomy with nature, culture, technology and enterprise.

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History

Boxing Is No Cakewalk! : Azumah 'Ring Professor' Nelson in the Social History of Ghanaian Boxing / De-Valera NYM Botchway
African Humanities Series

Grahamstown, South Africa: NISC (Pty) Ltd (on behalf of the African Humanities Program), 2019

xviii, 270p. ; 244x170mm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781920033569

\$ 40.00 / PB

512gm.

Boxing is no cakewalk! Azumah 'Ring Professor' Nelson in the Social History of Ghanaian Boxing explores the social history of boxing in Ghana and its interesting nexus with the biography of Azumah Nelson, unquestionably Ghana's most celebrated boxer. The book posits that sports constitute more than mere games that people play. They are endowed with enormous political, cultural,

economic and social power that can influence people's lives in various ways.

Boxing is no cakewalk! interrogates the social meaning and impact of boxing within the colonial and postcolonial milieu of popular culture in Ghana. Consequently, it reconsiders the prevailing conception of boxing as adversative to 'enlightened' human culture by arguing that it is a positive formulator of individual and national identities. The historicising of sports and the lives of sportspersons in Ghana provides an eloquent backdrop for an understanding of the past social dynamics and their effect in the present.

The book's analytical narrative offers an intellectual contribution to the promising areas of social and cultural history in Ghana's historiography and the scholarly discourse on identity formation and social empowerment through the popular culture of sports.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=655370>

Breweries, Politics and Identity : The History Behind Namibian Beer /
Tycho van der Hoog

Namibia: Basler Afrika Bibliographien, 2019

122p. ; 244x170mm.

Includes Bibliography

9783906927121

\$ 30.00 / PB

Namibian beer is celebrated as an inextricable part of Namibian nationalism, both within domestic borders and across global markets. But for decades on end, the same brew was not available to the black population as a consequence of colonial politics. This book aims to explain how a European style beer has been transformed from an icon of white settlers into a symbol of the independent Namibian nation. The unusual focus on beer offers valuable insight into the role of companies in identity formation and thus highlights an understudied aspect of Namibian history, namely business-state relations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=655373>

The Women Went Radical : Petition Writing and the Colonial State in Southwestern Nigeria, 1900-1953 / Mutiat Titilope Oladejo

Ibadan: BookBuilders-Editions Africa, 2018
x, 212p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789789211791?
\$ 30.00 / PB

Woman in twentieth century colonial Africa experienced a loss of power in their social-economic status. *The Women Went Radical* provides a narrative of radical expressions extracted from the numerous petitions written to advance and advocate the cause of Yoruba women through individual and collective action. This analyses the impact and implication of petition writing on the administration of traditional and modern governments in colonial Yorubaland. The political context accurately projects the roles of women in influencing, resisting, negotiating and counteracting policies within the political system. The research argues that petition writing is a form of politics and radicalism that is not limited to national issues but also to their manifestation from the actions of the citizens—that is 'politics from the grassroots'.

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Law

Getting Africa Out of the Dungeon: Human Rights, Federalism, and Judicial Politics in Cameroon / Peter Ateh-Afac Fossungu Masvingo, Zimbabwe: Africa Talent Publishers, 2019
xi, 222p. ; 234x156mm.
9780797497818
\$ 35.00 / PB
374gm.

Using one of the continent's supposed pathfinders, Cameroon as case-study, this book interrogates judiciary in Africa in three domains. First, as the third branch of government, second, as the acknowledged umpire of federalism, and, finally, as a means of reversing the institutionalization of in-human rights and injustice administration in Africa. While examining the roots and causes of the persisting human rights and justice administration problems in

Cameroon particularly, and Africa in general, the book through the tumbu-tumbu Long-Distance Government Theory (LDGT), argues for a rethinking and freeing of strategies currently used from close to a century of colonial and neo-colonial bondage, under the confusing covers of 'independence' and of 'advanced democracy'. The book challenges Africa to consider a mentality change, for a 'real' judiciary transformative change. The book will interest legal practitioners, social anthropologists, development studies and political science practitioners, among other such practitioners in the social sciences and humanities.

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Linguistics

Language and Culture in Nigeria: A Festschrift for Okon Essien /
(Ed) Ozo-mekuri Ndimele

Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd. & The
Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN), 2019

136p. ; 297x210mm.

9789785644029

\$ 115.00 / PB

Language and Culture in Nigeria contains 97 papers from a wide range of areas in Language and Linguistics written by colleagues, friends and former students of Professor Okon Essien. The collection fulfills a gap in the quest for a documented piece of work on the general pattern and structure of Nigerian names and is an invaluable material for comparative purposes.

There are 19 papers in section A focusing mainly on various aspects of sociolinguistics and the role of language in society. Section B comprises 24 papers which fall in the area of stylistics, literature and gender studies. Section C contains 21 papers focusing on applied areas of linguistics. Section D comprises 11 papers on information science and communication studies. Section E contains papers that focus on the formal areas of linguistics, i.e. phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax & semantics. Section F is on Okon Essien as a celebrity. It comprises papers which not only x-ray the contributions of the celebrity to the study of languages and linguistics in Nigeria,

but also situate him in the context of other linguistic celebrities globally. Section F is wrapped up with a collection of brilliant poems dedicated to Professor Okon Essien by the 'Ode Grandmaster', Dr. Obed Ojukwu. There is also an appendix at the end of the work which is Professor Okon Essien's intimidating curriculum vitae.
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Politics

Politics As Dashed Hopes in Nigeria / Auwalu Anwar
Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd., 2019
xxvi, 592p. ; 229x152mm.
Includes Bibliography
9789785598650
\$ 54.00 / PB
908gm.

Politics as Dashed Hopes in Nigeria details the experiences of the author, who ran a gubernatorial campaign for the Congress for Progressive Change in Kano State, in 2011, with the politics within the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), leading to the 2011 elections in Nigeria, particularly in Kano State and Nigeria's presidency. The book reveals the inner workings of the CPC and the intriguing drama that unfolded within its inner caucus discusses the tactical blunders and errors of judgement which were responsible for the party's unimpressive performance in the 2011 polls in Kano State in particular and the nation at large. These accounts are also the story of the then leader of the CPC, General Muhammadu Buhari, whose image loomed large in the activities of the party; the idea of the existence of a cult-figure in Nigerian politics, versus the concept of due process in political party administration, is, therefore, an issue of paramount interest to the book.

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Religion

Islam and Modernity: An Unfinished Project / Rafik Abdessalem
Johannesburg: Afro-Middle East Centre, 2017

x, 356p. ; 229 x152mm.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9780994704818
\$ 40.00 / PB
546gm.

In this compelling book, Rafik Abdessalem unpacks two major lines of thought. Firstly, he examines why many Westerners dismiss Islam's vast intellectual, social, theological and cultural heritage as flawed, violent, rigid and fanatical, despite knowing virtually nothing about it. He usefully traces the genesis of this attitude, focusing on how scholars such as Weber, Habermas and others have helped to consolidate the West's view of itself as civilised, superior, developed and progressive, and how the demonisation of Islam acts as a necessary foil for these notions. Secondly, he explains that Islam is subject to a variety of interpretive choices and schools of thought ranging from legalistic fundamentalism, through rigid rationalism, to spiritual Sufism. By treating Islam, secularity and modernity as distinct and separate, rather than as interconnected and overlapping, Abdessalem makes no attempt to reconcile Islam with modernity or secularity, nor does he place one in opposition to the other. Instead, he looks at the interconnections between these broad and complex subjects. Abdessalem's analysis is useful in encouraging us to rethink both modernity and Islam, and their relationship with each other. In this rethinking lies the potential for a better understanding of the geopolitics of what is often called 'the Muslim world', including the MENA region.

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Sociology

Epidemics and the Health of African Nations / (Ed) Zamanzima Mazibuko

Johannesburg: Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA), 2019 (Second Impression)

xxvi, 416p. ; 234x156mm. ; color illustration.

Includes Index

9780639995595

\$ 65.00 / PB
686gm.

News footage of disease in Africa is a familiar sight. Yet these outbreaks are often presented out of context, with no reference to the conditions that have triggered them. MISTRA's new book, *Epidemics and the Health of African Nations*, aims to redress that. Researchers and practitioners from within the continent explore why Africa is so vulnerable to disease, and show how this vulnerability is closely linked to political and economic factors. They demonstrate how these same factors determine the way epidemics are treated.

Authors extract lessons from case studies in different parts of Africa; challenge conventional frameworks about disease to argue for a 'syndemics' approach that takes into account the interrelationship between disease and political and socio-economic contexts; explore challenges of Africa's future. They argue that a well-functioning health system is at the core of a country's capacity to counter an epidemic.

This volume brings African experts together to probe possible solutions to the continent's heavy burden of disease. The insights offered will be helpful in devising policy for the control of disease and the combatting of epidemics in Africa.

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SADC Gender Protocol 2019 – Barometer: Voice and Choices /
(Ed) Colleen Lowe Moma, Kubi Rama & Shamiso Chigorimbo
Johannesburg: Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance, 2019
288p. ; 280x216mm. ; Colour Illustrations and Colour Photographs.
Includes Bibliography
9780639814810
\$ 60.00 / PB

Scoring another goal for gender equality, the 2019 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Gender Protocol Barometer breaks with past tradition in focusing solely on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Measuring 100 indicators across seven themes, the Barometer is the first civil society shadow

report on SADC's new SRHR Strategy Score Card, ranking countries based on their performance, while offering detailed analysis and insights into what is changing and still needs to change. The no-hold-barred #VoiceandChoice Barometer features the first stand-alone chapters on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Safe Abortion, and Sexual Diversity. It provides the data that underpins 40 national campaigns led the focal networks of the Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance, and 174 local campaigns led by the Centres of Excellence for Gender in Local Government. A must read for all those committed to Action and Results for Agenda 2030 in the SADC region.

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