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Anthropology

Ozongombe mOmbazu ya Kaoko = Cattle Culture of the Kaoko Ovaherero / Ngungaa Hangara, Jekura U. Kavari & Ephraim P.K. Tutjavi
Windhoek, Namibia: University of Namibia Press, 2020
xviii, 168p.
Includes Index
9789991642536
\$ 40.00 / PB
288gm.

Ozongombe mOmbazu ya Kaoko/Cattle Culture of the Kaoko Ovaherero honours indigenous Sanga/Nguni cattle and their cultural and agricultural significance to the Ovaherero and increasingly to other cattle-breeders. The book introduces Otjiherero vernacular names for a wide variety of hide colours and patterns, horn shapes and ear notches in cattle, illustrated with over 300 colour photographs and drawings which give it the practical value of a bilingual field guide.

In depth information on the role of cattle in Ovaherero history and society, way of life, rites of passage, omens, taboos, worship, battle, and techniques of husbandry will interest students of agriculture, veterinary science and anthropology. The book also documents cultural concepts and practices inaccessible to the layperson and many urbanized Ovaherero, but which are still current among cattle-keepers in the isolated region of Kaokoland. This timely record preserves not only cultural information but language terms which otherwise could be lost within the coming generation.

Even a brief glance through its pages will serve to show the wonderful richness of Ovaherero cattle culture.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745497>

Biography/Memoirs

The Trials and Tribulations of a ZIPRA Soldier / Churchill Mpiyesizwe Guduza

Bamenda, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2021

xii, 504p. ; 229x152mm.

9956551783 ; 9789956551781

\$ 48.00 / PB

770gm.

The Trials and Tribulations of a ZIPRA Soldier is a riveting spider web story of courage, determination, pursuit of justice and survival against all odds. The reader is taken on a path of unparalleled heroism and determination of a young Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) soldier, Churchill Mpiyesizwe Guduza.

Churchill was born in Johannesburg to a Rhodesian father, Makhathini Bhekisizwe Guduza and Amy Poppy Lottering, a South African. After attending Fatima Secondary School in Rhodesia, with his father in continued political detention and his mother merely scrapping a living in the rural hinterlands of Rhodesia, he was compelled to leave for Johannesburg in early 1973 where his already shaped political consciousness led him to participate in the June 1976 Soweto student uprisings. At just under 20 years of age, Churchill escaped South Africa to join ZIPRA in Zambia, just in time before the apartheid net rapidly closed in on him. No sooner had Churchill joined ZIPRA than he experienced similar injustices which he immediately opposed with resolute bravery. Upon completion of military training in Angola, he was immediately deployed to the battlefields of Rhodesia where his unit gallantly fought against the Rhodesian security forces. Churchill's nom de guerre was Taffy Carlos.

From Rhodesia, Churchill returned to Zambia to face off ZIPRA's High Command, from where he fled to Angola. After his incarceration in Angola, he returned to independent Zimbabwe, from where he again escaped to the United Kingdom via Botswana and Zambia. Today, he leads the Mthwakazi Liberation Front (MLF), which seeks to EXIT Zimbabwe, and establish the Federal Republic of Mthwakazi.

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Growing Wild : The Correspondence of a Pioneering Woman Naturalist from the Cape / Mary Elizabeth Barber (Eds) Alan Cohenm Tanja Hammel & Jasmin Rindlisbacher
Namibia: Basler Afrika Bibliographien, 2020

xxx, 306p. ; Illustrations ; Colour Photographs
Includes Bibliography
ISSN: 1660-9638
9783906927046
\$ 70.00 / PB
726gm.

Mary Elizabeth Barber (1818-1899), born in Britain, arrived in the Cape Colony in 1820 where she spent the rest of her life as a rolling stone, as she lived in and near Grahamstown, the diamond and gold fields, Pietermaritzburg, Malvern near Durban and on various farms in the eastern part of the Cape Colony. She has been perceived as 'the most advanced woman of her time', yet her legacy has attracted relatively little attention. She was the first woman ornithologist in South Africa, one of the first who propagated Darwin's theory of evolution, an early archaeologist, keen botanist and interested lepidopterist. In her scientific writing, she propagated a new gender order; positioned herself as a feminist avant la lettre without relying on difference models and at the same time made use of genuinely racist argumentation.

This is the first publication of her edited scientific correspondence. The letters - transcribed by Alan Cohen, who has written a number of biographical articles on Barber and her brothers - are primarily addressed to the entomologist Roland Trimen, the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London. Today, the letters are housed at the Royal Entomological Society in St Albans. This book also includes a critical introduction by historian Tanja Hammel who has published a number of articles and is about to publish a monograph on Mary Elizabeth Barber.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745500>

Road to the House / Hon (Rev) E. Francis Waive
Lagos, Nigeria: Malthouse Press Limited, 2020
xii, 120p. ; 216 x 140mm ; B/W Illustrations
Includes Index
9789785739794
\$ 30.00 / PB
176gm.

This book describes Reverend Francis Waive's journey getting elected to Nigeria's National Assembly, where he now is the member representing the people of Ughelli North, Ughelli South and Udu Federal Constituency. Before his dramatic election in February 2019, Rev Waive served as General Overseer of the Church of the Anointing Warri Delta State. He used the platform of the church to dispense of charity to the deprived

communities of the Niger Delta through his establishment of the Riverine Communities Health Organisation. His involvement includes both action research projects and intervention programmes in Education Health Water and Sanitation, etc. His social advocacy efforts include convening the Free Delta Group for good governance in Delta State.

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Buried in the Debris of Independence : The Life and Death of Rev

Alexander Kutchona / T.S.E. Katsulukuta

Mzuzu, Malawi: Luviri Press, 2020

50p. ; 210x148mm.

9789996066504

Biographies of People and Parishes No. 2

\$ 18.00 / PB

70gm.

As a boy I heard my mother warn my father never to walk alone and never to come home late lest he be killed like Kutchona. But why could people kill an innocent pastor? For Alexander Kutchona God stood above politics and God came first in all areas of life. The Party leaders believed differently. Politics to them could not be separated from Church life and that the church should be used as a platform for the political agenda. They labeled him traitor and removed him out of their path and memory.

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Ecology / Environment

Ecological Changes in the Zambezi River Basin / (Ed) Mzime Regina Ndebele-Murisa (et al.)

Dakar, Senegal: CODESRIA, 2021

xxvi, 228p. ; 234x156mm. ; Colour Illustrations

Includes Index

9782869787131

\$ 60.00 / PB

402gm.

This book provides an analysis of the ecological conditions and ecosystem goods and services of the Zambezi River Basin (ZRB), the fourth largest river in Africa. Various environmental and anthropogenic factors; inclusive of climate, environmental flows, hydrology, morphology, pollution and land use changes among others and their interactions are considered as drivers of the river ecosystems. The

impacts of these drivers on aquatic biota, river ecological integrity, and the livelihoods of surrounding communities are analysed within the socio-economic-policy context. The book goes beyond the usual inventories and basic research by using the comparative research method (CRM) in a trans-disciplinary manner. This CRM analytical approach in this book seeks to interrogate the differences or similarities in socio-economic systems, livelihoods, ecological systems, ecosystem goods and services, their usage and management under the seemingly different cultural, socio-economic conditions expected across borders that are within the ZRB. The multidisciplinary approach also connects the typical ecological research with social dimensions in a holistic manner. The book therefore, provides empirical and research based evidence to support strategic planning and policy development in the wake of ecological changes that nations and indeed regions such as the ZRB are grappling with while seeking to sustainably manage precious river systems.

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Economics/Development Studies

Food Technology and Culture in Africa / (Eds) Clement Ogunlade, Kehinde M. Adeleke & Mutiat T. Oladejo
Ibadan, Nigeria: Reamsworth Publishing Limited, 2021
xii, 234p. ; 234x156mm. ; Colour Illustrations and Colour Photographs
Includes Index
9789789818815
\$ 45.00 / PB
378gm.

This book is a multidisciplinary exposition of how scholars from various disciplines research food. The chapters unravel the crosscutting themes in the role of food in everyday realities of African societies. Food remains indispensable to humanity for a good healthy and quality life but accessibility is shrouded by poor quality food and food fraud thereby making the available food unsafe for consumption by the Nigerian citizens, and of course by people around the world. The underlying causes of this have largely been attributed to poverty and acquisitive economic gains, and to some extent poor food handling by consumers. In Nigeria, the state of poverty is so severe that the largest proportion of the citizens' daily and/or monthly income goes on food, which is barely enough to access quality and nutritional food. Consequently, majority of the citizens seek and take up poor quality food that might come their way. In the light of drive for unsafe food, the food fraudsters had capitalised

on the poor Nigerians to make illegally adulterated and poor quality food available at cheaper prices. This situation has not only endangered the food distribution system and quality of consumed nutrition in Nigeria, but as equally put the health status of Nigerians at risk through long-term exposure and build-up of chronically toxic contaminants in the body.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745504>

History

Zimbabwe's Trajectory : Stepping Forward or Sliding Back? / (Ed) Eldred V. Masunungure
Harare, Zimbabwe: Weaver Press, 2020
xii, 442p. ; 229x152mm.
9781779223760
\$ 65.00 / PB
674gm.

At Independence in 1980, Julius Nyerere called Zimbabwe 'the jewel of Africa', and cautioned its new leaders not to tarnish it. Tragically, they paid no heed to Africa's esteemed elder statesmen. Arguably - and only if one ignores the carnage of Gukurahundi - the first decade was a developmental one, with resources being used prudently to benefit the formerly disadvantaged majority population. However, the 1990s witnessed a transition from a developmental to a predatory leadership which saw Zimbabwe cross the millennial line in crisis, where it has remained ever since. While many African countries have moved forward over the last three decades, Zimbabwe has gone relentlessly backwards, save for the four-year interregnum of the tripartite coalition government, 2009-2013. Virtually all development indicators point in the wrong direction and the crisis of poverty, unemployment, and the erosion of health, education and other public goods continues unabated. The imperatives of political survival and power politics supersede those of sound economics and public welfare. Moreover, unless good politics are conjoined with a sound people-first policy, the country will continue sliding downhill. *Zimbabwe's Trajectory* tells the story of the country's post-independence dynamics and its recent descent into becoming one of the three most unhappy countries in the world.

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Ceded at Dawn : The Aborted Decolonization of the UN Trust Territory of British Southern Cameroons / Augustine Ndangam (Foreword) Anthony Ndi

Denver, USA: Spears Media Press LLC, 2020

xviii, 102p. ; 229x152mm.

9781942876526

USD 20.00 / PB

194gm.

Ceded at Dawn identifies and examines decolonization as the principal source of the smoldering tension that persisted between the two former United Nations Trust Territories in Cameroon which finally exploded into an armed conflict in 2017. French Cameroon (now the Republic of Cameroon) was decolonized while the decolonization of British Cameroons was abandoned unfinished. The international experiment on *independence by joining* was an exceptional route selected for the decolonization of British Southern Cameroons and was defended with the untenable arguments that British Southern Cameroons was too small and too poor to be granted sovereign independence. Both British Southern Cameroons and French Cameroon rejected *independence by joining* - the latter registering her objection in a “No” vote at the General Assembly meeting in April 1961. In British Southern Cameroons on the other hand, the suppression of bilateral agreement on confederation of states of equal status, the nullification of their self-governing status and worst of all the wrongful transfer of that self-governing state to the Republic of Cameroon on no known terms became a complete recipe for a disaster awaiting outburst and eruption. *Ceded at Dawn* documents and methodically analyzes these developments using archival and recently declassified British colonial sources. Historians, diplomats, political scientists, scholars of the UN system and international law as well experts on decolonization will find this volume it very illuminating.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745506>

Law

Securing Land Rights : Communal Land Reform in Namibia / Romie Vonkie Nghitevelekwa

Windhoek, Namibia: University of Namibia Press, 2020

xvi, 164p. ; 244x170mm. ; Colour Illustrations and Colour Photographs

Includes Index

9789991642628

\$ 50.00 / PB

338gm.

Securing land rights takes up themes at the centre of socio-political debates throughout the African continent. These relate to national struggles over access to land, land distribution, land rights and security of tenure. Land in much of rural Africa is communally held, a system that provides security of livelihood and a social safety net, but is not immune to appropriation by government or injustices such as the eviction of women from the land on the death of their husbands.

This book contextualises Namibia within these debates, highlighting the country's stance in relation to communal land tenure reforms with a focus on the realities of people's lives in north-central Namibia. Leading questions centre on competing ways of ascribing value to land; mechanisms and monetisation of access to land; commercialisation of land use, de-agrarianization and ongoing transformation underpinned by economic and territorial restructuring.

These processes have direct impacts on equity in access to land and land distribution, and engender competing visions of land rights. Communal land reform is an uneasy compromise between different processes and interests.

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Literature

Covid Stories from East Africa and Beyond : Lived Experience and Forward-Looking Reflections / (Eds) Mary Njeri Kinyanjui, Roopal Thaker & Kathryn Toure

Bamenda, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2020

xxviii, 284p. ; 229x152mm.

9789956551545

\$ 40.00 / PB

466gm.

The coronavirus has rattled humanity, tested resolve and determination, and redefined normalcy. This compelling collection of 29 short stories and essays brings together the lived experiences of covid19 through a diversity of voices from across the African continent. The stories highlight challenges, new opportunities, and ultimately the deep resilience of Africans and their communities. Bringing into conversation the perspectives of laypeople, academics, professionals, domestic workers, youth, and children, the volume is a window into the myriad

ways in which people have confronted, adapted to, and sought to tackle the coronavirus and its trail of problems. The experiences of the most vulnerable are specifically explored, and systemic changes and preliminary shifts towards a new global order are addressed. Laughter as a coping mechanism is a thread throughout.

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Locusts Are Here Again / Bright A. Okoro
Lagos, Nigeria: Malthouse Press Limited, 2021
246p. ; 229x152mm.
9789785829839
\$ 17.00 / PB
380gm.

Here is a familiar phenomenon and especially easily understood in any neighbourhood, or settlement, or small town or certain parts of a city or geographical region where intensively profitable commercial or industrial or mining activities have wrought extensive physical changes, alongside transformation of basic values and political bickerings and configuration of social and political alignments.

The Locusts are Here Again documents and explores the various hazards, deprivations and sufferings engendered by crude oil-exploiting activities in the so-called oil-bearing communities of the Niger Delta of Nigeria. The communities can so far only bear the oil physically but unable to own it economically, socially and politically except the deleterious consequences.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745508>

No Time To Mourn : An Anthology by Sudanese Women / (Eds) Hilda J. Twongyeirwe & Elizabeth Ashamu Deng
Kampala, Uganda: FEMRITE – Uganda Women Writers Associations, 2020
Xx, 250p. ; 216x140mm. ; Colour Illustrations and Colour Photographs
9789970480173
\$ 22.00 / PB
346gm.

No Time to Mourn is a collection of short stories, poems, artwork and photography penned, produced and presented by South Sudanese women. It reflects the lives of the women writers and artists, and at the same time gives voice to the very real lived experiences and lives of every woman of South Sudanese heritage. The ideas and experiences in this

book span decades they straddle borders, they cross continents and describe events that are hard to imagine, even with some knowledge of South Sudan's history. It is hard not to be moved as you read what many of these authors have lived through as they strive to achieve those basic of human rights: life, liberty and security. Through this book, we learn more about the cost of war and the value of peace, and how they affect women's abilities to found a home, bear and raise children, stay healthy and safe, secure education for themselves and their children, seek professional fulfilment and even fall in love, all while navigating society's often narrowly defined gender roles.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745509>

Then a Wind Blew / Kay Powell
Harare, Zimbabwe: Weaver Press, 2021
222p.
9781779223838
\$ 17.00 / PB
296gm.

Then a Wind Blew is set in the final months of the war in Rhodesia, before it became Zimbabwe, and the story unfolds through the voices of three women. Susan Haig, a white settler, has lost one son in the war and seen her other son declared 'unfit for duty'. Nyanye Maseka has fled with her sister to a guerrilla camp in Mozambique, her home village destroyed, her mother missing. Beth Lytton is a nun in a church mission in an African Reserve, watching her adopted country tear itself apart. The three women have nothing in common. Yet the events of war conspire to draw them into each other's lives in a way that none of them could have imagined. This absorbing and sensitive novel develops and intertwines their stories, showing us the ugliness of war for women caught up in it and reminding us that, in the end, we all depend on each other.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745510>

Seductive Detective : A Play / Abubakar Othman
Lagos, Nigeria: Malthouse Press Limited, 2020
viii, 108p. ; 235x191mm.
9789785829808
\$ 20.00 / PB
236gm.

In this play, *Seductive Detective*, the author presents snapshot of the socio-political maneuvering in a Nigerian university, especially the interplay of forces inside and outside the campus in their attempts to influence outcomes, from appointments, promotions, potentially negative reactions to state policies, academic matters, students' politics to subterranean intelligence operations by agents. Not many appear to be what they seem.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745511>

Our Wife Has Gone Mad : A Play / 'Bode Ojoniyi
Lagos, Nigeria: Malthouse Press Limited, 2021
60p. ; 229x152mm.
9789785829822
\$ 16.00 / PB
106gm.

In Our Wife Has Gone Mad, a play which in its unpublished form won the 2017 Society of Nigeria Theatre Artists (SONTA)/Olu-Obafemi Award for playwriting, the Author takes the fight for feminist equality to the seeming realm of the ludicrous. Women who are married to more than one man in a lifetime, it is normally after a divorce or death of the husband. In the case of Daniela in this play, she appropriates the same liberty or privilege given to men and marries several husbands. She does not cheat on the first husband; she merely legally gets married to the other two men and keeps them in their different cities - after all, some men do this too...

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745512>

Bearing Witness : Poems from a Land in Turmoil / (Eds) Joyce
Ashuntantang & Dibussi Tande
Denver, USA: Spears Books, 2020
xxiv, 204p. ; 229x152mm. ; B/W Illustrations
9781942876540
\$ 20.00 / PB
354p.

Bearing Witness: Poems from a Land in Turmoil is a poetic response to the devastating Anglophone Crisis/Ambazonian Conflict in Cameroon that has killed thousands of children, women and men, displaced over half a million people and left hundreds of communities in ruins. The poems in this volume capture an all-encompassing landscape marked by alienation,

despair, displacement, loss, anger, trauma, as well as courage, hope, heroism, justice and resilience. These poems also engender psychic healing which has the potential of turning victims into survivors. With over 100 poems by 73 poets—seasoned and emerging, old and young, men and women—this collection is not only a guidepost of collective memory, but also the definitive literary work of this period in Cameroon’s checkered history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745513>

Of Smoke Flesh and Bone : Poetry Against Depression / Abigail George
(Ed) Anrtonio Garcia

Mmap New African Poets Series

Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe: Mmap- Mwanaka Media and Publishing , 2020
xv, 111p. ; 210x148mm.

9781779295972

\$ 16.00 / PB

144gm.

Pushcart Prize-nominated Abigail George is a South African-based blogger, editor, essayist, poet, novella and short story writer. Her work has been anthologised widely, appeared numerous times in print in South Africa, online in zines based in Asia, Australia, Europe, Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and across Africa in countries as diverse as Nigeria, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Turkey, Uganda and Cameroon on Africanwriter.com, *Bakwa*, *Botsotso*, *Itch: The Creative Journal*, *Jalada*, *New Coin*, *New Contrast*, *the New Ink Review*, *Nthanda Review* and overseas journals

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745514>

Zimboldicious 5th Anniversary Edition : A Special Poetry Anthology of
Zimbabwe’s Best Contemporary Poets / (Ed) Tendai R Mwanaka

Mmap New African Poets Series

Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe: Mmap- Mwanaka Media and Publishing , 2020
xiv, 106p. ; 210x148mm.

9781779296061

\$ 17.00 / PB

172gm.

Poets featured in *Zimboldicious 5th Anniversary Edition* are: Tanaka Chidora, Tendai Rinos Mwanaka, Killian Nhamo Mwanaka, Jabulani

Mzinyathi, Mandhla Mavolwane, Wilson Waison, Beniah Munengwa, Chenjerai Mhondera, Lisa Jaison, Tinashe Muchuri, Oscar Gwiriri, Christopher Kudyahakudadirwe, Troy Da Costa and John Eppel. These are some of the very best contemporary poets from Zimbabwe, poets we have worked with for the past 5 years as Zimbolicious project. This is an anniversary edition to celebrate the 5 year literary journey.
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Writing Robotics : Africa vs Asia Vol. 2 / (Ed) Tendai Rinos Mwanaka
Mmap Multi-disciplinary Series
Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe: Mmap- Mwanaka Media and Publishing , 2020
xiv, 94p. ; 210x148mm.
9781779296016
\$ 16.00 / PB
126gm.

Writing Robotics, Africa Vs Asia Vol 2 follows [Writing Language, Culture and Development, Africa vs Asia, Vol 1](#). *Writing Robotics* features 18 writers and poets from the two regions, Asia and Africa collaborating around the issue of Robots, in whatever form. From the traditional African robotics science, to the latest robots and the imagined robots of tomorrow, how the two regions Africa and Asia are coming to terms with the oncoming Robotics revolution, the so-called 4th industrial revolution. The book serves to encourage rather than to scare the inhabitants of these regions to embrace the revolution, and to show them robots are already a part of us as we are a part of them.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745517>

For Greatness and Freedom I Came : Faust or Fast? / Bill F. Ndi
Bamenda, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2020
54p.
9789956551187
\$ 16.00 / PB
58gm.

This poem is a bluesy-jazzy drama replete with metaphor, epic simile, analogy, personification, synecdoche, irony, satire, allegory, imagery, etc. These are some of the constituent ingredients with which the poet explores, vilifies, and turns topical events rocking the first quarter of the twenty-first century inside-out. From the beginning to the end, the poem flows non-stop like a river from its source to its mouth through

discursive tensions and tangle of the world of politics: local, national and international.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745518>

The Reunion / Kekelwa Nyaywa

EAEP Peak Library Series

Nairobi, Kenya: East Asian Educational Publishers Ltd. (EAEP), 2020

162p. ; 203x133mm.

9789966564351

\$ 16.00 / PB

198gm.

The Class Reunion is a few days away. Felize is torn between skipping and attending the event. After a lot of tough talk from her cousin, Bupilo, she makes up her mind. She attends the Reunion but a dark cloud from her past stalks her to the event. Just when the door has been opened for the old girls to share their post-Chipembi experiences, Felize is overcome by emotions and she storms out on the verge of tears. This is a story that will teach the young how consequential the choices they make in life are.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745519>

Politics

Africa's Security Challenges in the 21st Century : Power, Principles and Praxis in Global Politics / Tunde Adeniran

Ibadan, Nigeria: Safari Books Ltd., 2020

xiv, 484p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789785800807

\$ 50.00 / PB

732gm.

Against the backdrop of a globalized world, with the key players having to contend with the changing nature of power in international relations and Africa of the 21st century faced with new realities, this book was conceived to expand and push the scope of inquiry into a new direction in strategic thinking. It was designed to examine various issues that are related to the security of Africa as a sub-system within the international system. The book is an attempt to examine how some basic security issues define the position of Africa within the international system and determine the dynamics of African participation in the ordering of a global world order. Part of the intention is to show the forms that the factors of African security would take in the foreseeable future as these

factors would determine the relationship between African states and the non-African world as well as influence the developments within Africa itself.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745520>

Gender, Politics and Governance in Africa : The Known and Unknown /
(Ed) Mutiat T. Oladejo

Ibadan, Nigeria: Reamsworth Publishing Limited, 2021

xviii, 240p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789789818808

\$ 35.00 / PB

394gm.

Good governance is an index of human development. What constitutes good governance is holistic and gender issues are key components in the formation and practice of governance. In pre-colonial Africa, governance is inclusive of men and women. In the pre-colonial era, it could be argued that women had spheres of power and powerlessness. In most post-colonial societies of Africa, it is a rarity to accord women positions in government. Yet, the United Nations Conferences held in Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985), Beijing (1995) and New York (2000), all had drafts and resolutions to change inequalities and vulnerabilities women encounter in public and private spaces. What are the issues to understand in the inclusion or exclusion of women in governance of African states and societies?

This book explicates the experiential issues in gender, politics and governance. The 'known' are the stereotypes accorded to women as weak and unfit to take strategic roles in public life. Scholars across disciplines have debunked this perception. The known constantly linger in perpetuity because the development plans of African states fail to understand what it takes to have women empowered in all ramifications.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745521>

Democratization in Malawi : A Stocktaking / (Eds) Kings M. Phiri &
Kenneth R. Ross

Mzuzu, Malawi: Luviri Press, 2020

444p. ; 210x148mm.

Includes Index ; Selected Bibliography

9789996066023

\$ 50.00 / PB

598gm.

The vote in favour of multi-party politics at the National Referendum of 1993, and the subsequent General Election of 1994, heralded the advent of a democratic system of government in Malawi. It soon became apparent, however, that there remained many obstacles to overcome before Malawi would be a truly democratic country. In this volume, a multi-disciplinary approach has been employed to examine both the progress and the pitfalls of the democratization process. Political scientists, lawyers, historians, theologians, literary critics, linguists, economists, and educationalists apply the tools of their respective disciplines to take stock of democratization in Malawi. This book is an indispensable guide to anyone seeking to understand the social and political situation in Malawi in the early years of the Second Republic.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745522>

Federal Character and Affirmative Action : History and Peculiarities of Diversity Policies in the United State and Nigeria / Michael O. Maduagwu
Ibadan, Nigeria: Safari Books Ltd, 2019

xxxii, 232p. ; 234x156mm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789785544855

\$ 40.00 / PB

400gm.

The Nigerian federal character principle was first introduced in the 1979 Constitution (and retained in the 1999 Constitution) as practical solution of Nigeria's perennial ethnic conflict. Unfortunately, the good intentions of the makers of the 1979 Constitution regarding the provision of federal character were misunderstood, abused and thwarted over the years by military regimes and largely also by their democratic successors since 1999. The principle has been left to take different interpretations and to be applied arbitrarily by any government in power. In fact, both to the policy-makers and many Nigerian scholars, the principle should be applied as "affirmative action" and "quota system". Some scholars even confuse it with the principle of federalism. Nigeria's federal character in none of these. The distinction of federal character from the other principles, but especially from affirmative action (in the case, the American version, from where the concept of affirmative action originated), constitutes the central thrust of this work. A critical re-examination of its original constitutional intentions and meaning as a principle of "ethnic engineering" on the one hand, and as a version of "consociational democracy", on the other hand, has been carried out so

as to redirect and otherwise laudable principle from being a divisive factor to a unifying one from which it was intended.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745523>

Religion - Christianity

Mission in Progress : The Developing Role of Women in the Church , An SDA Perspective / Frank Barden Chirwa

Mzuzu, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2020

384p. ; 210x148mm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789996060441

\$ 50.00 / PB

518gm.

Since the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Malawi in 1902, there is now available much information on the cases, narratives and experiences of women that shows the contribution of women to the progress of the SDA mission in Malawi. That record reveals a notable increase in the developing role of women in the SDA Church in Malawi, blended with both successful and challenging experiences. This has prompted the writing of this book. My aim is to present a historical record of the developing role of women in the SDA Church in Malawi. The purpose is to provide a first critical analysis, in a Malawian context, of a wider range of biblical and socio-cultural issues affecting the role of women in the SDA Church in Malawi.

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Living in Religious Diversity : A Possibility for Malawi Muslim and Christian Co-existence / Anderson J.M. Mnthambala

Zomba, Malawi: Kachere Series, 2020

x, 158p. ; 210x148mm.

Includes Bibliography

9789996025358

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232gm.

This book traces and examines the interaction between Christians and Muslims in the areas of Dedza North-West and Lilongwe East, the Nkhoma Mission area in the Central Region in Malawi. Through history to

the present day situation, the book establishes the principles which have guided and are guiding interfaith dialogue in the area, by relating these approaches to the current thinking on relationship between Christianity and other faith communities. It is the intention that this book may help to remove the fear of Christians that Islam is expanding very fast in Malawi and the perception of some Muslims that Christianity is dominating in most issues over the Muslim minority in Malawi. To help in this process suggestions are made on how dialogue between Muslims and Christians can be conducted that both communities can grow in respect and understanding on how they may address current issues concerning them both, like the HIV and Aids pandemic, gender issues to mention a few.

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A Malawi Church History 1860-2020 / Kenneth R. Ross & Klaus Fiedler
Mzuzu, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2020

454p. ; 210x148mm.

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676gm.

This is the first attempt to comprehend the whole of Malawi's church history in a single volume. The focus of this book is about documenting the religious experience which was at the centre of founding the new nation of Malawi as we have come to know it. The book strikes a balance in covering issues pertaining to both mission activities and African agency. In many instances interesting pieces of evidence have been marshalled to corroborate or emphasize some of the conclusions reached.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745526>

History of the Zambia Baptist Association 1905-2005 / Reinhard L. Frey
Mzuzu, Malawi: Luviri Press, 2020

624p. ; 210x148mm.

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830gm.

Much good academic work has been done on the mainline churches in many African countries. But less so on the "smaller" missions and the churches that they founded. This book describes the history of one of the "smaller" churches the Zambia Baptist Association with its roots in Malawi (1905) and its missionary connections to England, South Africa, Sweden, Australia and finally to the Liebenzell Mission in Germany. It is

thus one of the many contributions needed for the writing of a history of the Evangelical churches of Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745530>

Empowered Without Power : Women and Leadership in the Basel Mission and Presbyterian Church in Cameroon / Michael Kpughe Lang Bamenda, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2020

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372gm.

This book examines women's participation in the executive structures of the Basel Mission and Presbyterian Church in Cameroon in order to tell a new story of women and church leadership. In 1886, the Basel Mission commenced mission work in Cameroon and successfully established an indigenous church which gained independence in 1957 as Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC). In both churches, women were underrepresented in the echelons of power owing to entrenched patriarchy and recourse to controversial empowerment. Female missionaries to Cameroon trained women in fields like motherhood, domestic science and marriage, which yielded little or no opportunities for local women to participate in the power structures of the Basel Mission. This patriarchal culture was handed down to the PCC, whose initial all-male authority ensured that the power structure was all-male. But growing feminism within the church and pressure from international ecumenical partners led to timid gender reforms which ended women's exclusion from the ordained ministry, promoted female eldership, led to the establishment of a convent, and the adoption of a gender inclusive policy. But women's dearth in positions of leadership persisted, with most executive structures filled by men.

So, this book tells the story of women's involvement in the executive structures of the Basel Mission and Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. It is the first effort at a holistic approach to interpreting women's lack of power in these two churches. Based upon archival research and oral sources, the book tells the story of the people, forces and events that led to the consistent underrepresentation of women in the churches' echelons of power. The lived realities of women who challenged patriarchy and held leadership positions in the church are illuminated. It documents the reality of women's lack of power, with particular focus on the dilemmas of female pastors, elders, nuns, and female Christian groups.

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Sociology

People, Predicaments and Potentials in Africa / (Eds) Takehiko Ochiai,
Misa-Hirano-Nomoto & Daniel E. Agbiboa (Series Ed) Motoji Matsuda
Bamenda, Cameroon: Langa RPCIG, 2021

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