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Anthropology

Nairobi in the Making : Landscapes of Time and Urban
Belonging / Constance Smith
Eastern Africa Series
Nairobi: Twaweza Communications, 2019
x, 214p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789966028976
\$ 40.00/ PB
324gm.

What does it mean to make a life in an African city today? How do ordinary Africans, surrounded by collapsing urban infrastructures and amid fantastical promises of hypermodern, globalised futures, try to ensure a place for themselves in the city's future? Exploring the relationship between the remains of empire and the global city, and themes of urban belonging and exclusion, housing and security, Constance Smith examines the making and remaking of one of Africa's most fragmented, vibrant cities. Nairobi is on the cusp of radical urban change. As in other capital cities across Africa, the Kenyan government has launched "Vision 2030", an urban megaproject that envisions the capital as a "world class metropolis", a spectacular new node in a network of global cities. Yet as a city born of British colonialism, Nairobians also live amongst the dilapidated vestiges of imperial urban

planning; spaces designed to regulate urban subjects. Based on extensive ethnographic research in a dilapidated, colonial-era public housing project built as a model urban neighbourhood but which is now slated for demolition, Smith explores how projects of self-making and city-making are entwined. She traces how it is through residents' everyday lives - in the mundane, incremental work of home maintenance, in the accumulation of stories about the past, in ordinary people's aspirations for the future - that urban landscapes are formed, imaginatively, materially and unpredictably, across time. Nairobi emerges as a place of pathways and plans, obstructions and aspirations, residues and endurances, that inflect the way that ordinary people produce the city, generating practices of historymaking, ideas about urban belonging and attempts to refashion "Vision 2030" into a future more meaningful and inclusive to ordinary city dwellers
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Art

Jahazi – Culture Arts Performance, Vol. 9, Issue 1, 2021 : Arts and Culture in the Time of COVID-19 : Resilience / (Issue Ed) Caroline Mose

Nairobi: Twaweza Communications, 2021

84p.

9789966128058

Content:

1. Culture and the Arts in Pandemic Times: Challenges and Opportunities / Austin Bukonya.
2. Song of Meheret: The Pandemic in Ethiopia through an Artist's Eyes / Mercy Wambui.
3. Reflections on COVID-19 and Spirituality in Kenya / Mwenda Ntarangwi.
4. COVID-19 Blessings for Breastfeeding Working Mothers / Florence Sipalla.

\$ 40.00 / PB

270gm.

This Issue is devoted to reflections on COVID-19. We discuss the role of the artist and the changes in the creative sector.

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Biography/Memoirs

The Cherished Footprints / Francis Imbuga

Nairobi: Bookmark Africa Limited, 2019

xii, 180p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789966749413

\$ 25.00 / PB

244gm.

‘The Cherished Footprints’ is a Biography of the Late Professor Francis Davis Imbuga who is acclaimed as one of the finest playwrights in Africa.

He was born in 1947 in Wenyange Village, Chavakali in Vihiga Country. Starting from a humble beginning in the small village, Imbuga rose steadily to global renown both as an artist and academic. He attended Chavakali Intermediate School and later Alliance High School (1964-1969). He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Education degree from the University of Nairobi in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in 1975. He acquired a PhD from the University of Iowa 1992. He taught Literature at Kenyatta University and Kigali Institute of Education (KIE) in a career spanning over 35 years. This book talks about his childhood, school days, his family, his life as an author, playwright, lecturer, adjudicator, Professor of Literature, and a cherished man of the people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750584>

Education

Value Creating Education in Kenya : Building a Humane Society / Winston A Jakala (et al.) (Eds) Henry Indangasi, Anna P. Mwangi & Masumi Odari
Nairobi: School of Education and Department of Literature, University of Nairobi, 2018
238p.
9789966653109
\$ 40.00 / PB
414gm.

Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, a leading Japanese educationist, formulated a value-creating pedagogy in the 1930s. Following in Makiguchi's footsteps, Daisaku Ikeda founded Soka University and Soka Schools five decades ago – "Soka" being the Japanese word for value-creation. The idea was to place moral values at the centre of an educational curriculum. In Kenya we have made feeble attempts at injecting these values in the form of life skills into our syllabuses. This book, in part sponsored by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, argues for a more concerted and more deliberate effort at incorporating moral values in our educational system.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750589>

History

History of Resistance in Kenya, Revised Edition / Maina Wa Kinyatti
Revised Edition
Nairobi: Mau Mau Research Center, 2019
xvi, 392p.
Includes Index ; Select Bibliography
9781867886150
\$ 55.00 / PB
640gm.

This book is a contribution to the interpretation of Kenyan history, from the proletarian point of view. The book provides

information on the people of Kenya; their history; their violent, brutal and deadly confrontation with the British imperialist invaders; their social and political struggle against the British occupiers and the national traitors; their transformation into the Mau Mau armed resistance; and their class struggle and revolutionary movement against the Kenyatta and Moi neocolonial regimes. During dictator Moi's administration, the country was turned into a police state and the brutal torture of citizens became commonplace. Whatever form of torture one was subjected to, it inevitably led to either imprisonment or death. In vigorous language and with concrete examples, the author details the crucial role played by the Mwakenya-December Twelve Movement in the struggle against the Kenyatta-Moi dictatorships for democracy and social justice in Kenya, from 1975 to 2002.

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Crimes of Capitalism in Kenya : Massacres, Murders, Detention, Imprisonment, Dissappearing and Exiling – Press Cuttings on Moi-KANU's Reign Terror in Kenya, 1980s-1990s / (Compiled) Shiraz Durrani & Kimani Waweru

Nairobi: Vita Books, 2020

226p.

9789966133113

Vita Books Research and Documentation Series No. 1

\$ 55.00 / PB

344gm.

This is the first number in the Research and Documentation (R&D) series from Vita Books and Ukombozi Library. It covers a shameful period of Kenya's past under the government of President Daniel arap Moi (1978-2002) who ruled Kenya with an iron fist and conducted his reign of terror on those opposed to his dictatorship. He stifled violently people's desire for change, equality and justice. He sought to drown the call of the independence movement for land and freedom in blood, torture and loot of national resources. The wounds inflicted

on people cannot even begin to be healed unless the full extent of the problem is first brought out in the public domain. But the same comprador regime that instigated these horrors then went on to suppress information about its terrorist rule over unarmed workers, peasants, students, professionals and other progressive people and their underground movements such as the December Twelve Movement and Mwakenya. It is no surprise that young Kenyans today are unaware of the full extent of Moi's Reign of Terror. Crimes of Capitalism provides a glimpse of this period through contemporary press cuttings. It also highlights the fact that the crimes of Kenya's first two Presidents should be understood not only as evil actions of the individuals concerned. The ruling class and their party, KANU, that they nurtured became the agents of imperialism which sought to impose capitalism on the country and to suppress the growing calls for socialism. The material from which these cuttings are taken are available in Nairobi's Ukombozi Library, 'Kenya's First Socialist Library' as Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung describes it. Vita Books and the Ukombozi Library will continue to use such documents to highlight other hidden aspects of Kenya's history in future issues of the Research and Documentation Series.

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Law

East Africa Law Reports 2019 (Vol.1. & Vol.2.)

Nairobi, Kenya : Law Africa, 2020

2v.

ISSN : 1684-4874

\$ 850.00 (Set) / HB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762389>

Administration of Justice in Mainland Tanzania / Frank

Mirindo

Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd, 2011 (Reprint 2014)

clxxxviii, 696p.
Includes Index
9966031167 ; 9789966031167
\$ 180.00 / PB
1700gm.

Through its 19 wide-ranging chapters, this indispensable new publication, *Administration of Justice in Mainland Tanzania*, furnishes members of the Bar and the Bench, academics and students with a comprehensive account and analysis of the nature, structure and practice of the courts of Mainland Tanzania in a readily accessible style. *Administration of Justice in Mainland Tanzania* is designed to serve as a hands-on guide for legal practitioners in many areas of court practice and procedure – both civil and criminal – and also as an indispensable text for students pursuing courses in Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure and the Law of Evidence.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762415>

The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 1 Vol. 1A – 1C : Constitutional Law (3 Books) / Felix Okiri
Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021
1v
9789914705997
\$ 195.00 / PB
2280gm.

The Juris 48 Compendium is a thematic compilation of excerpts of case law based on the broad areas of law. The Series of 48 titles seeks to demystify Kenya's jurisprudence in a manner that largely reduces the turnaround time of legal research. Generally, No. 1 Vol. 1 Constitutional Law covers excerpts of case law under Chapter 1-4 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. Case updates will be released as addendi to each respective number/volume.

No. 1 Vol. 1A specifically covers case excerpts under article 1 to 11 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

No. 1 Vol. 1B specifically covers case excerpts under article 12 to 29 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

No. 1 Vol. 1C specifically covers case excerpts under article 30 to 59 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762417>

Employment and Industrial Relations Law in Uganda / John Mugalula

Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd, 2019

xlvi, 532p.

9966530912 ; 9789966530912

\$ 90.00 / PB

1100gm.

Employment and Industrial Relations law is a fast moving and dynamic subject. In the course of writing this book, related new Bills were introduced in the Parliament of Uganda while others were being passed into law requiring the author every so often to go back and forth.

The book presents a comprehensive treatment of labour and employment law topics in Uganda. International employment law themes have been discussed such as employee considerations in Mergers and Acquisitions, usage of social media in the workplace, employee secondment, redundancies, volunteerism, background checks, sexual harassment at the workplace, whistleblowing, intellectual property rights arising in the context of employment among others. The book covers the entire spectrum of labour rights recognition, protection, enjoyment and enforcement in post 2006 Uganda.

The author discusses how the courts of law in Uganda especially the Industrial Court have construed the various provisions of the laws on Employment and Industrial Relations. Inspiration has also been drawn from decided cases from other jurisdictions especially Kenya. The book will be a valuable resource for practising Advocates, lawyers, law students, Human Resource Practitioners, employees, employers, trade unions among others. The book also will go a

long way in assisting Policy makers involved in reforming this area of law. This work substantially contains all laws and key decided cases on Employment and Industrial Relations Law in Uganda.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762420>

A Handbook of Company Law ,Revised Edition / K. I. Laibuta
Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd, 2019

Revised Edition

xl, 544p.

9966530448 ; 9789966530448

\$ 110.00 / PB

980gm.

This handbook covers the wider subject of business law which includes international elements of commercial law and the law of business associations. It covers few of the topics which commonly feature in accountancy and business management courses in commercial and company law, and in curricular designed for undergraduate students of law.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762421>

Constitutional Law : An Insight of Law, Democracy and
Governance / Victor Orwa

Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

xvii, 427p.

Includes Index

9789914400045

\$ 90.00 / PB

790gm.

This book captures an extensive understanding of Constitutional Law in the context of a well-balanced comparative analysis across the multiplicity of legal systems, with its baseline firmly entrenched on the unadulterated principles and philosophical underpinnings of Law as a Social

Science on one hand, and Constitutions as extensions of Law on the other hand.

It ultimately erects the confluence between Law and Constitution, into a condensed legal field known as Constitutional Law. This book therefore presents a platform for intellectual intercourse among undergraduate, post-graduate and Bar candidates, as well as members of the Bar and the Bench. It provokes a deep-seated and interactive legal and constitutional debate in that regard.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762422>

Equity and Trusts, Revised Edition / David Bakibinga

Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd, 2019

Revised Edition

lxii, 426p.

9966153272 ; 9789966153272

\$ 80.00 / PB

552gm.

The text provides an overview of equitable principles and links this with the maxims of equity and distinction between equitable and legal interests. This is followed by consideration of assignment of equitable interests and an analysis of the major equitable remedies, including injunction, specific performance, rescission, rectification, order for an account and delivery up and cancellation of documents.

Although of limited relevance in modern times, the doctrines of equity which comprise election, satisfaction, performance and, to a limited extent, conversion are also examined. The general treatment of equity is followed by a specialist analysis of the concept of the trust, which is regarded as the largest manifestation of equity. This assessment covers the nature, creation and essentials of a trust as well as its peculiar manifestations in the form of charitable, implied, resulting and constructive trusts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762423>

Luo Customary Law : The Shilluk Version in the Sudan /
Charles Oyo Nyawello

Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd, 2018

xvi, 420p.

9966530561 ; 9789966530561

\$ 80.00 / PB

564gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762424>

Criminal Prosecutions and Essence of Criminal Offences in
Kenya / Kingstone Phellix Francis Oyier

Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd, 2018

lii, 396p.

9789966530738

\$ 90.00 / PB

580gm.

The goals of prosecution are to protect the victims while holding perpetrators accountable for their actions, and communicate a strong message to the community that impunity to rule of law will not be tolerated. However, majority of cases brought before our Kenyan courts have failed to attain fair and impartial convictions. This is attributed to poor prosecutorial efforts displayed by those charged with the privilege of investigating and prosecuting cases.

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Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Kenya / Ouma Kizito
Ajuong'

Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2020

Xxii, 202p.

Includes Bibliography

9789914705171

\$ 40.00 / PB

244gm.

Disability Rights are special rights in the enormous body of national and international human rights law because they carry the concerns of persons living with disabilities. These special provinces of people are vulnerable and have a lot of challenges – due to disabilities – that can only be mitigated through the law and practical approaches in advocacy. This book thus focuses on the Rights of persons with disabilities in Kenya. Given the historical discriminatory and peripheral treatment of PWDs in Kenya, this work contextualizes the social, cultural, economic and political status tyjat jas facilitated this. It highlights and analyses applicable laws which include, the constitution of Kenya, 2010, Persons with Disabilities Act No. 14 of 2003 and other relevant Acts of parliament. These work further analyses the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities as well as other relevant international instruments.

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The Woman Concern in Kenya's Jurisprudence, Second Edition
/ Felix Okiri, Linda Wambani & James Wandayi

Second Edition

Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2020

xxii, 226p.

9789914704709

\$ 50.00 / PB

262gm.

The book studies the existence, enforcement and adjudication of women's rights in Kenya. Reviewing the concepts of gender parity, gender legislation and feminist legal theory, the book queries the existence and observance of women's reproductive rights; women's property rights; and the rights of women living in woman to woman marriages in Kenya. Predicated on the understanding that gender equality affords

women and men equal enjoyment of human rights and equal opportunities, the book curves a niche as progress report of the existence and observance of women's rights in Kenya. The book therefore enunciates the call for gender equality as a device for establishing a sense of justice and fairness in the treatment of women and men in order to eventually achieve gender equality by requesting specific measures and differential treatment of women and men.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762427>

Literature

The Dragonfly Sea : A Novel / Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

New York, USA: Vintage Books, 2020

510p.

9781101973622

\$ 17.00 / PB

366gm.

On the island of Pate, off the coast of Kenya, lives solitary, stubborn Ayaana and her mother, Munira. When a sailor named Muhidin, also an outsider, enters their lives, Ayaana finds something she has never had before: a father. But as Ayaana grows into adulthood, forces of nature and history begin to reshape her life and the island itself—from a taciturn visitor with a murky past to a sanctuary-seeking religious extremist, from dragonflies to a tsunami, from black-clad kidnappers to cultural emissaries from China. Ayaana ends up embarking on a dramatic ship's journey to the Far East, where she will discover friends and enemies; be seduced by the charming but unreliable scion of a powerful Turkish business family; reclaim her devotion to the sea; and come to find her own tenuous place amid a landscape of beauty and violence and surprising joy. Told with a glorious lyricism and an unerring sense of compassion, The Dragonfly Sea is a transcendent story of adventure, fraught choices, and of the inexorable need for shelter in a dangerous world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762428>

The Havoc of Choice / Wanjiru Koinange

Nairobi: Bunk Books, 2019

376p.

9789966822000

\$ 32.00 / PB

306gm.

2007, Kenya, Long held captive by her father's shadow of corruption, Kavata has spent her life suffocated by political machinations. When her husband decides to run in the next election, these shadows threaten to consume her home. Unable to bear this darkness, Kavata plots to escape. As her family falls apart, so too does her country. In the wake of Kenya's post-election turmoil, Kavata and her family must find their way back to each other across a landscape of wide-spread confusion, desperation, and heartrending loss.

Koinange explores the long reaching effects of colonisation and corruption within the context of a singular household and the disparate experiences of class and clan they encapsulate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762429>

Thursdays / Jackson Biko

Nairobi: Bukozulu, Jackson Biko, 2020

24p.

9789914705287

KSh 1100.00 / PB

104gm.

Vina Wira band. On the drums is a guy who also writes code. The lead singer is a gifted songstress redefining what society wants her to be. The bass guitarist and vocalist hides himself under an electric personality. That moody fellow at the back is the songwriter and a pianist, born to privilege but with

darkness that can't fit in a travelling bag. The band is struggling. Every Thursday they play in the streets of Nairobi, outside a building that houses a recording label they hope will sign them, give them their big break. At night, they play in a shady bar overlooking a junkyard with dismembered vehicles. They are hungry to make it. But does the universe share their hunger?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762430>

Official Publications

Foreign Investment Survey 2018 : Share of FDI Liabilities by Region in 2017

Nairobi: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, 2018

ix, 56p.

\$ 40.00 / PB

196gm.

Kenya has continued to make impressive progress in strengthening the investment climate, with the objective of making the country a regional industrial and financial hub. The country improved significantly in its ranking in the World Bank Doing Business 2019 Indicators moving 19 places to position 61 from 80 out of 190 countries in the 2017.

Investments have expanded in the country, principally in the finance and insurance; trade; manufacturing, communication and education industries.

In order to support economic policy making and to monitor risks that may arise from these investments, the collection of reliable and timely data is important. Results from the foreign investment surveys will be integrated into the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (IIP) statistics. The Foreign Investment Survey (FIS) 2018 is the fifth in the series since the launch of the surveys in 2010.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762431>

Politics

Where Woman Are : Gender and The 2017 Kenyan Elections /
(Eds) Nanjala Nyabola & Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle
Nairobi: Twaweza Communications, 2018
208p.
Includes Bibliography
9729966028815
\$ 45.00/ PB
340gm.

While the drama of the complicated 2017 General election in Kenya unfolded and the clash between the patriarchs dominated the headlines, women were once again relegated to a secondary position in the public conversation. 'Flower girls'. 'Someone's Wife'. These are some of the terms used to describe Kenyan women in politics - as simply accompanying and supporting men rather than having complex identities and public lives of their own. Yet Kenyan women were present and active, pushing against layers of structural and physical gendered violence to claim space in the political arena. This collection captures some of the stories and experiences of women participating in the heated 2017 general election in Kenya in order to shed light on the nuances and complexities facing women who choose to enter electoral politics. From stories of rural women using traditional social networks to access political power, to young urban women defying expectations and confronting an electorate that was conditioned to ignore them, these stories not only highlight the problems that women face but also the ingenious ways they navigate the spaces that do exist. Kenyan women are present and active in politics and this book works to see and understand where they are.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762432>

War For Peace : Kenya's Military in the African Mission in
Somalia, 2012-2020 / Kenya Defence Forces

Nairobi: Ministry of Defence, Kenya Defence Forces, 2020
xxvi, 202p.

Includes Index

9789966130884

\$ 35.00 / PB

360gm.

In July 2012, the Kenyan military placed its forces in Somalia under the command of the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), the continent's boldest and riskiest collective security response to the existential threat of Jihadi Islamism. In *War and Peace*, experts present new insights on Kenya's pursuit of al-Shabaab inside Somalia, its re-hatting to become part of AMISOM, achievements and challenges in the war against Jihadi Islamism. The book also sketches a vision of a post-AMISOM security order. In frank, factual and accessible prose, the book delves beyond the headlines to advance on the challenges to peace support operations in the zones of terrorism and in the wake of the forceful return of the Cold War-era geopolitics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=762433>

Sociology

Meeting of Cultures at the Kenyan Coast / (Eds) Kimani Njogu & Irene Cege

Nairobi: Twaweza Communications, 2017

156p.

9789966028709

\$ 30.00/ PB

206gm.

This publication results from a series of dialogues on multiculturalism of Islamic communities at the Kenyan Coast organized by Twaweza Communications and the Goethe Institut – Kenya in 2016.

The overall aim is to show the hybridity and 'unities of difference' along the Kenyan coast, which is predominantly Islamic. It explores art, language, literature, music, fashion, and religious expression to portray the continual nature of identity formation and cultural expression. The central argument is that identity is a process of becoming. It is always in formation. The publication incorporates essays in English and Kiswahili to point to the multilingual nature of coastal communities.

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