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Childrens Book

Enkosi Gqirha Mpilo Entle / Jill de Villiers, Khanyiso Jonas & Salem Sloane
Book Series No.136
Cape Town: UWC/CASAS, 2023
52p.
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Economics

Rescuing Our Republic : Radical Ideas on How to Save South Africa from Itself / Bronwyn Williams & Ludwig Raal
Bryanston: Tracey McDonald Publishers, 2023
x, 230p.
9781776443109
\$ 40.00 / PB
302gm.

South Africa stands at the edge of a precipice. Almost thirty years after its first democratic election, poor policy and rampant corruption have left the country standing on the brink of becoming a failed state. In this thought-provoking book, Bronwyn Williams interviews a diverse group of public intellectuals, business leaders, and political mavericks to discuss tangible ways South Africa can rescue itself from itself. Through a series of illuminating conversations, a group of independent thinkers explore the root causes of South Africa's problems and offer insightful – and radical – ways of how to solve them. From addressing land reform and economic development to rooting out corruption and overhauling political institutions, the conversations in this book come together as a roadmap towards a better South Africa that leaves no one behind. While the challenges facing the young democracy are immense, these experts provide hope and inspiration towards productive actions we can take together to build a brighter future. For anyone interested in understanding the complex issues facing South Africa today and how they can be addressed, *Rescuing Our Republic* is essential reading. It is a powerful reminder that the fate of a nation is not predetermined; that individuals, citizens and corporations still have powerful agency and that when that agency is directed towards the right ideas and actions, South Africa can still realise its full potential.

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Bettering their Foods : Peasant Production, Nutrition and the State in Malawi, 1859–2005 / Bryson G. Nkhoma (Series Eds) Adigun Ajbaje, Fred Hendriks & Grace A. Musila
Makhanda: NISC (Pty) Ltd (for African Humanities Association), 2023
xviii, 216p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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\$ 45.00 / PB

410gm.

Despite the long history of agricultural interventions globally, peasants from Malawi and beyond continue to face the challenge of sustainable food production and nutrition. *Bettering their foods: Peasant food production, nutrition and the state in Malawi, 1859–2005* weaves together the political, social, economic, demographic, climatic, ecological and global developments that have informed the various food production and nutrition interventions to account for this development. By bridging the late precolonial, colonial and postcolonial periods, the book presents the history of Malawi through the lens of peasant agriculture, covering important themes such as state formation, slave trade, Christian missions, the colonial state, urbanisation, immigration, trade, conservation, the two World Wars, nationalism and decolonisation, Malawi under Banda's autocracy, African indigenous knowledge systems, rural development, and democratisation. The study, therefore, offers a critical textbook for undergraduate and graduate students of Empire, rural development, political transformations, economics, anthropology, and African history. For governments and NGOs, the book provides new insights into the dynamics of state interventions, food security, climate change, nutrition, gender, ecological change, and sustainable development. Unlike earlier studies, *Bettering their foods contends* that while capitalism disrupted local economies, it also made efforts (albeit limited) to transform African capacities to produce nutritious foods. The central drawback was that these efforts were mixed and limited by the derogatory attitudes the implementors had towards African practices. In making this argument, the study demonstrates the extent to which well-intended scientific projects are bound to fall short when providers fail to take into their equation the beneficiary communities, including their history, competitive interests and class diversities.

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Law

The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa : A Commentary / (Eds) Annika Rudman, Celestine Nyamu Musembi & Tresor Muhindo Makunya (Series Ed) Frans Viljoen
Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press, 2023
xxx, 642p.

Includes Index

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PULP Commentaries On Human Rights Law Series

\$ 120.00/ PB

1656gm.

Since its adoption on 11 July 2003, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (the Maputo Protocol) has become a landmark on the African human rights landscape. It has steadily gained prominence as a trail-blazing instrument, responsive to the diverse realities of women on the African continent. This comprehensive Commentary on the Maputo Protocol, the first of its kind,

provides systematic analysis of each article of the Protocol, delving into the drafting history, and elaborating on relevant key concepts and normative standards.

This Commentary aims to be a 'one-stop-shop' for anyone interested in the Maputo Protocol, such as researchers, teachers, students, practitioners, policymakers and activists.

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The Impact of the Maputo Protocol in Selected African States / (Eds) Susan Mutambasere, Ashwanee Budoo-Scholtz & Davina Murden

Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press, 2023

xiv, 324p.

Includes Select Bibliography

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This book assesses the impact and effectiveness of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) in 16 state parties. These countries are: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Eswatini, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Each of the chapters traces the impact that the Protocol has had on the policies, laws, court decisions, civil society activism, and legal education in the particular state. Each chapter also discusses the relationship of the state with the African human rights mechanisms.

The book is an update of two prior volumes of essays, titled *The impact of the African Charter and the Maputo Protocol in selected African states*, published by PULP in 2012 and 2016, and edited by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (Centre) and Victor Ayeni, respectively. The third edition, focused more narrowly on the Maputo Protocol, appears as the continent marks 20 years since the adoption of the Protocol on 11 July 2003. By 11 July 2023, 54 out of 55 African Union member states (with the exception of Morocco) have become party to the African Charter, and 44 of them have accepted the Maputo Protocol.

The book is edited by and contains several chapters by alumni of the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa programme of the Centre. The Centre intends to use this research as the basis for a continuously updated database on the impact of the African Charter and Maputo Protocol.

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Choice and Conscience : Lessons from South Africa for a Global Debate / Satang Nabaneh
PULP Emerging Voice Series

Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press, 2023

xx, 182p.

Includes Bibliography

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334gm.

Choice and Conscience offers a fresh and insightful perspective on the highly debated issue of conscientious objection in abortion care. Satang Nabaneh's socio-legal approach, which draws on both traditional legal scholarship and African feminist intellectual traditions, provides a nuanced understanding of how legal norms construct and maintain power relations. By focusing on the experiences of nurses in South Africa, Nabaneh explores the

complexities of conscience, discretionary power, and socio-cultural and political factors that influence nurses' decisions about whether or not to conscientiously object. In the wake of the recent rollback of abortion rights in the United States and the trend towards liberalisation within the African region, Nabaneh provides an important African perspective on how the international human rights framework should strike a contextual balance between freedom of conscience and ensuring access to abortion. *Choice and Conscience* will interest lawyers, activists, policymakers, scholars, and students exploring the dynamic intersections of law, healthcare, and gender politics.

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Performing Arts

The Shame of Shame : (in) Contemporary South African Performance / Abigail Wiese (Series Eds) Adigun Ajbaje, Fred Hendriks & Grace A. Musila
Makhanda: NISC (Pty) Ltd (for African Humanities Association), 2023
xiv, 184p. ; 170x240mm.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9781920033934
\$ 45.00 / PB
366gm.

The Shame of Shame: (in) contemporary South African performance looks at the agency of shame, and how shame is the most intimate of affects and critical in the formation of our sense of Self, regardless of our recognition of it. *The Shame of Shame* examines contemporary South African performances as a way to think about shame, our unique experiences of shame and how these affective moments of shame might become hauntings that continue to linger, if not faced and given a form/voice/sound. Because the experience of shame is most central to our shaping and sense of Self, it needs to be faced, and not turned away from or mopped up into discarded parts of our memories. The writing of *The Shame of Shame* is an intimate and self-reflective engagement with shame, and one in which the author asks what it is that she feels in these encounters with shame. She questions how the aesthetics of performance evoked such feelings and how performance made her think about shame differently.

The Shame of Shame is an interdisciplinary study located at the intersection of performance studies, affect theory, shame theory, autoethnography and practice-led/research-led methodology. *The Shame of Shame* would be a helpful companion to anyone trying to process affects of discomfort, racism, Othering and an abjection of the Self.

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Politics

Leadership for Transformation Since the Dawn of South Africa's Democracy : An Insider's View / Malegapuru Makgoba
Skotaville: Skotaville Academic Publishing (Pty) Ltd, 2023
304p.
Includes Index
9780620944762
\$ 45.00 / PB
528gm.

This book is Professor Makgoba's reflection of transformation experience in South Africa for over 29 years since his return. It was motivated by the downward spiral and crisis in national leadership that characterises South Africa today and the role politics and the media have played in the project. A country of so much hope in the 1994 Mandela era has fallen like a meteorite rapidly regressing and being ruined through rudderless leadership, corruption, rampant crime and violence, poor governance and poor economic growth, all increasing inequality, unemployment and poverty. Malegapuru Makgoba's book titled *Leadership for Transformation since the Dawn of Democracy* offers a leadership lens for assessing the transition from the racially unjust and socio-economically unsustainable system of colonialism and apartheid, to the constitutionally promised land, that should have emerged since the dawn of democracy in 1994. The book meticulously weaves together Makgoba's leadership odyssey since returning to South Africa to take up a Deputy Vice Chancellor position at Wits University 29 years ago, and his experiences and views as a participant observer on leadership in state affairs during the first 29 years of democracy

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Who Will Rule South Africa? : The Demise of the ANC and the Rise of a New Democracy /
Adriaan Basson & Qaanitah Hunter (Ed) Alfred LeMaitre
South Africa: Flyleaf Publishing & Distribution, 2023
xiv, 226p.
Includes Index
9781998956982
\$ 35.00 / PB
340gm.

HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHO WILL RULE SOUTH AFRICA NEXT?

In 1994, Nelson Mandela powered the ANC to victory in South Africa's first democratic election. Thirty years later, the ANC is fighting to escape political liquidation. In this gripping and fast-paced account of the state of the nation, 30 years after South Africa became a democracy, award-winning journalists Adriaan Basson and Qaanitah Hunter forensically track the demise of the ANC, from Mandela to Ramaphosa, and the rise of a new political class that will determine the next phase of South Africa's democracy. Drawing on years of reporting from the front line, Basson and Hunter highlight how corruption and greed subsumed a liberation movement by turning a party of freedom fighters into one of villains. They track the ANC's involvement in corruption and underhand dealings, from the Arms Deal to state capture to the dollars-in-the-sofa Phala Phala scandal. A close examination of Cyril Ramaphosa's first term in office shows how his bold promises to turn around the ANC's fortunes amounted to little. Basson and Hunter map out the likely scenarios for a coalition government after the 2024 election and what it will mean for the country if politicians such as John Steenhuisen, Julius Malema or Herman Mashaba gain access to the Union Buildings. *Who Will Rule South Africa?* is a must-read for everyone who cares about the country's future.

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