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Wisdom from Rural Java : Ethics and Worldviews / Sartini  
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365 gm.

This study illustrates the strong relationship between world views and ethical values that are embedded in the lives of a group of people called wong pinter. Some notes on the results of the study show the following points.

First, on the basis of the categories of worldviews studied (classification, causality, space, time, and self-others relation), it is found that the concept of classification is not strong enough. The concept of space is also not sufficiently patterned, in contrast to the findings of the concept of space on the AINU people, the people of Bali and Yogyakarta. Wong pinter describes the concept of space in relation to the existence of non-human beings. The concept of time is explained in more detail. Some of the views about time are intended to discipline and self-control. On the self-other concept, God becomes the most important element in His status as the Almighty. The self is a common creature that interacts with other humans and non-human beings. Horizontally, the worldview of wong pinter pivots on the ethical elements of the relationship between God's creatures that synergize and create harmony so as to create a comfortable and peaceful life. Secondly, the basic concept of the worldview guides the wong pinter on the pattern of life both in society, self-control, keeping not to hurt others, and care about the hassles of others. Therefore, they are regarded as people who behave nobly and become role models in society. Thirdly, even though the wong pinter has some abilities that are relatively similar to the abilities of the shamans (common dukun) that have been mentioned by most researchers but the behavior of wong pinter is different from and even contradicts the general characteristics of the dukun. Fourth, this study enriches the study of the concept of space, time, causality, and self-other relationships. This study also explicitly revises the theories that generalize the understanding and characteristics of dukun or wong pinter which has been widely associated with witchcraft, money, and worldly pragmatic goals.

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Being and Existence in Sadra and Heidegger : A Comparative Ontology /  
Alparslan Acikgenc (Ed) Savas C. Tali

Ibn Haldun University Press, Istanbul, Turkey 2020

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240 gm.

Ontological concepts –from the branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature of being- occupy a central position in philosophy. This is primarily because human beings are interested in understanding the nature of existence, the question of why there is “something” rather than “nothing”, of enquiring into the meaning of existence and so forth. adr al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī (d. 1661), known as adrā or Mullā adrā, developed a new philosophical system based totally upon the concept of existence (wujūd). The same attempt was made by the German Philosopher Martin Heidegger (d. 1976). This book is a fascinating comparative case study of both philosophers and demonstrates how, from the Islāmic and the Western traditions, they both base their philosophy on the concept of existence.

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The Tenacity of Truthfulness : Philosophical Essays in Honour of Mogobe Bernard Ramose = Ugumu wa Dhana ya Ukweli : Insha za Kifalsa Kumuenzi Mogobe Bernard Ramose / Helen Lauer and Helen Yitah (Eds)

Mkuki na Nyota Publishers Ltd, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2019

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524 gm.

This book is a festschrift to honour the unique inspiration of Professor Mogobe Bernard Ramose. The essays reflect, echo, reinforce and amplify Ramose’s influence and concerns in contemporary African ethics, ontology and epistemology, political struggle and the public responsibility of philosophers to facilitate transformation and liberation. The contributors to this festschrift hail from Azanian South Africa, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Austria, Canada, Germany, Holland, and America: Jonathan Chimakonam, Michael Cloete, Ndumiso Dladla, Edwin Etieyibo, Rainer Forst, Anke Graness, Henk Haenen, Barry Hallen, Bruce Janz, M. John Lamola, Teboho Lebakeng, D.A. Masolo, Ifeayni A. Menkiti, Ezekiel Mkhwanazi, Pascah Mungwini, Victor C. A. Nweke, J. Obi Oguejiofor, Renate Schepen, Mandla Seleokane, and Godfrey Tangwa. The collection is intended to function as a comprehensive resource tool for navigating Ramose’s opus and the trajectories of his thought pursued by other well established scholars and devoted political activists.

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From Powerlessness to Powerfulness / Bonaventura M. Balige

Mkuki na Nyota Publishers Ltd, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2020

vi, 122p.;

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204 gm.

From Powerlessness to Powerfulness emphasises the conviction that human beings have the power to shape the kind of persons they become. The real power in living our lives comes as a result of the Higher Power assuming the central position of our lives. This book proposes ways to dispose of ourselves in order to allow the Higher Power to become the centre of our lives. From Powerlessness to Powerfulness is for those who wake up every morning with a lot of pain coming from their hopelessness; who feel that life is not worth living. The main message to them is that there is the Higher Power, ready to transform their lives into what they are meant to be. There are no “storms” in life that the Higher Power cannot handle.

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Language, Limits, and Beyond : Early Wittgenstein and Rabindranath Tagore / Priyambada Sarkar

Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2021

xii, 203p.; 23cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

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450 gm.

Ludwig Wittgenstein's interest in the writings of Rabindranath Tagore, is recognized among scholars worldwide though little has been written on his fascination with Tagore's poetry and symbolic plays. In *Language, Limits, and Beyond*, Priyambada Sarkar explores Tagore and Wittgenstein's philosophical arguments on the concept of 'threshold of language and meaning', highlighting the systematic connections between Tagore's canon and Wittgenstein's early works. Situating her study in the early 1900s, when Tagore's poetry had just become available in Europe, Sarkar finds similarities between Tagore's and Wittgenstein's exploration of the limits of language. She argues that Wittgenstein's early philosophy can be better understood when juxtaposed with Tagore. Drawing parallels between the worlds of philosophy and poetry, Sarkar identifies the point of convergence of their two philosophies in the realm of language, tracing how they reach surprisingly similar conclusions through entirely different paths of inquiry. Sarkar finally claims that such important points of contact will help one to arrange the pieces of the Tractarian jigsaw puzzle in a manner where all the pieces of logic, language, world, and the mystical will fall into place and form a coherent picture.

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Decoding the Tao Te Ching / Pooh Ho Sim (Ed and Translator) Tekson Teo

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

484p.

9789811232862

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Decoding the Tao Te Ching / Pooh Ho Sim (Ed and Translator) Tekson Teo

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte Ltd., Singapore 2021

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This book interprets the Tao Te Ching from the perspective of personal cultivation. The Tao Te Ching of Lao Tzu is regarded as one of the greatest books of wisdom ever written in history, but few can grasp what it says in entirety. Embedded in each of its 5,000 Chinese characters are highly profound messages. Master Sim Pooh Ho is a Tai Chi Master and the leader of a Tai Chi lineage that traces back centuries. In his book *Decoding the Tao Te Ching*, he combines the ancestral teachings of Tai Chi with his practice and provides readers with unique insights into Lao Tzu's ancient book.

The Tao Te Ching is difficult to comprehend because many of the concepts it introduces are elusive. What is Tao and Te, being and non-being or yin and yang? The concepts, however, are discernible in Tai Chi because they are what make the practice work. *Decoding the Tao Te Ching* is written in a simple manner by a Tai Chi master, and translated in an accessible way by his senior disciple Tekson Teo, thus making it an enlightening read to all English readers interested in this topic.

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African Philosophy in the Global Village : Theistic Panpsychic Rationality, Axiology and Science / Maduabuchi Dukor

Malthouse Press Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

306p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789785878912

\$ 50.00 / null

500 gm.

In this book, Maduabuchi Dukor presents a comprehensive interpretation of African Philosophy that is informed by the idea that everything in the universe includes a 'spiritual' dimension, what he calls theistic humanism. Imperceptible agents such as God, lesser divinities, and ancestors, as well as forces such as witchcraft and magic, play prominent roles in Dukor's accounts of not just metaphysics, but also ethics, aesthetic, and epistemics. By highlighting the diversity in intellectual world currents philosophy stimulates intercultural dialogue, African Philosophy in the Global Village. Theistic Panpsychic Rationality, Axiology and Science is a response to major contemporary socio-cultural challenges in the global village.

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Theistic Humanism of African Philosophy : The Great Debate on Substance and Method of Philosophy / Maduabuchi Dukor

Malthouse Press Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

xviii, 316p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

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550 gm.

In this book Maduabuchi Dukor seeks to articulate an authentic African Philosophy, one which is distinct and at its heart is a unique combination of holding that the enhancement of human interest is the ultimate end, albeit set in a world imbued with imperceptible agents such as God, lesser divinities, and ancestors. Dukor applies this 'theistic humanism' to a variety of debates, including idealism/materialism, mind/body, and determinism/indeterminism.

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African Freedom : The Freedom of Philosophy / Maduabuchi Dukor

Malthouse Press Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2021

359p. ; 229x152mm.

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580 gm.

African Freedom. The Freedom of Philosophy is a collection of the author's writings, over the decades, on the theme of freedom in Africa, or African freedom in a world of brutally competitive national and racial elites who are exerting multi-directional influence in attempts at continuously reshaping, or directing modern human affairs to their advantage.

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Le "Vivre-Ensemble" Harmonieux : Ethique Communicationnelle et "Reliance" / Pius Ondoua

L'Harmattan Cameroun, Yaounde, Cameroun. 2019

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Cet ouvrage nourrit l'ambition d'insuffler vie et dynamique à la coexistence harmonieuse des hommes. Le projet du « vivre-ensemble » n'a de sens et de consistance que parce qu'il est mis en marche par des subjectivités individuelles. Le « vivre-ensemble » ne peut exister là où il n'y a pas « humanité » véritable et le « vivre-ensemble » harmonieux ne peut exister là où triomphent la violence, l'irrationnelle dialectique des conatus individuels et des puissances « impériales ». Au bout du compte, il ne peut exister là où règne la négation de l'humain, en lieu et place de sa promotion résolue en tant que, sur le plan ontologique, il est une valeur absolue.

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La Trajectoire Vers L'Homme-Dieu : Quelle Ontologie de L'Homme Au Post-Homme? / Pius Ondoua

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Separation des Pouvoirs Et Contre-Pouvoirs : Actes des 1eres journees scientifiques de droit constitutionnel - Palais des Congres de Niance, du 10 au 13 octobre 2017 / Omarou Narey & ANDC

L'Harmattan Senegal, Dakar, Senegal 2018

520 pages

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835 gm.

L'ouvrage tente de remettre en lumière l'essence de la séparation des pouvoirs et l'esprit des contre-pouvoirs alors qu'ils ont toujours été au centre des débats doctrinaux. La tombée en désuétude de la théorie ou son inadaptation aux réalités contemporaines fait que l'on assiste aujourd'hui à la construction d'une notion de substitution, celle de contre-pouvoir. Mais le recours presque frénétique à la notion, dans le champ du droit constitutionnel et politique, comporte un risque principal : celui de la perte de toute portée explicative et de son sens critique.

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