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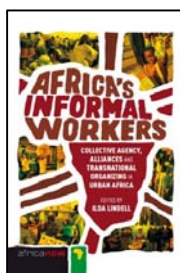
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Fantu Cheru and Cyril Obi (eds)

The Rise of China and India in Africa: Challenges, opportunities and critical interventions
2010, 276 pp, 9781848134379(pb), 9781848134362 (hb), 9781848134393 (eb)

In recent years, China and India have become the most important economic partners of Africa and their footprints are growing by leaps and bounds, transforming Africa's international relations in a dramatic way. Although the overall impact of China and India's engagement in Africa has been positive in the short-term, partly as a result of higher returns from commodity exports fuelled by excessive demands from both countries, little research exists on the actual impact of China and India's growing involvement on Africa's economic transformation. This book examines in detail the opportunities and challenges posed by the increasing presence of China and India in Africa, and proposes critical interventions that African governments must undertake in order to negotiate with China and India from a stronger and more informed platform.

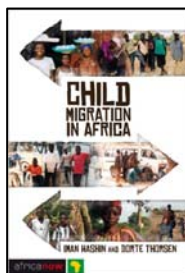


Ilda Lindell (ed.)

Africa's Informal Workers. Collective agency, alliances and transnational organizing
2010, 229 pp, 9781848134522 (pb), 9781848134515(hb), 9781848134539(eb)

Gathering cases from nine countries and cities across sub-Saharan Africa, and from a range of sectors, this volume goes beyond the usual focus on household 'coping strategies' and individual agency, addressing the growing number of collective organizations through which informal workers make themselves visible and articulate their demands and interests. The emerging picture is that of a highly diverse landscape of organized actors, providing grounds for tension but also opportunities for alliance. Specifically, the collection examines in depth attempts at organizing across the formal-informal work spheres, as well as exploring the novel trend of transnational organizing by informal workers.

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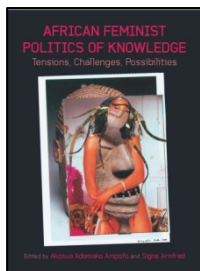


Iman Hashim and Dorte Thorsen

Child Migration in Africa

2010, 9781848134560(pb), 9781848134553(hb), 9781848134577(eb)

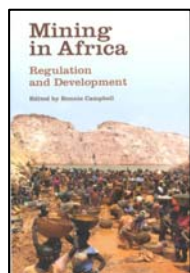
Child Migration in Africa explores the mobility of children without their parents within West Africa. Drawing on the experiences of children from rural Burkina Faso and Ghana, the book provides rich material on the circumstances of children's voluntary migration and their experiences of it. Their accounts challenge the normative ideals of what a 'good' childhood is, which often underlie public debates about children's migration, education and work in developing countries.



Akosua Adomako Ampofo and Signe Arnfred (eds)
African Feminist Politics of Knowledge. Tensions, Challenges, Possibilities
2010, xx pp, 978-91-7106-662-6

This book aims to expose the dilemmas and conflicts that feminist researchers and practitioners living and/or working in the Global South have to deal with on a daily basis. The book attempts to disentangle some of these dilemmas and tensions in, challenges to, but also possibilities for feminist research and activism in the context of the cultures, practices and expectations of university bureaucracies, donor agencies and North-South collaboration.

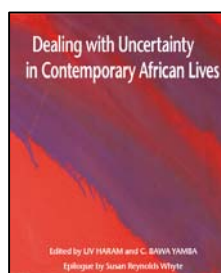
All the authors, living and working in Denmark, Ghana, Mozambique and South Africa, are researchers and activists. They theorise from their experiences as persons who are based in or have worked in Africa, highlighting the dilemmas and conflicts they face as academics and researchers dependent on donor funding.



Bonnie Campbell (ed.)
Mining in Africa. Regulation and Development
2009, 276 pp, 978-0-7453-2939-0

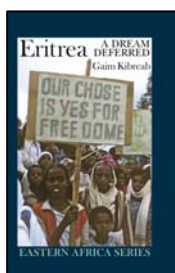
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The continent of Africa is rich in minerals needed by Western economies, but rather than forming the basis for economic growth the mining industry contributes very little to African development. Investigating the impact of the '2003 Extractive Industries Review' on a number of African countries, the contributors find that a key dimension of the problem lies in the regulatory frameworks imposed on the African countries by the IMF and World Bank. They aim to convince academics, governments and industry that regulation needs to be reformed to create a mining industry favorable to social and economic development and environmental protection. The book takes a multidisciplinary approach and provides a historical perspective of each country, making it ideal for students of development studies and development organizations.



Liv Haram and C. Bawa Yamba (eds)
Dealing with Uncertainty in Contemporary African Lives
2009, 226 pp, 978-91-7106-649-7

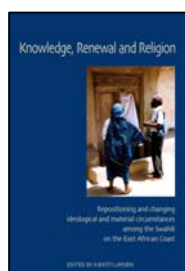
“The case studies in this book demonstrate both the increasing uncertainty and insecurity of life in contemporary Africa and the ways that people respond including warding off and reaching out. Scapegoats are sought. Witch beliefs become elaborated as explanations of failures and malaise while witchfinding becomes a lucrative profession. Pentecostal or other fundamentalist churches burgeon as they assure people that life has meaning and better times are before them if only they believe. Suicide and insanity are other possible responses. All in all, a thought-provoking volume”. *Elizabeth Colson, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley*



Gaim Kibreab
Eritrea: A Dream Deferred
2009, 420 pp, 978-1-84701-008-7

Co-published with James Currey

Eritrean independence under the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (now the People's Front for Democracy and Justice) became an international cause celebre during the 1980s. Eritrea was the first African nation to gain independence in the post-colonial period and appeared to be opening a new and progressive path in African politics. But the promise of the revolution was soon betrayed by the outbreak of war with Ethiopia, the PFDJ's increasingly repressive domestic policies, its mismanagement of the country's economy, and its hostile relations with its neighbors. In this well-researched first account of post-independence Eritrea, the author gives a detailed and critical analysis of how things went woefully wrong and how the former 'liberators' turned into oppressors with no respect for the rule of law, human rights and religious freedom.



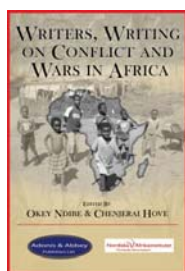
Kjersti Larsen (ed.)
Knowledge, Renewal and Religion – Repositioning and changing ideological and material circumstances among the Swahili on the East African Coast
2009, 310 pp, 978-91-7106-635-0

The papers in this book reveal that the Swahili are experiencing worsening economic, political and social conditions. Within these circumstances, Islam is invoked as a source of knowledge that not only explains the current state of life and living, but also gives directions on how to cope with and to change the situation for the better. Islam is both what reinforces Swahili identity and a particular way of life, and at the same time, given the current international climate, further marginalizes Swahili society and culture.



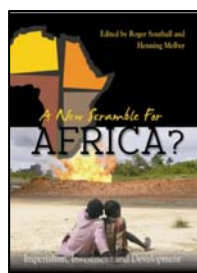
Henriette Gunkel
The Cultural Politics of Female Sexuality in South Africa
2009, 181 pp, 978-0-415-87269-0
Co-published with Routledge

Sexual identity has emerged into the national discourse of post-apartheid South Africa, bringing the subject of rights and the question of gender relations and cultural authenticity into the focus of the nation state's politics. This book is a fascinating reflection on the effects of these discourses on non-normative modes of sexuality and intimacy and on the country more generally. While in 1996, South Africa became the first country in the world that explicitly incorporated lesbian and gay rights within a Bill of Rights, much of the country has continued to see homosexuality as un-African. Henriette Gunkel examines how colonialism and apartheid have historically shaped constructions of gender and sexuality and how these concepts have not only been re-introduced and shaped by understandings of homosexuality as un-African but also by the post-apartheid constitution and continued discourse within the nation.



Okey Ndiibe & Chenjerai Hove (eds),
Writers, Writing on Conflicts and Wars in Africa
2009, 190 pp, 978-1-90670-452-0(HB); 978-1-90670-453-7(PB)
Co-published with Adonis & Abbey Publishers

This is a collection of testimonies by various writers and scholars who have experienced, or explored, the continent's conflicts and woes, including how the disruptions shape artistic and literary production. The book is divided into two broad categories: in one, several writers speak directly, and with rich anecdotal details about the impact wars and conflicts have had in the formation of their experience and work; in the second, a number of scholars articulate how particular writers have assimilated the horrors of wars and conflicts in their literary creations.



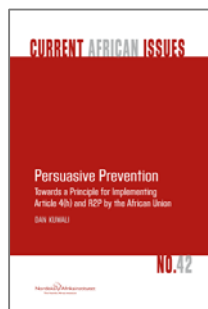
Roger Southall & Henning Melber (eds)
A New Scramble for Africa? Imperialism, Investment and Development
2009, 440 pp, 978-1-86914-171-4
Published by the UKZN Press with support from the Nordic Africa Institute

This book raises significant general questions relating to the nature of emerging global competition between the US and China; the centrality of the struggle for oil and minerals and resulting militarisation; the international battle to capture Africa's markets; the marginalisation of African capitalism; and the ambiguous benefits that investment and production by multinational companies bring to African communities. Arguing that exploitation of the continent by comprador African elites remains central, the book concludes by raising important questions about the prospects for development in Africa.

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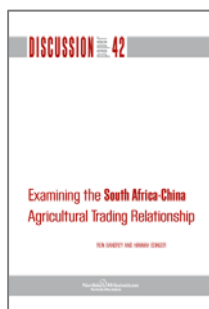


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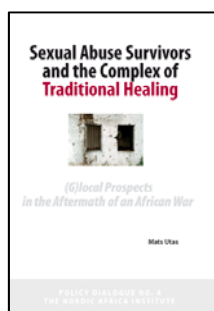
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Mats Utas

Sexual Abuse Survivors and the Complex of Traditional Healing. (G)local Prospects in the Aftermath of an African War
2009, 56 pp, 978-91-7106-648-0

In its efforts to assist post-conflict societies in Africa the international aid community has actively promoted projects of psycho-social healing among people traumatized during wars and violent conflict. To a large degree these projects have been established in the tradition of Western psychology. More recently, however, it has been realized in order to help survivors of war effectively it is necessary to adapt projects and enhance “local” psycho-social healing.

This policy report locates the structures – with local legitimacy – that are available to young people who experienced sexual abuse during the Sierra Leone civil war (1991–2002). To this end, this booklet discusses a healing complex that comprises a number of overlapping actors, including herbalists, Zoe Mammies (heads of the female secret societies), Mori-men (Muslim healers); Karamokos (Muslim teachers) and Christian pastors.

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