

### **Africa**

*Information ethics / ed.: Stephen Mutula - Scottsville : University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2013.*

Abstract: This special issue of *Innovation* focuses on information ethics. It covers several subjects emanating from World Summit on Information Society and the African Network on Information Ethics (ANIE) scholarly debates. These subjects include among others: ethics, governance and democratization, privacy, censorship, public access, e-government, human rights, e-waste management, knowledge society and information ethics integration in the curriculum. With contributions by Stephen M. Mutula, Coetzee Bester, Rachel Bothma, Hellen Agnes Amunga, Lulu Mmakola, Dennis Ocholla, Rafael Capurro, Edwin, E.O. Ijeoma, M. Holmner, J.J. Britz, Laetitia Marais, Peterson Dewah, Constance Bitso, Ina Fourie, Theo J.D. Bothma, E. Hommes, Roselyne Mang'ira, Joseph Kiplang'at, Joseph B. Ojimbo, Ken Chisa, Ruth Hoskins. [ASC Leiden abstract]

### **Eritrea**

*Biopolitics, militarism, and development : Eritrea in the twenty-first century / ed. by David O'Kane & Tricia Redeker Hepner - New York : Berghahn Books, 2009.*

Abstract: Once hailed as "the African nation that works" Eritrea's apparently successful post-independence development has since lapsed into economic crisis and severe human rights violations. This is due not only to the border war with Ethiopia that began in 1998 but also the result of explicit policies of social mobilization first adopted by the Eritrean government during the liberation struggle (1961-1991) and later carried into the post-independence era. Placing the Eritrean case in a broader transnational and global context, this collective volume exposes the multiple consequences of these policies for the Eritrean people and the ways in which such policies are resisted or subverted. Contents: Introduction : biopolitics, militarism, and development in contemporary Eritrea (Tricia Redeker Hepner and David O'Kane); Pitfalls of nationalism in Eritrea (Tekle M. Woldemikael); War, spatiotemporal perception, and the nation : fighters and farmers in the highlands (Michael Mahrt); The youth has gone from our soil : place and politics in refugee resettlement and agrarian development (Amanda Poole); Human resource development and the state : higher education in postrevolutionary Eritrea (Tanja R. Müller); Avoiding wastage by making soldiers : technologies of the state and the imagination of the educated nation (Jennifer Riggan); Trapped in adolescence : the postwar urban generation (Magnus Treiber); Seeking asylum in a transnational social field : new refugees and struggles for autonomy and human rights (Tricia Redeker Hepner); The Eritrean state in comparative perspective (Greg Cameron); Biopolitics and dilemmas of development in Eritrea and elsewhere (Tricia Redeker Hepner and David O'Kane). [ASC Leiden abstract]

### **Namibia**

Snapshots of student-teachers' experiences of DVDs in a learner support programme in a developing ODL context / Illasha Kok and A. Seugnet Blignaut. - In: *Africa Education Review*: (2014), vol. 11, no. 4, p. 526-543 : graf

Abstract: The School of Continuing Teacher Education (SCTE) in South Africa delivers an Advanced Certificate in Education (ACE) Learner Support Programme to Open Distance Learning (ODL) students in Namibia, a developing sub-Saharan African country. This paper examines the experiences of student-teachers using DVDs included in the tutorial package. Fifteen participants from rural and remote areas of Namibia took part in a semi-structured focus group and individual interviews. A first phase analysis identified a set of codes and categories that guided the researchers to two themes to using DVDs: frustration and attitude. Student-teachers' frustration and attitude towards DVDs are linked to sufficient appropriate information, also available as a paper-based tutorial package. Although electronic learning material can assist in achieving curriculum goals and enrich students' learning experiences, students' expectations are paramount in the design and development of instructional DVDs. Bibliogr., notes, sum. [Journal abstract] <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/18146627.2014.935002> (Restricted access)

## **Nigeria**

*Daughters of seclusion : the revelation of the Ibibio "fattened bride" as the icon of beauty and power / Imo Nse Imeh - New York [etc.] : Peter Lang, 2012.*

Abstract: Contents: Introduction to Mbopo ritual; Part One: Anatomy of beauty: Uyai Mbopo revealed through time, transformation, and transition; Chapter One: The puppet and the girl -- Subpart: Time : a culture of initiation and aesthetics of seclusion; Chapter Two: Ekuk Mbopo; Chapter Three: Nwo-nwo : the seclusion of little girls; Chapter Four: Ekuk Mbopo at the Ebiene Atai village; Chapter Five: The school for womanhood; Subpart: Transformation : Mbopo as the portrayer/progenitor of sanguinity and extravagance; Chapter Six: Body inscriptions and the wellness performance; Chapter Seven: Adorning comfort; Subpart: Transition : from the enclosure to the marketplace : indelible marks of femininity; Chapter Eight: Impressions of seclusion; Chapter Nine: The clitoridectomy rite; Chapter Ten: The staging of a female icon; Part Two: The scepter and the flywhisk : Mbopo theatre, corporeal dialogues, and the revelation of the bride; Subpart: Mechanisms in Uyai : rewriting her body with accouterments of beauty and power; Chapter Eleven: Power symbols; Chapter Twelve: The crest and the crown; Chapter Thirteen: The Uyai anointing; Subpart: Mbopo nation : returnee mbopo and the emergence of objective interpretation; Chapter Fourteen: The story of Akon Ekwere; Chapter Fifteen: Contemporary iterations and bride residue; Conclusion: New possibilities in Mbopo discourse. [ASC Leiden abstract]

## **Senegal**

*Le royaume du Waalo : le Sénégal avant la conquête / Boubacar Barry ; préf. de Samir Amin - Paris : Karthala, 2014.*

Abstract: L'histoire du Waalo, de 1659 à 1859, est avant tout celle de la réponse d'un royaume africain de la côte de l'Afrique au défi de l'Europe conquérante. Le Waalo, par sa position géographique à l'embouchure du fleuve Sénégal, et surtout par son ouverture sur la façade atlantique, devait connaître, très tôt, un contact constant avec l'Europe à la recherche de nouveaux marchés. C'est là, en effet, qu'on peut étudier sur près de quatre siècles les diverses formes de relations qui ont existé entre un royaume de la côte et les différentes puissances européennes. Ces relations, commandées par l'évolution des besoins commerciaux, ont connu successivement la phase de commerce de troc sans occupation territoriale, celle des comptoirs fortifiés de commerce, celle de la colonisation agricole, et enfin celle de la conquête territoriale. [Résumé ASC Leiden]

## **South Africa**

Access constraints experienced by physically disabled students at a South African higher education institution / L. Engelbrecht and J. J. de Beer. - In: *Africa Education Review*: (2014), vol. 11, no. 4, p. 544-562

Abstract: Current developments in government law and policies have created the hope that people living with a disability will enjoy the same rights and privileges as the non-disabled. Unfortunately, only 2.8% of disabled persons have access to higher education. The aim of this study was to determine if a group of students, living with a physical disability, experienced constraints with regard to access to a South African higher education institution. This study, following a two-phase sequential mixed method approach, consisted of a questionnaire survey, a focus group discussion, and individual interviews. It was found that students living with a physical disability experienced constraints relating to the accessibility of the relevant higher education institution. Since access constraints affect the lives of students living with a disability, it is necessary to provide guidelines to universities on how to address these challenges. Bibliogr., notes, sum. [Journal abstract]

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## **South Africa**

*COSATU'S contested legacy : South African trade unions in the second decade of democracy / edited by Sakhela Buhlungu and Malehoko Tshoaedi - Cape Town : HSRC Press, 2012.*

Abstract: This volume about the Congress of South African Trade Unions, COSATU, highlights the successes and opportunities, setbacks and failures faced by South Africa's largest trade

union federation in recent times. Drawing on quantitative data from four time series surveys of union members conducted since 1994, the authors analyse trends in workers' perceptions of workplace democracy, union politics and South African politics in general. Contributions: A contested legacy: organisational and political challenges facing COSATU (Sakhela Buhlungu and Malehoko Tshoaedi); The experience of conducting a longitudinal study: the COSATU Workers' Survey, 2008 (Christine Bischoff and Malehoko Tshoaedi); COSATU, oligarchy and the consolidation of democracy in an African context (Johann Maree); Making sense of unionised workers' political attitudes: the (un)representation of women's voices in COSATU (Malehoko Tshoaedi); The sociology of upward mobility among COSATU shop stewards (Themba Masondo); COSATU, the '2010 Class Project' and the contest for 'the soul' of the ANC (Ari Sitas); 'What would you do if the government fails to deliver?': COSATU members' attitudes towards service delivery (Sarah Mosoetsa); COSATU's influence on policy-making in post-apartheid South Africa: fact and fiction (Grace Khunou); COSATU members and strike violence: what we learn from quantitative and qualitative data (Karl von Holdt); COSATU and internal migrant workers: old fault lines, new dilemmas (Nomkhosi Xulu); COSATU's attitudes and policies towards external migrants (Mondli Hlatshwayo); The trade union movement and the Tripartite Alliance: a tangled history (Sakhela Buhlungu and Stephen Ellis). [ASC Leiden abstract] <http://www.hsrcpress.ac.za/product.php?productid=2296>  
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### **South Africa**

*Money and violence : financial self-help groups in a South African township / by Erik Bähre - Leiden ; Boston : Brill, 2007.*

Abstract: This ethnography is about the way in which Xhosa migrants in the townships of Cape Town, South Africa, collectively manage their money in financial self-help groups, also known as financial mutuals. This is an umbrella term for a myriad of collective financial arrangements that are mostly informal. In South Africa they are known locally as 'umgalelo', stokvel, savings, gooi-gooi, throw-throw, back-to-school, 'umasingwabane', 'umasiphekisane' and 'umasingcedane' and include burial societies, rotating savings and credit associations (ROSCA), and accumulating savings and credit associations (ASCRA). Financial mutuals are islands of hope for Xhosa migrants surrounded by insecurity, unemployment, murder, rape and social conflict. Migrants have de-politicized their financial mutuals and created a place where they can feel secure and trusted and where money is in their control. Particularly women have created these de-politicized social spaces. Based on fieldwork in Indawo Yoxolo, the author explores the nexus of money and social interdependencies within an extremely threatening context, discussing anxiety among members of financial mutuals, the fragility of solidarity and trust, as well as the emergence of conflicts with kin, household members, and neighbours, over desperately needed money, and its consumption. [ASC Leiden abstract] <http://hdl.handle.net/1887/14744>

### **South Africa**

*Disability and social change : a South African agenda / Brian Watermeyer ... [et al.] - Cape Town : Human Sciences Research Council Press, 2006.*

Abstract: This volume presents an overview of disability issues in South Africa. The book consists of six parts, dealing with theoretical approaches to and representations of disability, governmental and civil society responses to disability, aspects of education as these pertain to the oppression/liberation of disabled people, social security for disabled people, service provision relationships, and consideration of disability in relation to human spaces - physical, economic and philosophical. Contributors: Marguerite Schneider, Mark Priestley, Brian Watermeyer, Colleen Howell, Shuaib Chalklen, Thomas Alberts, Sebenzile Matsebula, Leslie Swartz, Charlotte McClain Nhlapo, Poul Rohleder, Amanda Roux, Susan Manson, Gillian Douglas, Nokuthula Shabalala, Marion Heap, Helen Morgans, Crain Soudien, Jean Baxen, Theresa Lorenzo, Mzolisi ka Toni, Meryl Glaser, Tony Emmett, Ruth Watson, Marion Fourie, Joan Andrews, Nokwanele Mgwili, Sarah Rule, Milani Wolmarans, Siyabulela K, Madelaine Duncan, Judy McKenzie, Bronwen Müller, Justine Coulson, Mark Napier, Gertrude Matsebe, Gubela Mji, Ari Seirlis, Jane

Stadler, and Kathleen McDougall. [ASC Leiden abstract]

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