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The African Philosophy Reader

1998

this collection provides a thorough introduction to african philosophy literature religion and anthropology through twenty five readings from key thinkers they discuss topics such as african culture epistemology metaphysics and religion political philosophy aesthetics and explore rationality and explanation in an african context

The Substance of African Philosophy

1989

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Understanding African Philosophy

2002

contemporary african philosophy in indigenous african languages and english translation a groundbreaking contribution to the discipline of philosophy this volume presents a collection of philosophical essays written in indigenous african languages by professional african philosophers with english translations on the facing pages demonstrating the linguistic and conceptual resources of african languages for a distinctly african philosophy hailing from five different countries and writing in six different languages the seven authors featured include some of the most prominent african philosophers of our time they address a range of topics including the nature of truth different ways of conceiving time the linguistic status of proverbs how naming practices work gender equality and inequality in traditional society the relationship between language and thought and the extent to which morality is universal or culturally variable

Listening to Ourselves

2013-09-01

this volume provides the key to a deepened discourse on philosophy in africa available literature and academic practice in african philosophy since the 1960s have largely featured discourses in the areas of origin general meaning and nature of the discipline with little attention given to specialized areas by contrast this book examines a noticeable shifting focus from such general concerns to more specific subject matter in such areas as epistemology moral philosophy metaphysics aesthetics and social and political philosophy in the light of the african experience the volume includes specific discourses from expert contributors on the nature history and scope of african ethics and metaphysics while also discussing particular themes in african epistemology philosophy of education existentialism and political philosophy researchers seeking for new perspective on african philosophy will find this work thought

provoking instructive and informative

Introduction to Philosophy

2005

substantially updated and revised with new essays on gender and race this title handles crucial issues of great interest such as globalization decolonization political reform justice and human rights from a unique perspective

Themes, Issues and Problems in African Philosophy

2017-01-31

this book provides an excellent orientation to and a logical development of the major trends and issues that have dominated discussions in african philosophy since the publication of placide tempels bantu philosophy in 1945 views of some of the best known african philosophers such as kwasi wiredu paulin hountondji h odera oruka peter bodunrin and d a masolo are discussed in detail the text takes into account in the form of quotations or referencing the views of several other philosophers who have had something to say about african philosophy this book facilitates an excellent orientation on african philosophy at the undergraduate level those pursuing african philosophy at the graduate level will find the text refreshingly novel

The African Philosophy Reader

2003

the aim of the book is thus to present substantively significant writing on african philosophy in a form which will be useful both in the classroom and in the library of those interested in africa

Trends and Issues in African Philosophy

2010

choice outstanding academic title 2023 caught between the history of exclusion and the reality of the world philosophies approach this is an introduction to african philosophy unlike any other with distinctive insight pascah mungwini brings together african philosophy and the emancipative mission introducing african thought as a practice defined by its own history and priority questions while always in dialogue with the world he charts the controversies and contestations around the contemporary practice of philosophy as an academic enterprise in africa examining some of philosophy s most serious mistakes omissions and failures covering the history of african philosophy s development and trajectory mungwini s introduction focuses on the struggle for intellectual liberation his compelling portrayal reveals that true liberation begins by understanding one s own world an essential point for anyone beginning to explore another philosophical tradition on its

own terms

Understanding the Problems of African Philosophy

1998

hountondji contends that ideological manifestations of this view that stress the uniqueness of the african experience are protonationalist reactions against colonialism conducted paradoxically in the terms of colonialist discourse hountondji argues that a genuine african philosophy must assimilate and transcend the theoretical heritage of western philosophy and must reflect a rigorous process of independent scientific inquiry

African Philosophy

1984

a short history of african philosophy discusses major ideas figures and schools of thought in philosophy in the african context while drawing out critical issues in the formation of african philosophy barry hallen focuses on recent scholarship and relevant debates that have made african philosophy critical to understanding the rich and complex cultural heritage of the continent this revised edition expands the historical perspective takes account of recent discoveries and new canonical figures highlights new discussions about gender as a cultural and philosophical phenomenon clarifies issues regarding indigenous cultures and human rights and builds on the notion that african philosophy shares methods and concerns of philosophy worldwide this short reference is an essential resource for students scholars and general readers

African Philosophy

2022-03-24

this book highlights the specificities of african systems of thought through a wide range of issues on the history branches and problems that animate the philosophical debates among african authors the book uses the competence based approach to present lessons rooted in real life situations in africa since the african philosophy courses of most academic institutions were conceived with a colonial mindset the book provides the theoretical framework for the decolonization of the african mindset and african philosophy course content in academic institutions the book also gives a precise and concise methodology for reading understanding and critically analyzing passages in philosophy in general and african philosophy in particular hence the book is useful to teachers novice philosophers undergraduate students graduates who wish to specialize in african philosophy and scholars who wish to comparatively analyse african thought systems and other systems of thought across the globe

African Philosophy, Second Edition

1996-11-22

logic and african philosophy seminal essays on african systems of thought aims to put african intellectual history in perspective with focus on the subjects of racism logic language and psychology the volume seeks to fill in the gaps left by the exclusion of african thinkers that are frequent in the curricula of african schools concerning history sociology philosophy and cultural studies the book is divided into four parts that are preceded by an introduction to link up the essays and emphasise their sociological implications part one is comprised of essays that opened the controversy of whether logic can be found in traditional african cultures as well as other matters like the nature of the mind and behaviour of african peoples the essays in part two are centred on the following question are the laws of thought present in african languages and cultures part three brings together essays that sparkle the debate on whether there can be such a thing as african logic which stems from the discussions in part two part four is concerned on the theme of system building in logic contributions are written by members of the budding african philosophy movement called the conversational school of philosophy based at the university of calabar and the main objective of their papers is to formulate systems of african logic

A Short History of African Philosophy, Second Edition

2009-09-03

a great read it is masterfully presented and is an ideal text both for advanced undergraduates and graduate students international journal of african historical studies a detailed critical guide to fifty years of african philosophy teaching philosophy masolo offers an expansive and lucidly panoramic view of the origin and developments in african philosophy africa today the excellence of this book lies in the wealth of perspectives that it brings to the discussion on what constitutes philosophy rationality and meaningful reflection it is both thought provoking and illuminating ethics a kenyan philosopher surveys themes and debates in african philosophy over the last five decades masolo s purview includes francophone and anglophone philosophers in both the analytic and phenomenological traditions

Lessons on Indigenous African Philosophy

2024-02-07

the beating of rodney king and the resulting riots in south central los angeles the violent clash between hasidim and african americans in crown heights the boats of haitian refugees being turned away from the land of opportunity these are among the many racially charged images that have burst across our television screens in the last year alone images that show that for all our complacent beliefs in a meltingpot society race is as much of a

problem as ever in america in this vastly important widely acclaimed volume kwame anthony appiah a ghanaian philosopher who now teaches at harvard explores in his words the possibilities and pitfalls of an african identity in the late twentieth century in the process he sheds new light on what it means to be an african american on the many preconceptions that have muddled discussions of race africa and afrocentrism since the end of the nineteenth century and in the end to move beyond the idea of race in my father s house is especially wide ranging covering everything from pan africanism to the works of early african american intellectuals such as alexander crummell and w e b du bois to the ways in which african identity influences african literature in his discussion of the latter subject appiah demonstrates how attempts to construct a uniquely african literature have ignored not only the inescapable influences that centuries of contact with the west have imposed but also the multicultural nature of africa itself emphasizing this last point is appiah s eloquent title essay which offers a fitting finale to the volume in a moving first person account of his father s death and funeral in ghana appiah offers a brilliant metaphor for the tension between africa s aspirations to modernity and its desire to draw on its ancient cultural roots during the los angeles riots rodney king appeared on television to make his now famous plea people can we all get along in this beautiful elegantly written volume appiah steers us along a path toward answering a question of the utmost importance to us all

Logic and African Philosophy

1994-08-22

sage philosophy is an anthology of three main parts part one contains papers by odera oruka clearing the way and arguing about his research over the last decade on indigenous sages in kenya part two introduces verbatim interviews with a given number of those sages while part three consists of published papers by scholars who are critics or commentators on the oruka project the author has spent the last decade in kenya carrying out his research it is the general stand of the book that the sages turn out to be thinkers or philosophers in no trivial sense despite their lack of modern formal education this study is a critique for all those scholars who hitherto have found no practice of critical philosophy in traditional africa

African Philosophy in Search of Identity

1993-05-27

in spite of decolonisation the philosophical character of european standpoint on colonisation together with its corresponding practices remains unchanged in its relations with the erstwhile colonies it is precisely this condition which calls for the need for the authentic liberation of africa this speaks of a two fold exigency one is that the colonised people s conceptions of reality knowledge and truth should be released from slavery and dominance under the european epistemological paradigm without this essential first step there cannot evolve a common authentic and liberating universe of discourse the second exigency is that the evolving common universe of discourse must

take into account the rational demands of justice to the colonised arising from the unjust wars of conquest that resulted in colonial dispossessing of territory as well as the enslavement of the colonised these rational demands of justice are specifically the restoration of territory to its indigenous rightful owners and reparations to them this two fold exigency is the indispensable necessity for the authentic liberation of africa and indeed all the colonised people of the world

In My Father's House

1990

this book discovers freedom in the colonial idea of african primitiveness as human transcendence freedom escapes the drawbacks of otherness as defended by ethnophilosophy while exposing the idiosyncratic inspiration of eurocentric universalism decolonization calls for the reconnection with freedom that is with myth making understood as the inaugural act of cultural pluralism the cultural condition of modernization emerges when the return to the past deploys the future

Sage Philosophy

1999

african philosophy has for long been rejected on the basis that it is not known or has not been written down behind this view is the idealist presumption that for something to exist it must first be perceived however for something to be perceived it must first exist african philosophy critical dimensions examines what constitutes african philosophy in terms of its meaning foundation sources methodology characteristics and relevance the book analyses traditional african philosophy from the political social ethical epistemological and metaphysical angles the book further critically discusses modern african political philosophy modern african social philosophy modern african economic philosophy and modern african philosophy of religion it ends with the identification of the different conclusions that were derived from the study and general recommendations some specifically for researchers and writers especially in the area of african philosophy wilfred lajul joins other authentic voices examining african philosophy

African Philosophy Through Ubuntu

2004-01-01

kwasi wiredu demonstrates a role for contemporary african philosophers that is distinctive but by no means parochial

Africa's Quest for a Philosophy of Decolonization

2007

this is a study of the ugandan poet and cultural critic okot p bitek in his

poems and critical essays okot engages with the oral traditions of his people the songs dances funeral dirges and so forth seeing them as manifestations of the people s philosophy of life imbo s book aims to make explicit the philosophical questions raised in okot s work placing them within the wider picture of contemporary african philosophy as a whole visit our website for sample chapters

African Philosophy

2014-01-16

this handbook provides in one volume rich comprehensive and rigorous coverage of specific subject areas and thematic concerns in the ever evolving academic discipline of african philosophy this handbook is unique in its focus on central and emerging areas within african philosophy such as afro communitarian philosophy ethics epistemology social and political philosophy existentialism philosophy of religion gender philosophy philosophy of education phenomenology transhumanism african philosophy futures and philosophy of the non human the thirty two chapters in this handbook explore the rich textual and non textual forms of philosophical knowledge in africa and adequately represent the broad and diverse scope of african philosophy showing the richness and depth of the philosophical tradition this reference work is indispensable to students and researchers in african philosophy comparative philosophy and world philosophies

African Philosophy

1980-04-10

this book takes stock of the strides made to date in african philosophy authors focus on four important aspects of african philosophy the history methodological debates substantive issues in the field and direction for the future by collating this anthology edwin e etieyibo excavates both current and primordial knowledge in african philosophy enhancing the development of this growing field

Philosophy and African Culture

2002

this is a collection of essays that address epistemological and metaphysical concerns that have emerged from the sub saharan regions of africa the focus of the book is on traditional african conceptions of mind person personal identity truth knowledge understanding objectivity and reality

Oral Traditions as Philosophy

2023-11-09

this volume is a collection of chapters about contemporary issues within african philosophy they are issues african philosophy must grapple with to

demonstrate its readiness to make a stand against some of the challenges society faces in the coming decade such as xenophobia afro phobia extreme poverty democratic failure and migration the text covers new methodical directions and there is focus on the conversationalist complementarist and consolationist movements within the field as well as the place of the indigenous knowledge system the collection speaks to african philosophy s place in intellectual history with coverage of african ethics and african socio political philosophy contributors come from a variety of different backgrounds institutions and countries through their innovative ideas they provide fresh insight and intellectual energy the book appeals to philosophy students and researchers

Handbook of African Philosophy

2018-02-24

this book offers a new way of doing african philosophy by building on an analysis of the way people talk the author bases his investigation on the belief that traditional african philosophy is hidden in expressions used in ordinary language as a result he argues that people are engaging in a philosophical activity when they use expressions such as taboos proverbs idioms riddles and metaphors the analysis investigates proverbs using the ordinary language approach and speech act theory next the author looks at taboos using counterfactual logic which studies the meaning of taboo expressions by departing from a consideration of their structure and use he argues that the study of these figurative expressions using the counterfactual framework offers a particular understanding of african philosophy and belief systems the study also investigates issues of meaning and rationality departing from a study on riddles explores conceptual metaphors used in conceptualizing the notion of politics in modern african political thought and examines language and marginalization of women and people with disabilities the book differs from other works in african philosophy in the sense that it does not claim that africans have a philosophy as is commonly done in most studies rather it reflects and unfolds philosophical elements in ordinary language use the book also builds african conception of beauty and truth through the study of language

Method, Substance, and the Future of African Philosophy

2004

the perspectives provided in this volume offer wise and refreshing alternatives to problems of self and society culture aesthetics metaphysics and religion

African Philosophy

2021-11-06

over the past few decades there has been much effort put forth by philosophers to answer the question is there an african philosophy bruce b janz boldly changes this central question to what is it to do philosophy in this african place in philosophy in an african place janz argues that african philosophy has spent a lot of time trying to define what african philosophy is and in doing so has ironically been unable to properly conceptualize african lived experience he goes on to claim that such conceptualization can only occur when the central question is changed from the spatial to a new platial one philosophy in an african place both opens up new questions within the field and also establishes philosophy in place a mode of philosophy which begins from the places in which concepts have currency and shows how a truly creative philosophy can emerge from focusing on questioning listening and attending to difference this innovative new approach to african philosophy will be useful not only to african and african american philosophers but also to scholars interested in any cultural intercultural or national philosophical projects

Essays on Contemporary Issues in African Philosophy

2018

the nearest thing to a full length book ever written by marcus garvey three years before his death in 1937 garvey assembled his most trusted organisers for an intensive secret month long course of instruction garvey s lessons for this unique course are published here for the first time

Meaning and Truth in African Philosophy

1998

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Philosophy from Africa

1998

an invaluable introduction to this dynamic and growing area of study imbo s book synthesizes the ideas of key african philosophers into an accessible narrative by making cross disciplinary and transnational connections imbo stakes out an important place for african philosophy visit our website for sample chapters

The Idea of African Philosophy

2009

this handbook investigates the current state and future possibilities of african philosophy as a discipline and as a practice vis à vis the challenge of african development and africa s place in a globalized neoliberal capitalist economy the volume offers a comprehensive survey of the

philosophical enterprise in africa especially with reference to current discourses arguments and new issues feminism and gender terrorism and fundamentalism sexuality development identity pedagogy and multidisciplinary etc that are significant for understanding how africa can resume its arrested march towards decolonization and liberation

Philosophy in an African Place

1986

the idea of a negro african philosophy is a short book originally published in 1979 it is a concise yet thorough and systematic exploration of the question of african philosophy as it emerges out of the central concerns of the postcolonial present propositions on cultural identity a short article published in the same year is a succinct philosophic exploration of the question of identity as it pertains to the cultural political and economic issues linked to africa s politico economic dependence on the west in both texts presented here in translation for the first time towa engages the question of african philosophy by concretely exploring and showing how this question is organically linked to the efforts of the continent aimed at reclaiming its economic political historical and existential actuality broaching the question from slightly differing yet complimentary angles towa articulates a stance that directly engages the central concerns of african independence in the context of a postcolonial world that is still tied to the apron strings of its former colonisers

Message to the People

1995

as its author professor mudimbe says this book presents journeys into the multifaceted idea of africa as approached and circumscribed here this idea is a product of the west and was conceived and conveyed through conflicting systems of knowledge north america indiana u press

Readings in African Philosophy

1998

An Introduction to African Philosophy

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The Palgrave Handbook of African Philosophy

2012

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1997

Practical Philosophy

1993

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1994

The Idea of Africa

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