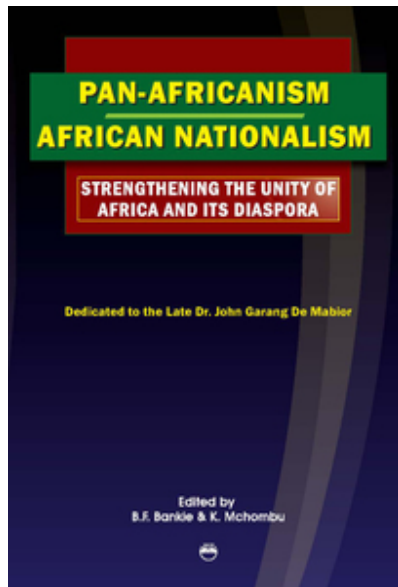


## Books Received



*Pan-Africanism/African Nationalism: Strengthening the Unity of Africa and its Diaspora* edited by B.F. Bankie and K. Mchombu. Trenton, NJ: The Red Sea Press, 2008. ISBN: 1-56902-297-6.

The first edition of this publication was based on the proceedings of the 17th All African Students Conference (AASC) held in 2005 in Windhoek, Namibia, which series began in 1988. It covered the major issues arising for the unity movement from the 2005 conference, with diverse contributions from a broad range of participants, including a head of state, the head of a liberation movement, youth, students and various other concerned social groups and individuals. This second edition came about in the context of the prior neglect of developments in the Afro-Arab borderlands and their impact on Africans both at home and abroad, as well as on the unity movement. The books moves from continental unity to Pan-African national unity, which is constituted by Africa south of the Sahara and the east [Arabia, north Africa, Gulf states and points eastwards] and the west [Caribbean, Americas, Europe etc] Diasporas. It is dedicated to the Late John Garang de Mabior, in recognition of the role played by the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in championing the legitimate aspirations of the marginalized in Sudan and the borderlands in general.

This book provides an entry point towards the reformulation of the unity project and will be of interest to all those who have an interest in Africa and those who take Africans seriously. This book needs to be taken seriously by all Darfurians Yahya Osman Mohamed (Darfur/Sudan ) An indispensable, must-to-read book, on the various interpretations of Pan-Africanism and African nationalism, not only for Sudanese, but more particularly for those, who are interested worldwide in the history of the struggle of Black Africans against Arab hegemony and dominance, seen from an African nationalist point of view. It tells the story and process through which millions of Black Africans have come to be subjugated and systematically marginalized by the Arabs and later by an Arabized breed of Black Africans. Furthermore, it tells aspects of the struggle for mental and physical emancipation lead by the martyr of the marginalized people of the Sudan, the Late Dr John Garang de Mabior. Muhammad Jalal Hashim ( Nubia/Sudan ) Considering the identity crisis many Sahelians suffer from, the relevance of Pan-Africanism/African nationalism cannot be overstated. A millennium of massive religious/ideological and human influx from the Middle East into the region has not only physically pushed the native population towards the south, but it has also displaced their African identity. The problem has become so profound that many of the Sahelian people cannot tell whether they are African, Arab or a mixture of both. This identity crisis is the root cause of the bloody wars of the Arabized regimes in Africa. This book preserves an inclusive Pan-Africanism/African nationalism that is open and respectful of other cultures.

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*Women's Spiritual Leadership in Africa: Tempered Radicals and Critical Servant Leaders* by - Faith Wambura Ngunjiri.

*Women's Spiritual Leadership in Africa* offers portraits of sixteen African women in leadership positions in grassroots, national, Pan African and global organizations, and explores how they choose to “rock the boat without falling out” by transforming their communities and organizations from within. In her analysis of the women leaders’ experiences, Faith Wambura Ngunjiri demonstrates how these African women navigate cultural and organizational challenges, including the intersecting oppressions of gender, ethnicity, class, and marital status, in order to act boldly against social and economic injustices. Ngunjiri characterizes the women as “critical servant leaders” because of their approach to leadership, where they lead through service while deconstructing patriarchal social and institutional practices and providing positive alternatives. The women’s tempered radicalism and servant leadership is deeply informed by African and Christian spirituality, which animates and informs their lives and leadership experiences. Collectively, the women’s stories present an important and inspiring vision of contemporary women’s leadership in African contexts.

Thus, the book demonstrates how leadership is enacted in a specific social, cultural, and historical context by African women in Kenya; based on leadership and life stories of 16 women from Kenya who lead grassroots, national, Pan-African and global organizations. The study was also guided by the work of African feminists, African and African American feminist and womanist scholars such as Patricia Hill Collins, Judy A. Alston, Khaula Murtagha, Clenora Hudson Weems, Mercy Amba Oduyoye, and others who argue that African and African American women's life experiences are an epistemologically valid standpoint from which to construct theories. In the absence of sufficient studies of African women in leadership, the study was guided by empirical and conceptual work from African American women scholars.

Hence, the book provides a worthwhile contribution to our understanding of women and leadership by contributing the perspective of African women. Scholars and the educated publics in the interdisciplinary field of leadership studies will find the explication of tempered radicalism, servant leadership, and spirituality understood through the meaning-making experiences of African women both informative and inspiring. This work therefore demonstrate how context matters in the practice of leadership—a context that has produced critical servant leaders who *rock the boat without falling out*, convicted and guided by their spiritual praxis..