Guide to *Africa Bibliography*

Scope and coverage

This bibliography records publications on Africa of interest to students of Africa, principally in the social and environmental sciences, development studies, humanities and arts. Some items from the medical, biological and natural sciences are included. The criterion used is potential relevance to a reader from a social sciences/arts background. The whole continent and associated islands are covered, with selective coverage of the diaspora. This volume aims to cover material published in 2017 together with items from earlier years not previously listed. The editor is always very glad to hear of any items omitted so that they may be included in future volumes. He would be particularly pleased to receive notification of new periodicals, print or online. African government publications and works of creative literature are not normally listed.

The principal sources of data for this volume are the holdings of SOAS, University of London; the Afrika Studiecentrum, Leiden; and material received by the International African Institute. Much of this material, and especially chapters in edited books, has been personally examined by the editor. Additional data has been garnered from other published bibliographies, both print and online, from COPAC, the online union catalogue of the UK's major research libraries, and AJOL (African Journals Online – http://www.ajol.info/) which provides invaluable access to periodicals published in Africa.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the bibliography is by region and country, with a preliminary section for the continent as a whole. Each region or country begins with a *General* section and then subject fields (see below for list) follow in alphabetical order. Where an item might appear under more than one heading, this is indicated by cross-reference (see the 'see also' list immediately under each subject heading) or the subject index will guide users to it.

Entry types

The bibliography contains three types of entry: periodical articles, books and pamphlets, and chapters. Book entries give author, title, place, publisher and pagination (but not ISBN number or price). Entries for chapters in books, largely not on African topics, give full bibliographic information for the volume concerned. However, when a book contains many relevant chapters it is listed separately and the chapter entry includes only a short version of the title, the name(s) of the editor(s), and the entry number of the book itself. An increasing number of periodicals are published in online only formats and in these cases the url is given.

Indexes

The bibliography has author and subject indexes, which use the entry number to identify relevant items. The first three authors only of multi-authored works are listed. Where an item is sufficiently described by the subject heading, it will not appear in the subject index. Users are advised to scan broadly. The index will be most useful for those searching under concepts such as *Constitution* or *Structural Adjustment* or under the names of ethnic groups and languages. It also makes some use of keywords, often reflecting the vocabulary of the original entry.

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Subject headings

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Anthropology
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Food
Forestry
Gender
Gender – Masculinity
Geography
Geology
Heritage and Museums
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History, Early
History, C6–18th
History, C19th
History, C1900–1960
History, 1960–
History, South African War, 1899–1902 [under South Africa]
Human Rights
Industry
Information and Communications Technology
International Economic Relations
International Relations
Labour
Languages and Linguistics
Land
Law
Libraries
Literature
Management
Media
Medicine and Health
Medicine and Health – HIV/AIDS
Mining
Philosophy
Politics
Psychology and Psychiatry
Public Administration
Publishing
Religion
Religion – African Traditional
Religion – Christianity
Religion – Hinduism
Religion – Islam
Religion – Judaism
Rural Economy
Science and Technology
Sexual Minorities/LGBTI
Social Welfare
Sociology
Sport
Tourism
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Zoology

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An additional guide to the online version, including on the structure of the bibliography, search and browse options, is available at http://africabibliography.cambridge.org/guideToBibliography.do.

Language coverage

The *Africa Bibliography* includes items in languages other than English; notably items in French, German, Afrikaans, Italian and Portuguese. Some volumes of *Africa Bibliography* also include selected items in Swahili.

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