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Springer, Japan 2015

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ETHICAL QUANDARIES: In social research / Deborah Posel, Fiona Ross

HSRC Press, South Africa 2015

320p.;

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The book opens up a space of frank discussion about the often unsettling, messy realities of ethical decision-making in the thick of social research. All the contributors write in the first person about personal experiences of research. They expose tensions within professional codes of ethics, as well as a range of dilemmas that arose when personal ethical convictions jostled with disciplinary and institutional ethical imperatives. The book is unique in spanning a range of research scenarios, qualitative and quantitative, across different disciplines, fields of study and institutional settings. The book will be of interest to all social researchers - in universities, NGOs and other applied milieu - working in fields of research structured by hierarchies of difference and conditions of inequality.

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Changing Artisanal Identity and Status : The Unfolding South African Story / Angelique Wildschut , Tamlynne Meyer , Salim Akoojee

HSRC Press, South Africa 2015

125p.;

9780796924926

\$ 36.50 / HB

Discussions around the increase in number and improved quality of artisans have been widely supported. There is, however, a need for the notion of artisan is to be interrogated. This compelling study does this by exploring two focus trades in the manufacturing sector in South Africa and evaluating the changes to artisan identity and status. By extending a methodological framework for studying professions, the study adds to the academic engagement on understanding artisan identity and status.

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Progressive African Thought Leadership / Aziz Pahad, Garth le Pere and Miranda Strydom

AISA, South Africa 2015

188p.;

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This book represents what might be called 'symbolic capital' in the sense that, under the rubric of the Concerned Africans Forum (CAF), it is an attempt to develop a different set of lenses for understanding many of the critical themes that shape our current public discourse and body of opinion. This kind of capital that the CAF has promoted is not only about how these themes are articulated and expressed from a progressive and critical perspective. It is also, quite crucially, about how the use of this capital can serve to influence debate and understanding as well as the agenda of public discussion, especially as this relates to Africa.

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Victoria Mxenge Housing Project : Women Building Communities Through Social Activism and Informal Learning / Salma Ismail

Juta, South Africa 2015

166p.;

9781919895529

\$ 27.50 / HB

At the beginning of South Africa's democratic change, in 1994, the Victoria Mxenge Housing Project was founded by a group of 12 women who lived in shacks on the barren outskirts of Cape Town. These women had come from rural areas and were poor, vulnerable and semi-literate. Yet they learned how to build, negotiate with the government and NGOs, architects and building experts, and form alliances with homeless social movements locally and internationally, in India and Brazil. The desolate piece of land they occupied is now a thriving, sustainable community of more than 5 000 houses. Over a period of 10 years the author tracked the history of the Victoria Mxenge Housing Association, from its start as a development organisation to its evolution into a social movement and then as a service provider. The text weaves together perspectives on the usefulness as well as limitations of 'popular education', or informal learning.

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Impossible Mourning: HIV / AIDS and Visuality After Apartheid / Kylie Thomas WITS University Press, South Africa 2015

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Impossible Mourning argues that while the HIV/AIDS epidemic has occupied an important place in public discourse in South Africa over the last ten years, particularly in debates about governance and constitutional rights post-apartheid, the experiences of people living with HIV for the most part remain invisible and the multiple losses due to AIDS have gone publicly unmourned. This profound fact is at the centre of this book which explores the significance of the disavowal of AIDS-death in relation to violence, death, and mourning under apartheid. Impossible Mourning shows how, in spite of the magnitude of the epidemic, and as a result of the stigma and discrimination that have largely characterized both national and personal responses to the epidemic, spaces for the expression of collective mourning have been few.

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Changing Space, Changing City: Johannesburg After Apartheid / Philip Harrison, Alison Todes

WITS University Press, South Africa 2014

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\$ 86.25 / HB

As the dynamo of South Africa's economy, Johannesburg commands a central position in the nation's imagination, and scholars throughout the world monitor the city as an exemplar of urbanity in the global South. This richly illustrated study offers detailed empirical analyses of changes in the city's physical space, as well as a host of chapters on the character of specific neighbourhoods and the social identities being forged within them. Informing all of these is a consideration of underlying economic, social and political processes shaping the wider Gauteng region. A mix of respected academics, practising urban planners and experienced policymakers offer compelling overviews of the rapid and complex spatial developments that have taken place in Johannesburg since the end of apartheid, along with tantalising glimpses into life on the streets and behind the high walls of this diverse city.

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Urban Governance in Post-apartheid Cities: Modes of Engagement in South Africa's Metropoles / Huchzermeyer, Marie (ed.)

University of Kwazulu Natal Press, South Africa 2015

352p.;

9781869142599

\$ 43.50 / HB

Urban governance as a term captures the complex interaction between stakeholders or groupings that influence urban development. In South Africa, this complexity emerged with the transition from apartheid over two decades ago. Today, governance influences priorities in a wide range of urban domains, from public transport to policing; from engagements at the neighbourhood level to city -wide strategies. In different configurations, urban governance shapes innercity districts and gated estates on the urban periphery.

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Race, Class and Power: Harold Wolpe and the Radical Critique of Apartheid / Friedman, Steven

University of Kwazulu Natal Press, South Africa 2015

384p.;

9781869142865

\$ 48.50 / HB

Over four decades ago, radical scholars began to suggest a new way of looking at South African society, one that blamed the economic power of those who owned property for the racial bondage of the black majority. Their work, and the debates it triggered, are mostly forgotten: but they and their critics have much to say that sheds lights on today's South African realities.

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Riding the Samoosa Express : Personal Narratives of Marriage and Beyond / Zaheera Jina and Hasina Asvat

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'The global ideology that prevails around the subject of Muslim women has been shaped by a description of women being voiceless, silent and oppressed. Other views have positioned Muslim women as either religious or secular and have ignored the complexity of Muslim women's experiences.' (Davids, 2003).

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