

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 2020 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, as well as journals listed on 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 ordinarily contains three types of entry: periodical articles, books and pamphlets, and chapters. Book entries give author, title, place, publisher and pagination (but not ISBN numbers or price). Entries for chapters in books that are 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. For the 2020 edition, however, library closures and disruption due to Covid-19 have meant that we have confined our coverage to journal articles only. Books and chapters for 2020 will appear in due course as part of the online database.

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.

Subject headings

Agriculture	Industry
Anthropology	Information and Communications
Archaeology	Technology
Architecture	International Economic Relations
Archives	International Relations
Arts	Labour
Bibliography	Languages and Linguistics
Biography	Land
Botany	Law
Current Affairs	Libraries
Demography	Literature
Development	Management
Diaspora and Migration	Media
Economic and Social History	Medicine and Health
Economics	Medicine and Health – HIV/AIDS
Education	Mining
Education – Higher	Philosophy
Environment	Politics
Exploration and Travel	Psychology and Psychiatry
Finance	Public Administration
Fisheries	Publishing
Food	Religion
Forestry	Religion – African Traditional
Gender	Religion – Christianity
Gender – Masculinity	Religion – Hinduism
Geography	Religion – Islam
Geology	Religion – Judaism
Heritage and Museums	Rural Economy
History	Science and Technology
History, Early	Sexual Minorities/LGBTI
History, C6–18th	Social Welfare
History, C19th	Sociology
History, C1900–1960	Sport
History, 1960–	Tourism
History, South African War, 1899–1902	Urban Studies
[under South Africa]	Zoology
Human Rights	

Online edition

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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.