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“AFROCENTRIC TURN IN AFRICAN HERITAGE STUDIES”

Abstract

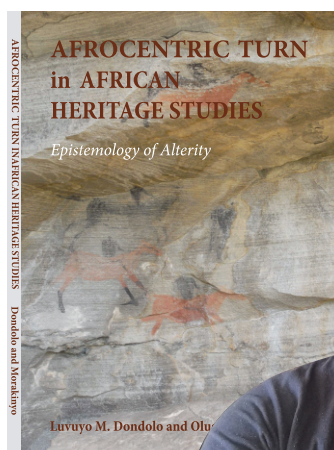
This book is an eloquent, extended and exciting essay on an important area of academic concern in post-Apartheid South Africa. On two important counts, it affirms its ringing contemporaneity. The contention of this text through a critique of the theoretical and pedagogical orientation of the African Programme in Museum and Heritage Studies (APMHS) compared to dominant strands of technical training as definitive of African Heritage Studies (AHS) is that although the APMHS is progressive by being a practice of critical heritage studies, compared to these other strands, it is however not emancipatory and humanizing of the being of Africans, because it is not decolonized given its Africanity orientation and Afrikological methodological deficits.

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