



## A Reflection Seminar on the Works of B E KIPKORIR

**A multi-disciplinary seminar convened by Kipchumba Foundation in collaboration with the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies (IAGAS) at the University of Nairobi on Thursday 23 August 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Education Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room ED206, Main Campus, University of Nairobi**

### **Introduction**

Benjamin Edgar Kipkorir (B E Kipkorir) has been serving in various organizations in different capacities in five (5) decades since 1960s and has contributed a lot in the advancement of multi-disciplinary scholarship. The most notable of his contributions were at the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies (IAGAS) at the University of Nairobi. He helped to coordinate, research, compile and edit Kenya districts socio-cultural profiles that numbered at least 19 by the time he left the Institute.

### **Works of B E Kipkorir**

The following are some of the available volumes and articles by B E Kipkorir:

- 1) *Biographical essays on imperialism and collaboration in colonial Kenya* (1980). University of Nairobi.
- 2) *Descent from Cherang'any Hills: memoirs of a reluctant academic* (2009). Macmillan (Publishers) Kenya/Moran Publishers.
- 3) "Introduction" in *Politics and nationalism in colonial Kenya* (1972). East African Publishing House & Historical Society of Kenya. pp xiii-xii. [Edited by B A Ogot]

- 4) *Kalenjin History and Misri Legends* (1971). University of Nairobi.
- 5) Kenya districts socio-cultural profiles (1970s and 1980s). Government Press.
- 6) *Kerio Valley past, present, and future: proceedings of a seminar held in Nairobi at the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi, May 21-22, 1981* (1983). University of Nairobi. [Edited with R Soper and W Ssenyonga]
- 7) *Non-formal education in Kenya* (1973). University of Nairobi.
- 8) *People of the Rift Valley* (1978 & 1985). Evans Brothers.
- 9) "Review of the social, cultural and political values of Kenya since independence" (1982). Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi
- 10)"The Alliance High School and the making of Kenya African elite, 1926-1962" (1969). PhD thesis, University of Cambridge.
- 11)"The Kolloa Affray, Kenya 1950" in *Transafrican Journal of History* (vol. 2 no. 2 of 1972. pp 114-129).
- 12)*The Marakwet of Kenya: a preliminary study* (1973 & 2008). Kenya Literature Bureau & East African Educational Publishers. [With F Welbourn]
- 13)"The Sirikwa" in *Uganda Journal* (1964).
- 14)"The sun in Marakwet religious thought" (1974). University of Nairobi.
- 15)"Whites as education experts in Colonial East Africa: a look at some of the men (and their ideas) responsible for African education in the region with special reference to Kenya, 1919-1939" (1978). University of Nairobi.

## **Scope and Context of the Seminar**

The works are well researched but have not generated intense scholarly inquiries. This seminar, therefore, aims at re-introducing the works by provoking further discussions and debates on the ideas, issues, theories and philosophies advanced.

The seminar organizers welcome papers in all fields based on any, some or all of the works. That may include application or transformation of B E Kipkorir's ideas, theories or philosophies in other fields or in real life situations, while refuting or supporting any claims made therein. The papers presented will be compiled, edited and published by IAGAS.

## **Notes**

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<sup>i</sup> The seminar organizers in coordination with B E Kipkorir will help participants to access the works, for which they cannot obtain