



A REFLECTION ON THE WORKS OF B. E. KIPKORIR

A multi-disciplinary seminar convened by Paul Kipchumba in collaboration with the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies (IAGAS) at the University of Nairobi, Thursday 23 August 2012, at Education Building, Room 206, Main Campus, University of Nairobi, 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Time	Presentation/ Activity	Presenter(s)/ Facilitator(s)	Moderator and Time Regulator
MORNING SESSION			
08.00-09.00	Registration	Amos Koech, University of Nairobi	Prof. Amolo Achola, University of Nairobi
09.00-09.10	Opening remarks: <i>why the seminar</i>	Paul Kipchumba	
09.10- 09.30	Opening Speech: <i>the role of IAGAS in the Promotion of Scholarship in Kenya</i>	Prof. Isaac K. Nyamongo, Director, IAGAS	
09.30-09.40	"Why I Write"	B. E. Kipkorir	
09.40-09.50	Publishing among the Kalenjin	Francis Menjo, Mvule Publishers Ltd	
10.00-10.10	Questions and comments		
TEA BREAK			
MIDDAY SESSION			
10.45-11.00	Benjamin Kipkorir and his legacy at the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies (IAGAS)	Prof. Simiyu Wandibba, University of Nairobi	Prof. Amolo Achola, University of Nairobi
11.00-11.15	Contradictions of colonial education: a critique of B. E. Kipkorir's essay on Carey Francis	Eliud Biegon, University of Cambridge, UK	
11.15-11.30	Gender, courtship, marriage, social status and religion in <i>Descent from Cherang'any Hills: Memoirs of a Reluctant Academic</i>	Khamati Shilabukha, University of Nairobi	
11.30-11.45	The portrayal of women in <i>Descent from Cherang'any Hills: Memoirs of a Reluctant Academic</i>	Prof. Helen Mwanzi, University of Nairobi	
11.45-12.00	Spiritual characters and characterization of Marakwet oral narratives	Paul Kipchumba	

12.00-12.15	Politics and culture in B. E. Kipkorir’s works	Ronald Bowen, Ex-Kenyatta University	
12.15-12.30	The use of language as a socio-cultural phenomenon in B. E. Kipkorir’s works	Joseph Kabbellow, Moi University	
12.30-12.45	Community participation in the maintenance of Marakwet irrigation furrows	Daniel Kipkorir, Moi University	
12.45-13.00	Questions and comments		
LUNCH			
AFTERNOON SESSION			
14.00-14.15	Kolloa Affray	David Kimaiyo, University of Nairobi	K. Shilabukha
14.15-14.30	Pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial Talai and Kobil clans of the Marakwet community	Kipchumba Eddah Heather [Read by Timothy Kimutai], Moi University	
14.30-14.45	Beyond B. E. Kipkorir: Genetic classification of people	Dr Stephen Kaptoge [Read by Paul Kipchumba], University of Cambridge, Uk	
14.45-15.00	Questions and comments		
15.00-15.30	Keynote speech: social, cultural and political values of Kenya since independence	Prof. Wanjala, University of Nairobi	
SECTION II: PLENARY			
15.30-15.45	Emerging questions and comments		K. Shilabukha
15.40-15.50	Final remarks		Participants
15.50-16.00	Way forward		Paul Kipchumba
TEA AND DEPARTURE			

Administration: Khamati Shilabukha, assisted by Amos Koech