

KWAME NKRUMAH'S THEORY OF THE AFRICAN PERSONALITY

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The ambition of this thesis is to evaluate the concept of the African Personality in the political philosophy of the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

In particular, this thesis sets out to examine basically the various sides of this concept as Kwame Nkrumah expressed it in his speeches and writings. How does it fit into his whole philosophy of politics?

The thesis will further address itself to the way this concept of the African Personality fits into the phenomenon of political independence for Africa, on one hand, and into the notion of Pan-Africanism, on the other. Does it have any international dimension?

There is also an analysis of the relationship between the concept and the ideology of scientific socialism. An attempt is also made to point out how both capitalism and neo-colonialism negate the principles underlying the African Personality.

Finally, this thesis makes an assessment of the relevance of Nkrumah's interpretation of the African Personality in the context of present-day Africa.

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