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MALAWIAN AUTHOR OF CODESRIA BOOK WINS 1994 NOMA AWARD

Oxford, 19 September, 1994 — An outstanding new academic book is this year's winner of the Noma Award for Publishing in Africa. The jury chose Paul Tiyambe Zeleza's, *A Modern Economic History of Africa. Volume 1: The Nineteenth Century*, published in 1993 by the Dakar-based Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), as the winner of the 1994 Noma Award, citing the book as 'an ambitious, skilfully written, and exhaustively researched synthesis of African economic history in the 19th century'. The book is an output of the CODESRIA/Rockefeller Foundation 'Reflections on Development' fellowship.

The jury citation goes on to say that 'the book is an exercise in historical reconstruction, and its strength and distinction lies above all in its bold and convincing challenge to hitherto accepted orthodoxies, terminologies, and interpretations, about the nature and development of African societies and economies. The book is an outstanding, pioneering work, destined to become highly influential, and providing such a wealth of information and detail as to elevate the study of African economic history to a new pedestal'. The jury considered a further achievement of the book to be its 'successful, continent-wide approach' and 'its thorough accessibility'. The very full documentary apparatus in the book, 'which also makes it an extremely useful work of reference', was similarly praised by the jury. The publisher, CODESRIA, was commended for 'having shown great enterprise in identifying and supporting their author and finding him the necessary resources'.

Over 140 titles, from 55 African publishers, in 17 countries were submitted for this year's competition. The five-member Noma Award jury, chaired by Professor Abiola Irele, met in Oxford on 10-11 September to select the 1994 winner, together with a number of titles which were singled out for 'Special Commendation' or 'Honourable Mention'. In selecting the Award-winning title each year, the jury proceeds with the help of independent opinion and assessments secured from subject specialists.

LE PRIX NOMA DE LA PUBLICATION EN AFRIQUE

UN CHERCHEUR MALAWITE GAGNE LE PRIX NOMA 1994

Oxford, 19 septembre, 1994 - Un ouvrage académique remarquable, paru récemment, gagne cette année le Prix Noma de la Publication en Afrique. Le jury a désigné comme lauréat du Prix Noma 1994, *A Modern Economic History of Africa. Volume 1: The Nineteenth Century* de Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, publié en 1993 par le Conseil pour le Développement de la Recherche Economique et Social en Afrique (CODESRIA), qui a son siège à Dakar. Pour le jury, cet ouvrage constitue «une synthèse de l'histoire économique africaine du XIX^{ème} siècle, un ouvrage ambitieux, bien fouillé et rédigée avec beaucoup de talent».

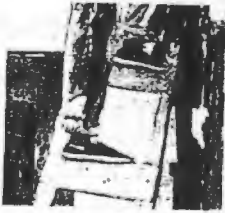
Toujours selon le jury: «l'ouvrage représente un travail de reconstruction dont la force et l'originalité reposent sur le fait qu'il bat en brèche certains conformismes, terminologies et interprétations admis jusque-ici, concernant la nature et le développement des sociétés et économies africaines. Ce livre constitue un travail remarquable, une oeuvre féconde, une mine d'informations et de détails qui place l'histoire économique africaine sur un nouveau piédestal». Autre qualité du livre décelée par le jury, c'est son «son approche heureuse qui embrasse tout le continent» et «son accessibilité». Le jury a, par ailleurs, loué la plénitude de l'arsenal documentaire contenu dans le livre «qui en fait une oeuvre de référence extrêmement utile». L'éditeur, en l'occurrence le CODESRIA, a été félicité pour «avoir fait preuve de beaucoup d'initiatives dans son choix et dans le soutien qu'il a apporté à l'auteur en mettant les moyens nécessaires à sa disposition».

Plus de 140 titres en provenance de 55 éditeurs africains établis dans 17 pays avaient été déposés dans le cadre du concours de cette année. Le jury du Prix Noma qui est composé de cinq membres et présidé par le Professeur Abiola Irele, s'est réuni à Oxford les 10-11 septembre pour la sélection du lauréat 1994. Ce fut également l'occasion de décerner une «Mention Spéciale» ou une «Mention Honorable» à un certain nombre de titres qui se sont fait distinguer. En désignant le lauréat de cette année, le jury a eu recours à l'avis et aux appréciations de spécialistes en la matière.

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Jiml Adesina



Mounting debt, declining output, falling living standards. These elements are typical of the sub-Saharan African crisis and its failure to initiate self-sustaining development. As the search for an answer has turned Africa into a laboratory for Western intellectuals, many now argue that the West's structural adjustment remedies have intensified the crisis, rather than resolving it.

Criticised for high wage demands, low productivity and excessive political power, the labour movement has been judged too self-interested to actively participate

in the future development of Africa. How valid is this accusation? Is there an alternative to the common orthodoxy that seeks to isolate labour from Africa's development crisis?

Written by a Nigerian scholar, this book sets out a critique of current orthodoxy of the role of labour in development theory and practice. The book focuses on Nigeria, where some argue labour militancy has played a crucial role in preventing full-blown dictatorship from flourishing beyond control.

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