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**Capital Goods, Technological Change and Accumulation in Nigeria** looks at the problems of technology by focussing on developments in the country's capital goods sector. It argues that if underdeveloped countries are to terminate their prostrate external economic dependence and achieve successful industrialization, it is crucial they develop a local capital goods sub-sector. It also argues that Nigeria is one of the few countries in Africa outside apartheid South Africa with this potential.

Much of the conventional literature in this arena has been incapable of identifying key variables in the economic system apart from the price mechanism, with its tendency to view technology as 'exogenously' determined. Little or no attention has been paid to the local capacity for the production of goods that will satisfy the need for technologies that are 'appropriate' for development. In this book a research team of social and natural scientists sets out to ask why a society so richly endowed in manpower and natural resources has failed to set up the type of industries that have historically proved crucial to the accumulation and acquisition of technology. Why is it that despite widely publicized declarations of intent and the production of elaborate plans, so little has been done?

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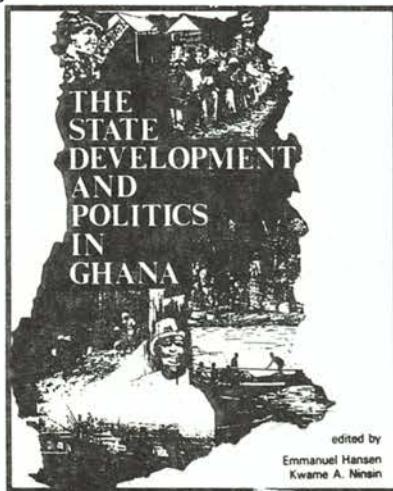
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**The State, Development and Politics in Ghana** is a collection of essays that provide a focussed and serious analysis of the country's political, economic, agrarian and social development within the African continent.

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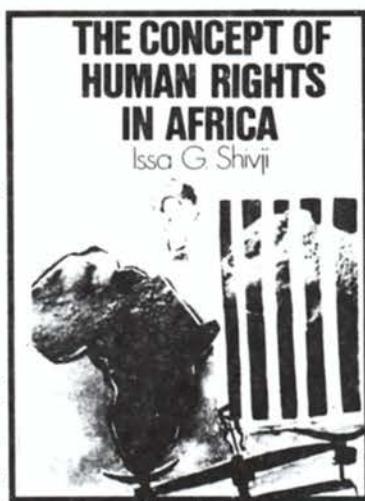
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attempts to reconceptualise human rights ideology from the standpoint of the working people of the continent. It argues that the dominant human rights discourse in/and on Africa, however well-intentioned, is objectively a part of the ideologies of domination. Both the critique of the dominant discourse as well as the reconceptualisation are located firmly within the current social science and jurisprudential debates on democratic struggles in Africa.

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