

Preface

Many of the chapters of this book first appeared as journal articles in a special edition of *Africa Development* (Vol. 29, No. 1, 2004). The new additions are original chapters except for those written by Wilfred David and Kwesi Prah which have also been slightly modified to fit the present format. Research on development in general has focused mainly on issues of economics, but this collection attempts something different by looking at the topic from a philosophical angle.

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